



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STATEMENT OF INTENT

At St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and Nursery we want every child to be happy and enthusiastic learners of RE, and to be eager to achieve their very best in order to fulfil their God-given talents.

Intent

Our principal aim is that children leave St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and Nursery with a wide range of happy and rich memories in RE formed through interesting and exciting experiences driven through an engaging and comprehensive curriculum which is the basis of knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith, enabling them to develop a living and personal faith in Jesus Christ and allowing them to know and love God.

- RE is a core subject of the curriculum and all children will study RE for 2hrs 15 mins per week in Key Stage 1 and 2 hrs 30 mins per week in Key Stage 2.
- Children will meet the Shrewsbury Diocesan Standards for Primary Religious Education, which will be taught by staff who will engage children's intellect, heart and imagination, inspiring enthusiasm and interest in RE.
- Children will develop an awareness of God's presence in their lives and the lives of others, developing the spiritual life of each child through prayer and reflection.
- Children will develop a well-formed conscience allowing them to make sound moral judgements in the light of personal

commitment to God.

- RE will play a central role in the school's work on spiritual, moral, vocational, social and cultural education.
- Children will be prepared for life in a multi faith society by fostering respect for and understanding of rich cultural diversity.
- A programme of family life education, which conforms to the teaching of the Catholic Church and follows Diocesan guidelines, will be provided.
- Children will develop a deep understanding of the RE unit they are studying. They will increasingly use their prior knowledge to develop into religiously literate young people.
- In RE, children will develop the skills to make links and connections, engage and respond, analyse and evaluate using sources of evidence.
- Skills in other subjects will be applied in RE and children will be encouraged to investigate the faith with enthusiasm.
- Children will develop a real understanding and appreciation of the world learning from a range of sources and experiences.

Implementation

- The curriculum hours in RE are non-negotiable and will be followed by all staff in the school. Fixed timetables will be set before the academic year and monitored by the Senior Leadership Team of the school.
 - Carefully designed schemes of learning in RE ensure consistency and progress of all learners. We follow the agreed syllabus from Salford Diocese 'The Way, The Truth and The Life'.
 - Each year group will study a number of units over the year. The units are developmental, building on previous knowledge and experience and taking into account of the children's age and understanding.
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- RE is taught individually but plays a central role in all areas of school life.
 - Success criteria in every RE lesson are set in order to guide children to achieve their potential. This ensures work is demanding and matches the aims of the curriculum.
 - Children will be highly engaged in RE lessons through the use of a variety of sources such as religious stories, scripture, religious artwork, songs, music, dance and religious signs and symbols.
 - The life and work of key figures in the History of the people of God will be studied for example, lives of the saints.
 - Approaches will include whole class teaching, group activities and individual work. Children will have opportunities to work individually as well as cooperatively and collaboratively, developing their own knowledge and expertise as well as sharing experiences with others.