



Egton Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

Religious Education Policy

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Our Vision Statement

'Inspire learning and develop children's potential as individuals in a caring, happy and distinctively Christian family.'

The Bible verse that underpins our Vision Statement

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." - John 10:10.

Our Strapline

'Learning and Growing together with God.'

<u>Our Values</u>

Egton School is a small, distinctively Christian, family based learning community. We learn and grow together. Our key values underpin everything we strive for in our school:

FRIENDSHIP

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity *Psalm 135.1* **RESPECT**

In everything, do to others what you would have them do you. *Matthew 7.12* **TRUST**

Trust in the Lord and do good. Psalm 37.3

Learning and Growing Together with God



Introduction

Egton Church of England School is a small, distinctively Christian, family based learning community. This means that the teaching of religious education (RE) is given significant importance and has a unique place as a central subject in the Curriculum. Pupils and their families can expect a high quality RE curriculum that is rich and varied, enabling learners to acquire a thorough knowledge and understanding of a range of faiths and world views. Links with our school vision, and support for pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development are intrinsic to our RE curriculum and have a significant impact on learners.

Religious Education in Aided schools is determined by the Governing Body. In York Diocese, the Archbishop is seen as the interpreter /arbitrator of the denominational aspects of the Instrument of Government. This gives the authority for the Diocesan Guidelines to be used in Church Aided schools to meet their legal obligation in fulfilling the requirements of their distinctive Christian foundation. We are also mindful of the Education Reform Act 1998 stating that "R.E. is a valid discipline in its own right, which acknowledges the spiritual nature of human beings".

We hope, through this policy and our work, to promote a caring school community in which sound **FRIENDSHIPS** flourish based on mutual **RESPECT** and **TRUST** for others.

Aims and Objectives

As a Church of England School we approach Religious Education in a way that will not only introduce children to an understanding of the nature of Christian beliefs and practices but aims to provide a foundation for Christian learning for life.

As stated in the Church of England Statement of Entitlement for Religious Education 2019, our school aims for all pupils:

- To know about and understand Christianity as a diverse global living faith through the exploration of core beliefs using an approach that critically engages with biblical text.
- To gain knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and worldviews appreciating diversity, continuity and change within the religions and worldviews being studied.
- To engage with challenging questions of meaning and purpose raised by human existence and experience.



- To recognise the concept of religion and its continuing influence on Britain's cultural heritage and in the lives of individuals and societies in different times, cultures and places.
- To explore their own religious, spiritual and philosophical ways of living, believing and thinking.

Curriculum for Religious Education

RE is an academic subject that has a high profile in our school curriculum. Christianity should be the majority religion studied in each year group and should be at least 50% of curriculum time. In order to allow the children to have the opportunity to explore deeper questions about life and to learn about Christianity alongside a wide range of other faiths and cultures it is placed in the Core curriculum. Further to this, we allocate at least 5% of our curriculum time to the subject. We teach RE through an enquiry model, using cross-curricular connections and through visits and visitors.

This means that our RE curriculum:

• is intrinsic to our distinctive Christian vision in enabling all pupils to flourish. In addition, it contributes to our teaching of British values and to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

• is delivered in an objective, critical and pluralistic manner to engage and challenge all pupils through an exploration of core concepts and questions. Lessons provide meaningful and informed dialogue with a range of religions and worldviews.

• reflects a good balance between the disciplines of theology, philosophy and human science, to enable pupils to develop their Religious Literacy*

*Religious Literacy: Helping children and young people hold balanced and wellinformed conversations about religion and belief. (Key Principles of a balanced curriculum in RE.)

• enables pupils to acquire a rich, deep knowledge and understanding of Christian belief and practice, including the ways in which it is unique and diverse, whilst engaging with biblical texts and theological ideas.

• provides opportunities for pupils to understand the role of foundational texts, beliefs, rituals, and practices and how they help to form identity in a range of religions and worldviews.

