

Intent

Religious education enhances children's awareness and understanding of religions and beliefs, teachings, practices and forms of expression. It also explores the influence of religion on individuals, families, communities and cultures.

At Brindishe Schools we recognise the important role Religious Education has in preparing children for adult life, employment and lifelong learning. It enables pupils to develop respect for and sensitivity to others, in particular those whose faiths and beliefs are different from their own. It promotes discernment and enables pupils to combat prejudice.

Implementation

In EYFS, children begin to explore the world of religion in terms of special people, books, times, places, objects and visiting places of worship. Children listen to, and talk about, stories. They are introduced to specialist words and explore religious beliefs, practices and forms of expression. They reflect upon their own feelings and experiences. They use their imagination and curiosity to develop their appreciation and wonder of the world in which they live.

In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 we follow the Lewisham Agreed Syllabus for Religious education which actively promotes the values of truth, justice, respect for all and care of the environment. It places specific emphasis on:

- pupils valuing themselves and others
- the role of family and the community in religious belief and activity
- the celebration of diversity in society through understanding similarities and differences and
- sustainable development of the earth.