



**Bishop Bridgeman C.E.
Primary School**

Bolton & Farnworth C of E Primary Multi Academy Trust

We Work We Play We Care We Pray

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.E.) CURRICULUM POLICY

At Bishop Bridgeman, we give our children the very best. Through a supportive and purposeful curriculum linked with National Curriculum objectives we strive to ensure that all our pupils are able to succeed and find their unique talents and strengths.

Our staff are committed to developing in each pupil a love of learning, whilst developing the skills and values to support their all-round development.

Bishop Bridgeman C of E Primary School is a special place where we work, we play, we care and we pray.

Intent

Religious education at Bishop Bridgeman enables all our children, whatever their ethnic make-up, to investigate and reflect upon some of the most fundamental questions asked by people. We develop our children's knowledge and understanding of the major world faiths, and we address the primary questions in life: the meaning of life, the existence of a divine spirit and its impact and relevance on today's society including each and every person.

As a result of the wide range of cultures within our setting, we enable and encourage all our children, from all diverse, ethnic and religious backgrounds, to develop a sound knowledge of Christianity and other major world religions. The children at Bishop Bridgeman reflect on what it means to have a faith and develop their own spiritual knowledge and understanding. Our children are guided to learn about their own and different religions and to learn from the religions they study, applying, discussing and assimilating their understanding.

Implementation

At Bishop Bridgeman RE is taught throughout school, during teacher's PPA by a specialist, and in accordance with the statutory requirements. Due the diverse culture of our school we provide relevant and varied experiences of different religions through Super Learning Days. Teachers have the opportunity to immerse themselves in RE and to provide outstanding teaching to pupils whilst gaining invaluable CPD.

We have adopted the Blackburn Diocese Scheme of Work - Questful RE. The scheme has been amended and adjusted to suit and match the ethnic make-up of our school community, allowing all children to flourish and achieve.

Due to the diverse needs of our pupils, we understand, the need to develop an awareness of spiritual and moral issues of life experiences.

We allow and facilitate our children to develop their knowledge and understanding of Christianity, other major world religions and value systems found in Britain in general as well as those specific to our school.

The vast majority of our pupils will develop an understanding of what it means to be committed to a religious tradition and the impact it has on a follower's life.

We provide opportunities for our children to be able to reflect on and learn from their own experiences, developing a personal response to the main fundamental questions of life.

The diverse nature of Bishop Bridgeman means it is vital that the children develop an understanding of religious traditions, including their own and to appreciate the cultural differences found in School and in the world today.

We strive to ensure that all our children develop investigative, questioning and challenging skills, so that through research they are able to make reasoned judgements about religious issues, values and moral issues.

Staff model and actively promote respect for other peoples' views, religions, ethnicity, beliefs and cultures, in order to be able to celebrate the diversity found in our school and in society at large. Staff ensure that where appropriate RE is linked with other areas of the curriculum ensuring strong cross curricular links are made.

Impact

At Bishop Bridgeman RE is part of the fabric of the school and makes a distinctive contribution to the whole school curriculum. Through teaching RE our children are able to discuss spiritual and moral issues and understand how they may shape their lives and experiences, whatever their cultural/religious make up.

Our children will develop an understanding of Christianity and other major religions and know how they relate to British values, and specifically to Bishop Bridgeman School values.

Through RE children will grow as individuals and become confident in reflecting upon their own personal responses and sharing their ideas, whilst building on their thinking and listening skills.

The invaluable skills our children will develop at Bishop Bridgeman ensure they are prepared for life in the multi-cultural and religious community of Britain, therefore preparing them for their future life in society. Our children have the awareness of, and the ability to, empathise with people from different cultures and backgrounds.

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