• supports the development of other curriculum areas and other general educational abilities such as literacy, empathy and the ability to express thoughts, feelings and personal beliefs.



• encompasses the full range of abilities to ensure that all flourish academically, using a wide range of teaching and learning strategies which consider the task, outcome, resource, support and pupil grouping as appropriate to pupils' needs

• offers tasks that are age appropriate, challenging and sufficiently demanding to stimulate and engage all pupils, whilst extending the most able and providing support for those who need it.

• ensures that all pupils' contributions are valued in RE as they draw on their own experiences and beliefs.

Our long term plan (see Appendix 1) allows our school family to learn, understand and value a range of different beliefs and religions throughout their time at Egton Church of England School. Through the Understanding Christianity resource, the use of an enquiry approach engages with significant theological concepts and the pupil's own understanding of the world as part of their wider religious literacy (see Appendix 2). Staff use a medium term plan per unit of RE Work (Appendix 3)

Teaching and Learning

At Egton Church of England School we place a significant importance of teaching RE in a creative, knowledge-rich, broad and balanced way. Learning activities provide fully for the needs of all pupils, so that they develop a wide range of skills including enquiry, analysis, interpretation, evaluation and reflection. They provide opportunities to engage in meaningful and informed dialogue with those of all religions and worldviews. RE lessons provide a safe space to explore their own religious, spiritual and/or philosophical ways of seeing, living and thinking, believing and belonging. Pupils experience opportunities to learn and express themselves through an enquiry based style of learning by:

- Posing and discussing 'big' and challenging questions
- Reading and critically analysing texts.
- Interpreting information from different sources.
- Researching information for themselves in libraries and on computers.
- Listening to and discussing with the teacher and other pupils.
- Engaging in pair and group work.
- Exploring a range of media such as artefacts, pictures, photographs, music and drama.
- Experiencing visits and visitors.
- Taking part in outdoor learning.
- Taking time for reflection.

Teaching in RE challenges stereotypes, misinformation and misconceptions about race, gender and religion. Lessons seek to present religions and world views in all their richness and diversity in terms of beliefs, traditions, customs and lifestyle in a sensitive and accurate way in order to encourage a positive attitude towards diversity. Questions, views, and opinions are treated with sensitivity and respect.



Teaching enables pupils to gain something of personal value from their study of religious belief and practice, for example, the way that they might apply insights gained from religious stories to their own lives.

Cross-Curricular links

Cross curricular work is encouraged, in line with whole school policy on teaching and learning. Religious Education supports the development of general educational abilities such as literacy, empathy and the ability to express thoughts, feelings and personal beliefs. RE also makes a major contribution to pupils' SMSC development. It addresses issues which arise in a range of subjects, such as English, art, drama and history, geography, computing, music as well as personal, social and emotional education and citizenship.

<u>Assessment</u>

Religious Education assessments are carried out termly throughout the year and are recorded in the same system as Maths and English at the end of the Summer Term. The Subject Leader analyses evidence of learning for a lower ability, middle ability and more-able pupils. The RE Subject Leader analyses assessments termly to monitor the effectiveness of teaching. Assessment will:

- Involve identifying suitable opportunities in schemes of work such as Understanding Christianity.
- be termly throughout the year.
- be discussed with other staff members.
- take account of work produced by pupils working with the Diocesan Syllabus.
- not be solely on evidence of achievement in written work.
- take place in planned opportunities for assessment as well as in opportunities that arise during learning activities.
- be based on various strategies for example, personal responses through art, poetry, dance, drama, self-assessment, inventing games, peer discussion, marking conversations and audio visual presentations.
- Include pupil self-assessment.
- be measured against the clear I Can Statements in the Diocesan Syllabus ensuring progression across key stages.
- Enable effective tracking of pupil progress to identify areas for development in pupil's knowledge and understanding, as well as whole school areas for development.
- Enable effective reporting to parents.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

We intend that this policy should operate for the next 3 years, and then be fully reviewed by all staff and governors to ensure that our RE policy is in practice, and to



help teachers keep track of their own work and needs for support or training. The subject leader's role includes monitoring and evaluation of this policy in practice.

