



# Hartington C of E Primary School

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***“Loving our Neighbour as we Love Ourselves” - Luke 10:27***

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## RE Policy

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#### Our Vision

To empower children to develop a sense of self-worth, confidence and achieve their full potential within a safe, nurturing, Christian environment reflected in our small, friendly village school. ***‘Be respectful, be resilient and reflect.’ ‘Education at the Heart of the Community.’***

#### Our Values

As a distinctively Christian school, our core values of ‘friendship, compassion, endurance, service love and respect’ are the foundation on which we are committed to care, guide, and support our children into becoming the unique individuals they are. All Christian Values found within the Bible, also reflect the values of many other faiths, and can be held by those of no faith:

Love, Kindness, Forgiveness, Hope, Service, Respect, Patience, Peace, Joy, Sharing, Courage, Justice

#### Our Aims

At Hartington Church of England Primary School, we have four core aims:

- To show friendship towards all others
- To demonstrate love, respect and understanding for God’s world
- To become outstanding citizens who put others before themselves
- To be at the heart of the village and church community, and nurture understanding of the diversity within that community and the world

#### Our Mission Statement

At Hartington Church of England Primary School, we regard each child as unique, with individual needs. We celebrate and respect diversity. We are committed to providing each child with the highest standard of care, guidance and support through our Christian values and partnership with the Church. We aim to help children develop a sense of self-worth and confidence and to become life-long learners.

***‘Caring and sharing as part of God’s Family.’*** The whole school community striving to follow the lesson Jesus taught us through the story of ‘The Good Samaritan.’

Our School Bible Verse is: ***‘Loving our Neighbour as we love ourselves.’ Luke 10:27***

## **Intent**

At Hartington C of E Primary School Primary School, our RE curriculum follows the Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus document and this is further supported by 'Understanding Christianity.' It contains relevant and inspirational information and ensures that key theological concepts and vocabulary are reinforced in meaningful contexts.

This is achieved through first-hand experiences and structured delivery ensuring layered understanding and achievable outcomes. Concepts are deliberately constructed so our children's religious knowledge is built upon through a rolling three-year programme.

This allows the children to develop their understanding of not only their personal beliefs and culture, but those wider beliefs held by other faiths within the diverse cultures living around our world, whilst acknowledging the expanding diversity within our present society.

## **Implementation**

The teaching of RE seeks both to impart knowledge and develop understanding of religious experiences, feelings and attitudes through a variety of teaching and learning approaches. RE teaching draws on a wide range of key strategies for learning, including:

- Open questioning
- Thinking skills
- Literacy for RE
- Discussion
- Expressive arts and creativity for learning
- Visits and visitors
- Practical approaches
- Rigorous assessment and planning

The teaching of RE will involve some direct teaching and whole class, group, paired or individual activities. A range of teaching styles will be used including enquiry, exploration, discussion, role play, drama, asking and answering questions, using a range of sources including ICT, works of art, artefacts, visits and visitors. Across all the subjects taught within the curriculum, we strive for 'Quality first teaching' to take place. Differentiation is used appropriately to ensure that children of all abilities, including less able, those with additional needs or those with gifts or talents make progress and enjoy the subject of RE, becoming animated reflective learners.

As a Church of England School, within the RE syllabus there is a specific focus on Christianity which can be evidenced in our daily Collective Worship and our RE lessons.

## **Impact**

We will know our RE curriculum has been effective, as children at Hartington C of E Primary School will be able to:

- Ask and offer possible answers to challenging questions within units being taught.
- Have a secure understanding and knowledge of the religions studied.
- Have the ability to ask significant and reflective questions about religion.
- Have a sense of self, identity and belonging to flourish within the community and be responsible citizens.
- Show respect, tolerance and understanding of all religions and beliefs.
- Have a strong understanding of how the beliefs, values, practices and ways of life within any religion come together.
- Have the ability to link the study of religion and belief to personal reflections on meaning and purpose.
- Have the ability to exemplify the School's Christian Values in all aspects of life that are rooted in the teachings of the Bible.