

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY STATEMENT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In all Church Primary Schools it is intended that the Religious Education provided will enable pupils to:

- Develop knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith through a study of Creation, Prayer and Worship, the Life and Teachings of Jesus, Old Testament Characters, Living out the Faith and Christian Festivals.
- Apply an understanding of Christianity to make reasoned and informed responses to life issues and moral choices.
- Develop some knowledge and understanding of other principal religions, particularly those represented in their community.
- Apply an understanding of religion to develop sensitivity and respect toward all people.
- Develop the ability to reflect on and communicate issues of truth, belief and faith.

The Southwark Diocesan Board of Education has produced a scheme of work for the teaching of Religious Education in its VA schools. It is recommended for use by each school with due regard to its Trust Deeds. The scheme comprises units of study for the teaching of Christianity at Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2 and the study of Judaism and Islam at KS2. It clearly identifies opportunities for pupils to learn about religion, Attainment Target 1, and learn from religion, Attainment Target 2. Some schools decide to teach Judaism in KS1 and to introduce another principle religion in KS2. The Diocesan Advisor will help provide schools with appropriate schemes of work.

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