

THE FEDERATION OF ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Religious Education Guidance

Year 6

Aims of Religious Education

Curriculum Aim

The staff of St Mary's will work to give each child full access to a broad and balanced curriculum, encouraging in each individual a sense of self-worth and self-esteem. Opportunities are offered for children to apply and use their knowledge and skills in cross-curricular studies to deepen their understanding of religious truths and think creatively.

Introduction

This document was created to allow parents to see what is being taught in RE in the current year group and how, as a school, we will develop our understanding of Christianity, Judaism and another world religion (Islam, Hinduism or Sikhism). We teach RE through a curriculum based programme called 'Come and See'. If you have any further questions please seek guidance from Miss McCormack (RE Leader).

Statement of intent

In our school Religious Education is the core subject. For us, Religious Education is for all. Religious Education is as academically respected as other core curriculum areas. Within the classroom, teachers use a variety of styles and strategies, to reinforce the Christian message we as a Catholic school uphold.

In St. Mary's, our mission through Religious Education, is to give each individual child the opportunity to experience celebration, prayer and time for personal reflection. It is a collaborative subject which respects each child's own inner spiritual self, and it allows for wonder, awe, reverence and self-exploration. It is taught discretely and developmentally. It includes the deepening of knowledge, and understanding of key theological ideas and their application to life.

Through 'Come and See' we, as a Catholic school, aim to develop our children's religious growth. We strive to give each child the opportunity to explore the language of religious experience – through stories, visitors, religious education visits, artefacts, religious activities, collective worship, I.C.T, drama, art and music.

As a school we work as closely together as we can with the home and our Parish Priest (Father Vincent Fedigan) and Parish communities of (St Mary's and John's, St David's and St Patrick's Church) so that we can present the Christian event, message and way of life in a systematic way with regard to each individual child and their potential.

We include appropriate materials about Other Faiths – Judaism and other World Religions and we encourage our children to be tolerant and respectful towards other faiths and religions. Engagement with their own and others beliefs and values will help develop and nurture good attitudes and dispositions so that children are instilled with a love of learning and a desire to go on learning. In St. Mary's we aim to foster a loving relationship between our children, staff and members of the school community. This relationship reflects the commandment of Jesus 'to love one another as I have loved you.'

Engagement with difficult questions of meaning and purpose which everyone has to face enables our children to think critically about their own questions of meaning and purpose.

Domestic Church - Family	Explore	The love and care of people
	Reveal	God's love is unconditional and never ending
	Respond	Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above

Judaism Week Belonging and values	Look	Making a new start
	Discover	Yom Kippur
	Respect	The value of atonement

Baptism/Confirmation – Belonging	Explore	Commitment in life
	Reveal	The vocation to the priesthood and religious life
	Respond	Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above

Advent/Christmas - Loving	Explore	The meaning of expectation
	Reveal	Advent, a time of joyful expectation of Christmas, the Word becoming a human person, Jesus
	Respond	Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above

Local Church – Community	Explore	A wide variety of books and the purpose for which they were written
	Reveal	The Bible as the story of God's love, told by the People of God
	Respond	Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above

Eucharist – Relating	Explore	What nourishes and what spoils friendship and unity
	Reveal	The Eucharist challenges and enables the Christian family to live and grow in communion every day
	Respond	Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above

Lent/Easter – Giving	Explore	Loss and death bring about
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		change for people
	Reveal	The Church's seasons of Lent, Holy Week and Easter; the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus led to new life
	Respond	Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above

Pentecost - Serving	Explore	The courage to be a witness
	Reveal	Pentecost: the Holy Spirit enables people to witness to the Easter message
	Respond	Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above

Reconciliation – Inter-relating	Explore	When people become sick and need care
	Reveal	The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
	Respond	Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above

Multi Faith Week Sikhism	Look	Service to others
	Discover	Commitment to service, Sewa
	Respect	Sikh's concern for others

Universal Church – World	Explore	Justice for the good of all
	Reveal	The work which Christians do for the common good of all
	Respond	Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above