



Religious Education (RE) Vision Statement

Intent

At Cotgrave Church of England Primary School, Religious Education is at the heart of everything we do. It provides a safe space for children to explore life's big questions about faith, meaning, purpose, and identity. Our RE curriculum seeks to nurture the spiritual development of every child, helping them to experience a sense of wonder, awe, and connection with God's world. Guided by our Christian values—kindness, respect, resilience, and confidence—we aim to equip our children with the knowledge, skills, and empathy they need to live 'life in all its fullness.' We encourage them to explore and reflect on their own beliefs while developing a deep respect for the beliefs and traditions of others. Through RE, children begin to see themselves as part of a wider story, recognizing their unique value and the responsibility they have to contribute to the world around them.

RE at Cotgrave helps to promote a sense of belonging, offering opportunities for spiritual reflection, prayer, and collective worship. Our goal is for children to leave our school as confident, compassionate, and thoughtful individuals who understand and appreciate the rich diversity of the world and its many faiths and cultures.

Implementation

We follow the Nottinghamshire Agreed Syllabus for RE, which is enhanced by the 'Understanding Christianity' resource to ensure a deep and meaningful exploration of Christianity alongside other world religions and worldviews. Our RE lessons are creative and engaging, offering children the opportunity to express their thoughts through art, music, drama, and reflective writing.

RE lessons are enriched through visits to local places of worship, regular input from clergy, and visits from representatives of different faiths. We also link RE to collective worship and seasonal celebrations such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, helping children see the practical and spiritual relevance of their learning.

Our approach ensures that every child, regardless of their faith or background, feels welcomed, valued, and supported in their spiritual journey.

Impact

The impact of our RE curriculum is visible in the way our children engage with the world around them. They leave Cotgrave with:

- A strong sense of identity and an understanding of their own spiritual journey.
- The ability to articulate their beliefs and values with confidence, while showing respect and empathy for others.
- A deep appreciation for the richness and diversity of the world's faiths and cultures.
- The tools to reflect on and respond to life's big questions with thoughtfulness and curiosity.

Our children develop a strong moral compass, guided by the school's values of kindness, respect, resilience, and confidence. They are well-prepared to make a positive difference in the world, living out their faith and values in their actions and relationships with others.

RE is more than a subject at Cotgrave—it is a foundation for life, inspiring children to see the world through a lens of hope, compassion, and love.