



**Healey Primary School**  
**Curriculum Statements for R.E.**

**Intent**

At Healey Primary School, our Religious Education curriculum is designed with an awareness of the religious demographic in our local area as well as those which our children will encounter nationally and through the media. We teach them about religious practices, as well as allowing them to express their own ideas and beliefs, and gain the skills to ask questions about and investigate key concepts. We use the Rochdale Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (2019-2024).

**Implementation**

The children study in depth the religious belief and practices of Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Judaism.

Our curriculum is based around three strands – **Believing** (Religious beliefs, teachings and sources), **Expressing** (Religious and spiritual forms of expression), and **Living** (Religious practices and ways of living). These are apparent in the titles of the units of work across the syllabus we teach.

Religious Education is taught by class teachers, supported by our RE coordinator, to ensure accurate subject knowledge and clear progression. High quality resources, including a range of religious artefacts, are used and where possible the children are taken on visits to places of worship to support their learning.

Asking and responding to questions, and listening to the ideas of others, develops the children's ability for critical thinking. Throughout both key stages, the children are asked 'Big Questions' and 'Challenge' questions to encourage them to respond to their learning with their own thoughts and beliefs and engage them in the lesson, as well as being a useful tool for assessment.

**Impact**

Our children develop an in depth knowledge and understanding of some of the world's major faiths, which are essential for community relationships in today's multi-cultural society. Our children also have the confidence to ask questions, and explore questions, about life and what different people believe to make sense of religion, and reflect on their own ideas and ways of living. They will also be able to apply these skills to the next phase of their learning in a range of subjects, not just Religious Education.

**What our children like about R.E. at Healey:**

*"RE helps us to learn about and respect other people's religions."*

*"I enjoy whole class discussions and the chance to share our opinions."*

*"RE is interesting – it helps us understand why people do things." Scarlet*

*"It's important so we know about all religions – so we don't be rude or offend other people."*