

Religious Education

Religious and moral education enables children and young people to explore the world's major religions and views which are independent of religious belief and to consider the challenges posed by these beliefs and values. It supports them in developing and reflecting upon their values and their capacity for moral judgement. Through developing awareness and appreciation of the value of each individual in a diverse society, religious and moral education engenders responsible attitudes to other people. This awareness and appreciation will assist in counteracting prejudice and intolerance as children and young people consider issues such as sectarianism and discrimination more broadly. Children and young people must become aware that beliefs and values are fundamental to families and to the fabric of society in communities, local and global. There is an intrinsic value in learning about religion as well as learning from religion, as children and young people develop their understanding of diversity in our society and their own roles in it. The skills of reflection and critical thinking and an enhanced understanding of the beliefs and values of others are all crucial in assisting in this process. Religious Education should encourage pupils over their school life, to recognise religion as an important expression of human experience. It should encourage pupils to reflect on and respond to the values, beliefs and practices of religious traditions within our community and beyond.

Religious Observance

Our programme of assemblies centres on our agreed school values. We aim to allow pupils to engage in a shared reflection activity, expressing their spiritual needs and aspirations and this allows those of us who wish, to worship. Renfrewshire policies have regard to advice set out in SEED Circular 6/91 and the Education (Scotland) Act 1980. We celebrate important occasions in life of the school and community and we involve pupils in experiences which stimulate, challenge and extend their capacities for a spiritual response to the world in which they live.

Our school is fortunate to have a close link with the local church. Rev Fleming assists with the Christianity element of Religious and Moral Education and provides opportunities for religious observance. End of term services for Christmas, Easter and summer terms are held in the church. We would remind you of your right to withdraw your child if you so wish from any form of religious observance or instruction. This should be done in writing to the Headteacher. In addition, parents and carers from religions other than Christianity may request that their children may be permitted to be absent from school in order to celebrate recognised religious events. Only written requests detailing the proposed arrangements will be considered. Appropriate requests will be granted on up to 3 occasions in any 1 school session.