

- Religious Education provokes challenging questions about the ultimate meaning and purpose of life, beliefs about God, the self and the nature of reality, issues and understanding of right and wrong and what it means to be human.
 - Religious Education encourages pupils to learn from different religions, beliefs, values and traditions while exploring their own beliefs and questions of meaning.
 - Religious Education makes a distinctive contribution to pupils' learning by enabling them to reflect upon themselves as whole people, experiencing life through the body, the mind and the spirit. The purpose of Religious Education is to help pupils understand the significance of religion and its contribution to their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Introduction

This document is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies for the teaching and learning of Religious Education at Mellor St Mary CE Primary School. Our school has a Church of England foundation. We will promote Christian values within the school as exemplified by the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. We will recognise the children as individuals and educate them according to their rights in law, whilst providing opportunities for the children to fulfil their potential mentally, physically, socially, emotionally, aesthetically and spiritually.

Throughout Mellor St Mary CE Primary School, R.E. contributes to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the children. These aspects of development can be found in many of the school curriculum areas, and are implicit in the ethos of the school.

- Spiritual development we will nurture and enrich the spiritual development of all members of the school family & encourages pupils' discovery of God the Creator & wonder of the world.
- Moral development based on the teachings of Jesus offer pupils a secure foundation stone.
- Social development enriches pupils' understanding of what it means to live in a Christian community where to love one another, respect and responsibility is put into practice.
- Cultural development provides opportunities to develop an understanding of Christianity worldwide & the impact on millions of people.

R.E. will be of the highest standard, always striving for excellence reflecting the school's distinctive Christian character. We will value the contribution each child makes to the life of the school.

The management of RE is a distinct responsibility of the governors and Head Teacher. R.E. is taught according to the rites, practices, and doctrines of the Church of England Church. R.E. lies at the very heart of the curriculum and the Governors adopted the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education Syllabus which reflects the National framework for R.E. Appropriate teaching about other faiths is also important; respect for other faiths must be accurate and sympathetic, consistent