



What is RE?

To the staff, governors and children at St. Mary's C.E Primary School, Religious Education is the explicit teaching and learning about world religions and faiths. It is about the deepening of our understanding about how religious and faith beliefs guide and support thought and action amongst the world's people. RE is also about finding common religious principles amongst the different ideologies throughout the world that supports us to respect one another and live in relative peace. It is a road map which takes you on a spiritual, moral and social journey through life. It is a journey where love and compassion, friendship and endurance can be explored through stories from Holy books and discussion. It offers wisdom and hope to all for a better life and the chance to be a better person. This road map offers an opportunity to experience our inner self and life and provides meaning to our lives as it gives us an understanding of our Christian beliefs, values, differing points of view as well as an understanding, tolerance and acceptance of world beliefs, views and values. It is a way of gaining experience and knowledge to help articulate and grow what our inner self and life means as well as a way of improving our dignity, as through discussion about social, moral and spiritual issues we flourish, aspire and achieve. Through the family like safety we provide our children within school, we can explore the 'Big Questions' which allows us to learn from and about religions of the world and the dilemmas facing mankind and society, locally and globally. It allows us to celebrate the diversity of our community and world, encourages us to have courage to ask the bigger questions and provides us with a means of seeking universal truth and to know what it means to be loved as we are.

(the staff, governors and children of St. Mary's June 2020)