Resources

We have a wide range of resources, to support our RE teaching, that we continue to develop. The school makes use of guidance material produced by the SACRE / Diocese. Funding allows regular review of resources and, where possible and pertinent, visits and visitors and provides training as appropriate for staff. All resources will be listed, stored, be easily accessible and kept in good condition. Resource banks will be available for both staff and pupils on all major religions and world views as appropriate. Our staff are given protected time to familiarise themselves with any new materials. A regular audit of resources takes place by the RE subject leader in order to update our collection.

Health and Safety

Health and safety issues may arise in religious education on a number of occasions for example, when pupils:

- Handle artefacts.
- Consume food.
- Visit places of worship.

Teachers will conform to guidelines in the school's health and safety policy in these circumstances.

Legal Requirements

Religious Education must be provided for all registered pupils in full time education except those withdrawn at their parents' request (or their own request if aged 18 or over).

(DfE Circular 1 / 94, paragraphs 44 & 49, and Non-Statutory Guidance 2010 page 28)

The law relating to Religious Education for pupils who are not yet in key stage 1 is different from that relating to subjects of the National Curriculum. As Religious Education must be taught to 'all registered pupils at the school', it includes pupils in reception classes, but not those in nursery classes or play groups. We note the Human Right of parents to withdraw their children from RE. The school must comply with any request from a parent to withdraw their child and parents are not required to give their reasons for wanting to do so. However, in view of the importance placed on RE as a core subject in a church school, we would hope that all children admitted will participate fully in RE. We aim to provide an open curriculum which can be taught to all pupils, by all staff. Teachers are asked to refer to the head teacher any questions from parents about withdrawals. We ask that and that anyone wishing to



withdraw their child would discuss this with the Headteacher before making this decision. Requests for full or partial withdrawal from RE should be made in writing to the head teacher and a record kept of them.

Inclusion

Egton CE (VA) Primary School upholds an equal opportunities policy. All children will be included in RE activities with special provision being made for children with special requirements e.g. disabilities requiring assistance for practical activities.



Appendix

<u>1.</u>

K51 K52	Autumn	Spring	Summer
YEAR	 1.8 Who am I? What does it mean to belong? - 6 hours 1.10 How should we care for the world and for others and why does it matter? 6-8 hours 	1.6 Who is Jewish and how do they live? 10-12 hours	1.9 What makes some places sacred to believers? 8-10 hours 1.4 What is the 'good news' Christians believe Jesus brings? 6-8 hours UC
1 2018	L2.10 How and why do believers show their commitment during the journey of their life? 8-10 hours U2.14 How do religions help people live through good times and bad times 6-8 hours	L2.5 Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday? 4-6 hours UC U2.10 What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God 10-12 hours	L2.6 When Jesus left, what next? 6-8 hours UC <u>U2.12. What</u> will make our city/town/village a more respectful place? 6-8 hours
YEAR 2	1.2 Who do Christians say made the world? 6-8 hours UC 1.3 Why does Christmas matter to Christians? 4-6 hours UC	1.5 Why does Easter matter to Christians? 4-6 hours UC 1.1 What do Christians believe God is like? 6-8 hours UC	1.7 Who is Muslim and what do they believe? 10-12 hours
2019	L2.1 What do Christians learn from the Creation Story UC 6-8 hours U2.2 Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary? UC 6-8 hours	L2.9 What are the deeper meanings of festivals? 6-10 hours U2.7 What difference does the Resurrection make for Christians? 6-8 hours UC	L2.4 What kind of world did Jesus want? 6-8 hours UC U2.9 What does it mean for Muslims to follow God? 10-12 hours

