



**Waterhouses CE
Primary Academy**

“Let your light shine.”

Waterhouses CE Primary English Curriculum Statement - RE

Intent

Our curriculum considers the school’s unique Christian distinctiveness and is designed to meet the needs of every pupil, encouraging them to ‘Let their light shine!’.

Make your light shine, so others will see the good you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

At Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery the aim of Religious Education is to help children to acquire and develop knowledge and understanding of Christianity and other principal religions represented in Great Britain. We provide a rich and varied curriculum which has its roots based on our school values of Love, Hope, Trust and Respect and underpinned by our school Vision: ‘Let your light shine!’

We aim to:

- Deliver an ambitious, aspirational curriculum which is planned to meet the needs of all our pupils
- Provide an engaging curriculum which is planned sequentially, allowing children to build on previous learning and securing firm foundations for the future
- Promote a sense of community for the children, parents, Church and the wider community
- Prepare pupils for life in our British Society by fostering in them attitudes and qualities which enable them to become confident, caring and responsible citizens

Implementation:

The teaching of Religious Education makes a distinctive contribution to the school curriculum as it allows all pupils to explore, understand and express their own response to spiritual and religious approaches to life. Our Religious Education curriculum provides high quality teaching and learning, which in turn enriches the children's learning experiences.

RE and Christianity is taught through 'Understanding Christianity' and we have selected the following religions of Judaism and Islam to explore in our RE learning although children will also learn about Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism.

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Impact:

The children at Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery enjoy learning about Christianity and other religions and why people choose to follow a religion. Through their R.E. learning, the children are able to make links between their own lives and those of others in their community and in the wider world.

Our children are developing an understanding of other people's cultures and ways of life and worship, which they are then able to communicate to the wider community. As a result, our children feel safe to learn new things and share their beliefs with others in an accepting environment. Children at Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery feel valued as individuals and know that their beliefs are valued and celebrated. They leave the school with a sense of belonging to a community where they have the confidence and skills to make decisions, self-evaluate, make connections, and become lifelong learners.