



# Church Hill Infant School

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## RE: Religious Education Trips

Dear Parents/ carers

We would like to clarify a few things about the school's Religious Education Curriculum. At Church Hill Infant school we believe that RE is a valuable life skill. We follow the guidelines set out in the Leicestershire Agreed RE Syllabus and provide a curriculum that is relevant to the age, abilities and backgrounds of our children. It is the expectation that all children will participate in all aspects of the school's curriculum.

Our school recognises the duties placed on us by the Counter Terrorism Bill (July 2015) and is committed to actively promoting the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. All of our pupils are encouraged to develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in and contribute positively to life in modern Britain. The RE curriculum is designed to irradiate ignorance and develop a sense of respect and tolerance for children's own and others' faiths and cultures. The government want schools to promote these skills with an increasing focus.

We use a variety of teaching methods to deliver the RE curriculum such as storytelling, conversation & discussion, imaginative writing, drama, creative activities and visits to religious places such as the Church, Gurudwara, Temple and Mosque. The main religions within the school's curriculum are Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Islam.

We hear a lot about current global issues (radicalisation and terrorism) which are both upsetting and frightening; and as parents, we are all concerned about the world in which our children will live in. It is for this reason that we share a common understanding of developing these important life skills so that our children can live harmoniously in society now and in the future.

Excluding your child from such experiences only generates further fear and ignorance in the future. After all, we all know it doesn't matter what religious background and/or culture you are from. There are good and bad people in the world from all walks of life. Current global issues should give us a united determination to develop respect and tolerance so that our children can live in a happier, safer and harmonious world.

We hope you can support the school in its aim to foster these very important skills in life. It is expected that all children will participate in the upcoming RE trip as it is an essential part of the curriculum. Please make an appointment to see me if you would like to discuss your child's participation or any of these matters in further detail.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bulsara

### Related school policies found on the schools website

Safeguarding Policy

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Policy (SMSC)

Personal, Social, Health Education Policy (PSHE)