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KS1 KS2	Autumn	Spring	Summer	
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	belong? - 6 hours	10-12 hours	believers? 8-10 hours	
VEAR	1.10 How should we care for the world		1.4 What is the 'good news' Christians	
	and for others and why does it matter?		believe Jesus brings? 6-8 hours UC	
3	6-8 hours		-	
2020	U2.4 Was Jesus the Messiah? 6-8	L2.8 What does it mean to be a Sikh in	U2.8 What kind of King is Jesus? 6-8	
LULU	hours UC	Britain today? 10-12 hours	hours UC	
	L2.2 What is it like to follow God? 8-10	U2.6 What did Jesus do to save human	U2.1 What does it mean if God is holy	
	hours UC	beings? 6-8 hours UC	and loving? 6-8 hours UC	
	1.2 Who do Christians say made the	1.5 Why does Easter matter to	1.7 Who is Muslim and what do they	
	world? 6-8 hours UC	Christians? 4-6 hours UC	believe? 10-12 hours	
YEAR	1.3 Why does Christmas matter to	1.1 What do Christians believe God is		
4	Christians? 4-6 hours UC	like? 6-8 hours UC		
	L2.7 What does it mean to be a Hindu	L2.3 What is the Trinity? 6-8 hours UC	U2.5 What would Jesus do? 6-8 hours	
2021	in Britain today? 10-12 hours	U2.13 Why is Pilgrimage important to	UC	
	U2.11 Why do some people believe in	some religious believers? 6-8 hours	U2.3 How can following God being	
	God and some people not? 6-8 hours	-	freedom and justice? 6-8 hours UC	

UC = Units can be found in the Christianity Project. All other units can be found outlined in the Diocesan Syllabus.

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Religion/belief	FS (Discovering)	KS1 (Exploring)	Lower KS2 (Connecting)	Upper KS2 (Connecting)
	Christianity and local beliefs	Christianity, and Judaism or Islam	either Juda	tianity ism or Islam luism or Sikhism
Christianity (Questions from Understanding Christianity)	F1 Why is the word God so important to Christians? F2 Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas? F3 Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?	 1.1 What do Christians believe God is like? 1.2 Who made the world? 1.3 Why does Christmas matter? 1.4 What is the good news that Jesus brings? 1.5 Why does Easter matter? 	 L2.1 What do Christians learn from the Creation story? L2.2 What is it like to follow God? L3 What is the Trinity? (Incarnation and God) L2.4 What kind of world did Jesus want? L2.5 Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? L2.6 When Jesus left, what next? 	 U2.1 What does it mean if God is holy and loving? U2.2 Creation and science: conflicting or complementary? U2.3 How can following God bring freedom and justice? U2.4 Was Jesus the Messiah? U2.5 What would Jesus do? U2.6 What did Jesus do to save human beings? [Y5] U2.7 What difference does the Resurrection make for Christians? [Y6] U2.8 What kind of king is Jesus?



