

Religious Education Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact Overview

At Eardisley CE Primary School, we follow and adhere to the principles of the Herefordshire Locally Agreed Syllabus. The Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus 2020 asserts the importance and value of religious education (RE) for all pupils, with on-going benefits for an open, articulate and understanding society. The following purpose statements underpin the syllabus,1 which is constructed to support pupils and teachers in fulfilling them:

• Religious education contributes dynamically to children and young people's education in schools by provoking challenging questions about meaning and purpose in life, beliefs about God, ultimate reality, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be human.

• In RE pupils learn about religions and beliefs in local, national and global contexts, to discover, explore and consider different answers to these questions.

• Pupils learn to weigh up the value of wisdom from different sources, to develop and express their insights in response and to agree or disagree respectfully.

• Teaching therefore should equip pupils with systematic knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and beliefs, enabling them to develop their ideas, values and identities.

• RE should develop in pupils an aptitude for dialogue so that they can participate positively in our society, with its diverse religions and beliefs.

• Pupils should gain and deploy the skills needed to understand, interpret and evaluate texts, sources of wisdom and authority and other evidence. They should learn to articulate clearly and coherently their personal beliefs, ideas, values and experiences while respecting the right of others to differ.

The principal aim of religious education is to explore what people believe and what difference this makes to how they live, so that pupils can gain the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to handle guestions raised by religion and belief, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living. Subject: Religious Education Subject leader: B. Knight Implementation Impact Intent Intent 1: The syllabus we follow is designed to Pupils are assessed against the end of phase support schools in developing and outcomes: To build a curriculum, with delivering excellence in RE. It responds to reading at its core, which national calls for deepening pupils' **RE Teaching** End KS1 End LKS2 End UKS2 develops learning and knowledge about religions and for **Pupils Can Pupils Can** Pupils Can and Learning developing their 'religious literacy'. It does Identify Identify and results in the acquisition of Element 1: Identify knowledge so that children this by studying one religion at a time Making sense explain the core beliefs and describe ('systematic' units), and then including of beliefs the core core beliefs know more, remember and 'thematic' units, which build on learning by Identifying beliefs and and concepts more and understand concepts comparing the religions, beliefs and and making studied and concepts studied, using more. sense of studied examples from give a practices studied. religious and simple Make clear texts/sources To create a curriculum that non-religious of authority in description links teaches children Our syllabus sets out an underlying beliefs and of what between religions knowledge, skills and teaching and learning approach, whereby concepts; they mean texts/ • describe understanding so that pupils encounter core concepts in religions understanding give examples of sources of and beliefs in a coherent way, developing every child has the what these examples of authority ways in which their understanding and their ability to opportunity to reach and and the core beliefs mean people use how stories exceed their potential. handle questions of religion and belief. within their texts/sources show what concepts The teaching and learning approach has traditions; people studied of authority to Intent 2: three core elements, Making Sense of

	Belief, Making	a Connoction	c and	recognicing	haliava (a.g.	• Offer	make sense of
To build a ourrioulum which		0		recognising	believe (e.g. the	informed	core beliefs
To build a curriculum which	Understanding the Impact, which are		how and why				
nurtures children's learning	woven together to provide breadth and		sources of	meaning	suggestions	and concepts	
behaviours and develops a	balance within teaching and learning			authority	behind a	about what	• Give
curiosity towards the	•		, underpinning	(such as texts)	festival)	texts/sources	meanings for
exploration of knowledge	the aims of R		our Intent	are used,	• Give	of authority	texts/sources
so that they know more,	Statement for	r RE.		expressed and	clear,	can mean	of authority
remember more and				interpreted in	simple	and give	studied,
understand more.	Teaching and	d learning in th	ne classroom	different	accounts of	examples of	comparing
	will encompa	ss all three el	ements,	ways, and	what	what these	these ideas
To design a curriculum	allowing for o	verlap betwee	en elements as	developing	stories and	sources	with some
which grows the key skills	suits the relig	ion, concept a	and question	skills of	other texts	mean to	ways in which
of: collaboration,	being explore			interpretation.	mean to	believers	believers
independence, resilience,	• •				believers		interpret
communication,	context for open exploration of religion and belief. They offer a structure through						texts/sources
leadership, reflection and	which pupils can encounter diverse						of authority
enthusiasm so that	religious traditions alongside non-religious			Element 2:	Give	Make simple	Make clear
children know how they	worldviews – which reflect the			Understanding	examples of	links	connections
learn. To develop a love of	backgrounds of many pupils in our			the impact	how people	between	between what
learning that will stay for	schools.			Examining	use stories,	stories,	people believe
the rest of their lives.				how and why	texts and	teachings	and how they
the rest of their lives.	Year	Deligione	Notes	people put	teachings	and concepts	live,
		Religions	notes	their beliefs	to guide	studied and	individually
Intent 2.	Group	Studied		into practice	their beliefs	how people	and in
Intent 3:	Reception	Children		in diverse	and actions	live,	communities
		will		ways, within	• give	individually	 using
To build a curriculum which		encounter	Consideration	their everyday	examples of	and in	evidence and
ensures children know		Christianity	of other	lives, within	ways in	communities	examples,
right from wrong, celebrate		and other	religions and	their	which	 describe 	show how and
diversity, understand their		faiths, as	nonreligious	communities	believers	how people	why people
role in the environment and		part of	worldviews	and in the	put their	show their	put their
are 'Life Ready' so that		their	can occur at	wider world.	beliefs into	beliefs in	beliefs into
they know more,		growing	any key		practice	how they	practice in

