



Religious Education Policy

Religious Education (RE) at Portway Infant School is understood to be a means of addressing the search for meaning and fulfilment in life and our children's experience of this search. We believe that this process is enriched through insight and experience of faith traditions. The importance of the children's spiritual development is also outlined in the policy for Spiritual, Moral and Cultural Development.

At Portway Infant School Religious Education is taught by following the Derby City Agreed Syllabus for RE.

Aims of Religious Education at Portway Infant School

The Aims of Religious Education at Portway Infant School can be expressed as the aim outlined the Derby City Syllabus 2025.

The principal aim of RE is to engage children in systematic enquiry into significant human questions which religion and worldviews address, so that they can develop the understanding and skills needed to appreciate and appraise varied responses to these questions, as well as develop responses of their own.

Intent

- Know and understand about – Christians, Hindus, Muslims and Jewish people.
- Describe and explain beliefs and practices, recognising the diversity which exists within and between communities and amongst individuals.
- Explain reasonably their ideas about how beliefs, practices and forms of expression influence individuals and communities
- Find out about and investigate key concepts and questions of belonging, meaning, purpose and truth, responding creatively.
- Build knowledge and vocabulary as set out in our Religious Education Curriculum.
- Enjoy reading high quality books to support learning in Religious Education

Organisation and Content

Religious Education will be taught throughout all year groups at Portway. In Key Stage One, RE is taught for one hour per week (or equivalent when subjects are taught in weekly blocks) (i.e., 36 hours per year). Early Years Foundation Stage are taught through the area of Understanding of the World.

There will be a balance of explicit Religious Education (learning *about* Faiths) and implicit Religious Education (learning *from* Faiths).

R.E. teaching at Portway Infant School will be predominantly Christian in emphasis but will also take into account the teaching and practices of other principal religions. The principal religions of Great Britain are defined as: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Sikhism and Hinduism.

Religious Education is taught by following the school's scheme of work. This is based on the Derby City Agreed Syllabus 2025. However, aspects of implicit R.E. may also be taught through other curriculum areas, as the children are encouraged to work collaboratively and consider the thoughts and feelings of others throughout their daily life.