9 9 EGTON OF PRIMARY SCHOOL - MEDIUM TERM PLANNING - KSI Term Dote: Subject: Religious Education Theme: Teaching Activities: Key Quartiens Element 1- Minking sense of beliefs Benerit 2 - Oxforstanding Har import Element 9 Making connections What Ef Learning Opportunities: Resources and WOW factor: I Can Statements (Learning Outcomes) Eleanant K3 Eleanant K1 Making sense of beliefs destrict a Fromes) ES3 = Identify the come beliefs and Concepts abliefs description of what they wean = Give assessible believe (a.g. the reactive concepts) believe (a.g. the reactive concepts) = Giber assessible believe (a.g. the believe (a.g. the) believe (a. V3/M4 Identify and deports the core beliefs and concepts stratied Make clear links between texts/sources of authority and the syconcepts stratied stratied E53 • One reasoned explanations afrow and with the askediet hay beliefs and concepts are important within the weighting withing + Explain how and why people use, integrat and make anter of historication of authority afflections of authority afflections - Show assesses to different V5/V5 /dentify and explain the core Takes and any lain the some evaluation and concepts studied, setty evaluation instationorms of authority in religions to the source assumption of any in which people use texts from the soft authority to make sense of core beliefs and compatin authority to make sense of core beliefs and compating the fright sources of a shorty shudled, comparing the fright sources of a shorty shudled, comparing the fright sources of a shorty shudled, somparing the frights used and consections and expenditions understanding what these beliefs mean within their teadflore; necognizing how and why sources of extremty (such as tents) are used, expressed and interpreted in different ways, and developing \$250, of interpretation. Offeninformed auggestions abost what texts/searces of authority might mean and give exampted of what these sources mean to believed alleventy • Show a varance as of different nethods of integradation, and explain how appropriate different integradations of testaloguess of authority are, including their own ideas Element 2: Understanding the Impact Damining how and why people put their beliefs into action in diverse ways, within their everyday/lives, within their commutities and Qgthe wider world. 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Addes clear connections before retrieve they people believe and how they line, halvebuely and in common files - Obty evidence and examples, show how and why people put their how and why people put their believe and people put their believe and people put their exclusion or callware - Addes connections between the believe and people and expendent in portance is a different people (is g. -pelieve and etheletic) - Mediaction and etheletic) ections, individually and as communities • Oive examples of ways in which believers put their believers put their believers put their believers In from people put their +Raise important questions and suggest encrears about how far the beliefs and produces stabled might make a difference to how pupils think and her Make links beliefs and practices stabled and Ke in the north (oday, expressing Element 2: Making connections Recording stout, and connecting the concept, builts and practice studied; allowing public to challenge ideas, and the ideas to challenge outif' thinking: Give coherent accounts of the opinificance and implications of the beliefs and practices studied in the evold foodup + Evaluate personally and impersonally howfar the beliefs and practices shudled help to make sense of the world. Practice Think, tak and ask FIGH, resident about questions about whether the kites they have been studying have something to say to them Offree good reason for the view they have and the leasons people might gain from the beliefs(prectices atvalied, including world + Respond to the challenges related by questions of bellef discerning possible connections between these ideas and pupils' own lives and ways of understanding the world. some ideas of their own clearly • Give good reasons for the views they have and the connections they make • Talk about what they have learned and if they have changed their thinking and practice in the world today and in their own lives, offering reasons and justifications for their responses • Account for how and why their thinking has/has not changed as a result of their studies their own responses, recognising that others may think differently. • Consider and weigh up how connections they make. • Talk about what they have learned Consider and weigh up how ideas studied in this unit relate to their own experiences and experiences of the world today, developing insights of their own and giving good reasons for the views they have and and the connections they make Talk about what they have learned, how their thinking may have changed and why EYFS Communication and Language • Ohlidren listen with enjoyment to stories, songs and poems from different communities and traditions and respond with relevant comments, questions Early Learning Goals outline what pupils should achieve by the end of the reception year. RE can, through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child initiated activity, provide these opportunities for pupils: Children are given access to a wide range of books, poems and other written materials to ignite their interest. Mathematics Children recognise, create and describe some patterns, sorting and ordering objects simply. These learning intentions for RE are developed from relevantareas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (DE, 2013). Assessment Activity: Е **Y1** V2 Notes

