

Religious Education

The spiritual and moral development of our children underpins all aspects of our school life.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful.

Psalm 139.13-14

St Matthew's is a Church of England Academy school; therefore Religious Education must be taught in accordance with the Trust Deed and should reflect the rites, practices and beliefs of the Church of England. The governing body is responsible for the subject in the school. This is delegated to the Principal and the Religious Education subject leader on a daily basis.

Following the Diocese of Chester Guidelines for Religious Education, the majority of work in Religious Education will be based on the Christian faith with the introduction of one other major world religion – Judaism – at Key Stage 1, and then the study of Judaism, Hinduism and Islam at Key Stage 2.

Religious Education will be allocated not less than 5% of the timetable. Staff delivers a range of themes by block planning units of work for each term in line with guidance from Chester Diocese.

The purpose of teaching Religious Education in our school is to:

- To show children that Christianity is about following the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and is relevant to their daily lives.
- To extend children's ability to reflect upon themselves as whole people, experiencing life through body, mind and spirit.
- To help pupils understand the significance of religion and its contribution to their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.