



## RE Curriculum Statement

### Intent:

The aim for Religious Education at Wyke is for the children to develop their understanding of the nature of religion and belief. It is important that the children are able to grow in their appreciation of different religions and the values they bring to individuals. We strive for children to gain insight into both religious and non-religious perspectives, enabling children to think deeply about different belief systems and how those beliefs are incorporated within a person's daily life. The children develop knowledge and understanding of Christianity, as well as the other principal religions of Great Britain, including Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism and Sikhism. Through the study of Religious Education, we encourage the children to show an interest and ask questions to better their understanding of many different faiths. In this approach, the children are able to reflect upon and grow in their understanding. This will enable the children to feel better equipped in their own spiritual, moral and cultural development beyond life in school. We encourage equality and diversity at Wyke, understanding that non-religious perspectives are just as important to explore, being mindful of all children and family backgrounds.

### Implementation:

At Wyke Primary School, we follow the Agreed Syllabus for Surrey. It reflects the needs and concerns of the local area and also helps to prepare the children to become better equipped in world of today and tomorrow.

We retain strong links with the local church, St Marks, providing the children with numerous opportunities to visit for celebrations, including Easter, Harvest and Christmas. In addition to this, St Mark's regularly visit the school to provide assemblies through stories and dramatization. The children are encouraged to ask any questions throughout.

During Wyke Travels the World, each class explores the culture of different countries. Through this the children are granted the opportunity to discover other belief systems, both religious and non-religious. Opportunities are provided for additional assemblies to be led by external religious and non-religious centres, including Humanist speakers and Buddhist monks. During their time at Wyke, the children are exposed to a range of religious festivals to develop their growth, understanding and appreciation within the wider community.

### Impact:

- Children develop a sense of enthusiasm to learn about different cultural and religious backgrounds
- children develop an inquisitive nature and are encouraged to question the world around them
- children appreciate the diversity of both their community and the wider world around them
- issues are able to be discussed and reflected upon in a respectful manner, encouraging children to feel confident to share their own beliefs and ideas in a conscientious manner.