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Term Date;	Subject: Religious E	ducation	Theme:	
Key Questions;	Teaching Activities;			
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Element 1 - Making sense of	beliefs			
Element 2 - Understanding t	the			
impact				
Element 3 - Making connecti	0.05			
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I Can Statements (Learning		10.044	115.04	****
Element 1:	KS1	• Identify and describe the	V5/V6 Identify and explain the core	K53
Element 1: Making sense of beliefs	 Identify the core beliefs and 	 Identify and describe the core beliefs and concepts 	beliefs	 Give reasoned explanations of how and why the selected
Identifying and making	concepts studied	studied	and concepts studied, using	key beliefs and concepts are
sense of religious and	and give a simple description of	 Make clear links between texts/sources of authority 	examples from texts/sources of authority in religions	important within the religions studied
non-religious concepts and beliefs	description of what they mean	and the key concepts	 Describe examples of ways in 	 studied Explain how and why people
understanding what	 Give examples of 	studied	which	use, interpret and make sense
these beliefs mean	how stories show		people use texts/sources of	of texts/sources of authority
within their traditions;	what people believe (e.g. the	 Offer informed suggestions about what 	authority to make sense of core beliefs and concepts	 differently Show awareness of different
recognising how and why sources of	meaning behind a	texts/sources of authority	 Taking account of the 	methods of interpretation,
authority (such as texts)	festival)	might mean and give	context(s),	and explain how appropriate
are used, expressed and	 Give clear, simple accounts of what 	examples of what these sources mean to believers	suggest meanings for texts/sources	different interpretations of texts/sources of authority
interpreted in different	stories and other	Contraction to Deversion	of authority studied, comparing	are, including their own ideas
ways, and developing skills of interpretation.	texts mean to believers		their ideas with ways in which believers interpret them, showing	
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			interpretations	
Element 2:	 Give examples of 	Make simple links	Make clear connections	Give reasons and examples
Understanding the impact	how people use stories, texts and	between stories, teachings and concepts studied and	between what people believe and how	account for how and why people put their beliefs into
Examining how and why	teachings to guide	how people live,	they	practice in different ways,
people put their beliefs	their beliefs and	individually and in	live, individually and in	individually and in community
into action in diverse	actions, individually and as	 communities Describe how people show 	 communities Using evidence and examples, 	(e.g. in different denominations, communities,
ways, within their	communities	their beliefs in how they	show	times or cultures)
everyday lives, within	 Give examples of 	worship and in the way	how and why people put their	 Show how beliefs guide peop
their communities and	ways in which believers put their	 Identify some differences 	beliefs into practice in different ways, e.g. in different	in making moral and religious decisions, applying these idea
in the wider world.	beliefs into	in how people put their	communities,	to situations in the world today
51 10	practice		denominations or cultures	
Element 3: Making connections	 Think, talk and ask questions about 	 Raise important questions and suggest answers 	 Make connections between the beliefs and practices studied, 	 Give coherent accounts of the significance and implications of
Reasoning about,	whether the ideas	about how far the beliefs	evaluating and explaining their	the beliefs and practices
reflecting on, evaluating	they have been studying have	and practices studied might make a difference	importance to different people	 studied in the world today Evaluate personally and
and connecting the concepts, beliefs and	something to say	to how pupils think and	(e.g. believers and atheists)	impersonally how far the
practices studied;	to them	live	 Reflect on and articulate 	beliefs and practices studied
allowing pupils to	 Give a good reason for the 	 Make links between some of the beliefs and practices 	lessons people might gain from the	help to make sense of the world
challenge ideas, and the ideas to challenge	views they have	studied and life in the	beliefs/practices studied,	 Respond to the challenges
pupils' thinking;	and the	world today, expressing	including	raised by questions of belief
discerning possible	connections they	some ideas of their own	their own responses, recognising	and practice in the world today
connections between	make.	clearly	that others may think differently.	and in their own lives, offering
these ideas and pupils'	Talk about what they have learned	 Give good reasons for the views they have and the 	 Consider and weigh up how idease 	reasons and justifications for
own lives and ways of understanding the	they have learned	views they have and the connections they make	ideas studied in this unit relate to their	 Account for how and why the
world.		 Talk about what they have 	own experiences and	thinking has/has not changed
		learned and if they have changed their thinking	experiences of the world today, developing	as a result of their studies
		thenged then thinking	insights	
			of their own and giving good	
			reasons for the views they have and	
			the connections they make	
			 Talk about what they have learned. 	
			how their thinking may have	
			changed and why	<u> </u>
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