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remember more and		sense of	stage, as				worship and	different ways,
understand more.		self, their	appropriate to				in the way	e.g. in
		own	the school				they live	different
To design a curriculum		community	context				 Identify 	communities,
which results in children		and their					some	denominations
developing key life-skills,		place					differences	or cultures
and positive moral traits so		within it.					in how	
that they understand their	Willow	Christians,					people put	
role within the community	(KS1)	Jews and					their beliefs	
and wider world.	\ - <i>\</i>	Muslims.					into practice	
	Beech	Christians,			Element 3:	Think, talk	Make links	Make
To understand what it	(LKS2)	Muslims,			Making	and ask	between	connections
means to be a British	(=:::=)	Hindus			connections	questions	some of the	between the
Citizen or, someone from		and Jews			Evaluating,	about	beliefs and	beliefs and
another country who lives	Oak	Christians,	-		reflecting on	whether	practices	practices
in Britain.	(UKS2)	Muslims,			and	the ideas	studied and	studied,
	(01(02)	Hindus			connecting	they have	life in the	evaluating and
To be aware of the rule of		and Jews			the beliefs and	been	world today,	explaining
law, tolerance and being		and Jews			practices	studying,	expressing	their
mutually respectful whilst					studied;	have	some ideas	importance to
understanding what it	•				allowing	something	of their own	different
means to live in a	0				pupils to	to say to	clearly	people (e.g.
democracy and to have		r RE Curricul	um Long Term		challenge	them	 raise 	believers and
5	Plan.				ideas studied,	 give a 	important	atheists)
individual liberty.					and the ideas	good	questions	 reflect on
					studied to	reason for	and suggest	and articulate
To experience cultural					challenge	the views	answers	lessons people
capital and to use					pupils'	they have	about how	might gain
this to make links across					thinking;	and the	far the	from the
their learning.					discerning	connections	beliefs and	beliefs/
					possible	they make	practices	practices
To be a person who can					connections		studied	studied,
make balanced decisions					between		might make	including their

and contribute	these and	a difference	own
economically and	pupils' own	to how	responses,
environmentally to society.	lives and ways	pupils think	recognising
onvironnentally to occloty.	of	and live	that others
	understanding	 give good 	may think
Specifically, the Locally	the world.	reasons for	differently
Agreed Syllabus and		the views	 consider and
curriculum for RE aims to		they have	weigh up how
ensure that all pupils:		and the	ideas studied
		connections	in this unit
1. Make sense of a		they make	relate to their
range of religious			own
and non-religious			experiences
beliefs, so that they			and
can:			experiences of
			the world
• identify, describe, explain			today,
and analyse beliefs and			developing
concepts in the context of			insights of
living religions, using			their own and
appropriate vocabulary			giving good
			reasons for
 explain how and why 			the views they
these beliefs are			have and the
understood in different			connections
ways, by individuals and			they make
within communities			
 recognise how and why 	We are holders of the p	restigious RE	Quality Mark
sources of authority (e.g.	Award (GOLD), 2019.		
texts, teachings, traditions,			
leaders) are used,			
expressed and interpreted			

in different ways, developing skills of interpretation	
 Understand the impact and significance of religious and non- religious beliefs, so that they can: 	
• examine and explain how and why people express their beliefs in diverse ways	
• recognise and account for ways in which people put their beliefs into action in diverse ways, in their everyday lives, within their communities and in the wider world	
 appreciate and appraise the significance of different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning 	
 Make connections between religious and non-religious beliefs, concepts, 	

practices and ideas studied, so that they can:	
• evaluate, reflect on and enquire into key concepts and questions studied, responding thoughtfully and creatively, giving good reasons for their responses	
• challenge the ideas studied, and allow the ideas studied to challenge their own thinking, articulating beliefs, values and commitments clearly in response	
• discern possible connections between the ideas studied and their own ways of understanding the world, expressing their critical responses and personal reflections with increasing clarity and understanding	
Throughout schooling, teachers should consider how their teaching contributes towards the	

principal aim of RE in	
Herefordshire, and how	
they help pupils to achieve	
the threefold aims above.	