

KS2 UPPER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS



In Upper Key Stage 2, Religious Education deepens children's understanding of faith, belief, and identity. They learn to explore complex questions about values, justice, and meaning, and to appreciate how belief systems influence individuals and societies across the world.

RE aims to help children:

- Develop understanding of the world's major faiths and non-religious worldviews.
- Explore similarities and differences in how beliefs are lived and expressed.
- Reflect thoughtfully on moral choices, values and purpose.
- Respectfully discuss questions that don't always have one answer.



Children will:

- Explore the beliefs, symbols and traditions of Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism and Humanism.
- Compare how different religions mark significant life events (e.g. birth, marriage, coming of age).
- Investigate how faith can guide moral choices and actions for justice, equality, and compassion.
- Discuss the meaning of stories, rituals, and celebrations, and how they connect to key values.
- Consider how people with different beliefs live and work together in communities.

Children explore these ideas through discussion, art, writing, and visits to places of worship.



Children will also:

- Reflect on big questions such as: Why do people believe in God?, What does it mean to live a good life?, or How can faith bring people together?
- Express their own views clearly while respecting others'.
- Understand that beliefs and values can inspire people to make positive changes in the world.

This helps children develop critical thinking, empathy and an understanding of diversity in modern Britain.

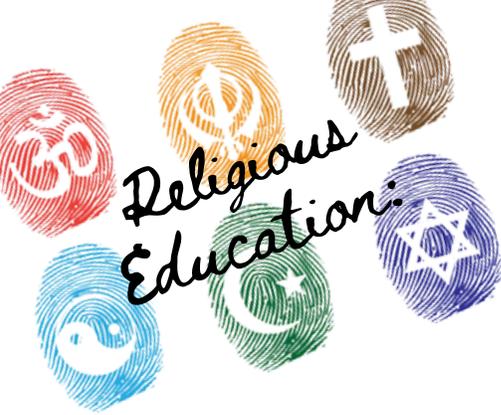
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Religious Education helps children:

- Think deeply about their own beliefs and values.
- Respect and appreciate differences in faith and culture.
- Build skills in questioning, discussion and reflection.
- Develop moral understanding and compassion for others.



KS2U How can I help my child at home?

As children grow older, they begin to ask bigger questions about beliefs, fairness, and what's right or wrong. You can help by encouraging thoughtful discussion.



Discuss big questions like What's most important in life? or Why do people have different beliefs?

Visit cultural events, heritage sites or places of worship together.



Talk about current events and how people's beliefs influence their actions.

Read or watch stories that show different faiths and values in action.



Explore how people of faith show care for others and for the planet.

Talk about your own family's values, traditions or celebrations.



Encourage respect, curiosity and kindness in daily life – even when opinions differ.