



Isham CE Primary Academy



Appendix:

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Our Academy Vision

Nurturing the infinite worth of every person through love, respect, perseverance, honesty and forgiveness

Isham Church of England Primary School is a Christian school which has been a feature of the parish of Isham since 1840 and an academy which is part of the wider family of the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET).

We provide a values based education, focussed on developing the whole child, and built on love, respect, perseverance, honesty and forgiveness. We seek to develop resilience and strength in all our children, enabling them to achieve their full potential academically, personally and spiritually. Our aim is that children leave us with the skills, values and attitudes that together will enable them to become successful citizens in their ever changing world.

RE has an important contribution to make towards this by providing a caring environment where pupils feel secure and able to express their own views and beliefs. They are encouraged to value their own opinions and beliefs, whilst developing respect and sensitivity for the views of others.

Pupils are encouraged to understand the importance of the role that each individual has to play in the life of the academy and of the wider community. Links are made with a variety of faith and worldview groups to help with this.

Local context

Isham CE Primary is a small primary academy, serving children in the age range 4-11

- We welcome the diversity of our families and we intend to be sensitive to the home background of each pupil.
- We have close links with St Peter's Church and the vicar and members of the congregation support RE and Collective Worship through leading Worship, sharing in events (Fetes, Christmas Tree and Scarecrow Festivals), and having involvement in our curriculum eg Armistice Day
- We also have close links with the local community. This includes welcoming visitors to the academy from a variety of religious and non - religious backgrounds to support RE lessons and talk to the pupils such as visiting Hindu and Sikh speakers, and vicars and Youth leaders from other churches
- Pupils also experience visits to diverse places of worship
We are able to visit St Peter's which is in the immediate vicinity of the Academy, where faith leaders and other members of the community are willing to meet with pupils and be involved in RE. We aim to use this valuable resource for all classes. Pupils will have the opportunity to make the following visits during their time here.



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Year R: visiting the Church in local walks, and at Festivals

Year 1 & 2: to learn about baptism, weddings and Christian celebrations, in addition to learning about the key aspects within a church. They also have opportunity to visit a Hindu Temple

Year 3 & 4 for history, to develop understanding of the importance of faith to Christians and to deepen their understanding of the key aspects of a church, including the role of prayer. They also have opportunity to meet a visiting Jewish speaker and to explore other faiths through the PDET Faith day.

Year 5 & 6 for Armistice, for Art and for deepening their knowledge of faith.

Additionally, Muslim, Jewish and Hindu speakers are sought to enrich their curriculum

- Pupils also have the opportunity to experience the celebration of different cultures and festivals other than their own, within RE and other areas of the curriculum and Collective Worship. For example, we have had whole school celebrations of Holi, Chinese New Year, and of Diwali.

Time Allocation

At Isham CE Primary Academy we organise our RE time so that all classes have times specifically dedicated to the teaching of RE. These timings are in line with the Peterborough Diocese Agreed Syllabus launched in July 2019.

Teaching and Learning Styles

We ensure that a variety of teaching and learning styles are adopted by teachers in RE to allow access by all pupils. The variety enables pupils to encounter their preferred learning style as well as to develop a broad repertoire. The teaching and learning styles used promote a range of skills such as thinking skills, reasoning, enquiry and research.

Examples of active learning strategies and activities, which we use, are:

- Dramatic conventions;
- Group work;
- Individual reflection;
- Use of music and art;
- Artefact handling;
- Multi - sensory approaches;
- Visits and visitors;
- Use of ICT and Multi Media;
- Use of photos, posters, DVDs.

Resources

A wide range of resources are in place for each theme within RE. These are all individually boxed according to religion and a list of contents for each resource box is displayed within each box.



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Resources are stored in the entrance hall, in classrooms and in the HT office, and should be returned after use.

In addition, all staff have electronic access to the Agreed Syllabus resources and to the Understanding Christianity resources

RE and Faith books, which can be used across the age range, are stored in the Library.

Staff are invited to suggest gaps in the resources for future spending.