

Rationale

At Westfield, we follow the Surrey Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2023-2028. Religious Education (RE) plays a vital role in developing students' understanding of the diverse beliefs, practices, and values that shape individuals and communities across the world. It provides a structured space for exploring questions of meaning, purpose, and identity, while fostering respect and empathy for others.

The purpose of RE is not to promote a particular belief system, but rather to educate students about religion and belief in a balanced and objective way. It encourages critical thinking, ethical reflection, and personal insight. Through engagement with a variety of religious and non-religious worldviews, students learn to appreciate the richness of human experience and the complexity of belief systems.

RE helps students:

- Develop knowledge and understanding of major world religions and non-religious worldviews.
- Explore how religious beliefs influence individuals, cultures, and societies.
- Reflect on their own beliefs, values, and experiences in relation to those of others.
- Cultivate skills in dialogue, reasoning, and respectful debate.
- Promote tolerance, inclusion, and cohesion in a multicultural society.

By equipping students with the tools to understand and engage with diverse perspectives, Religious Education contributes meaningfully to their spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development. It prepares them to become thoughtful, open-minded, and responsible citizens in an increasingly interconnected world.

Overview of the units of the Surrey Syllabus for R.E covered in each year group

Year Group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
EYFS	Special books and people	Special places and times	Special world and our differences
1	Creation The Nativity	Stories in Christianity Shabbat (Judaism)	The Torah (Judaism) Stories across religions
2	What is God like Giving	Jesus as Saviour Allah and worship (Islam)	Muslim families Looking after our world
3	Jesus and changing lives Artists and Christian belief	The Bible's big story Islam and worship	Sikhism The golden rule
4	God's promises (Christianity) God's kingdom (Christianity)	Communion (Christianity) Humanism and celebrating new life	Judaism: important times How to make the world a fairer place
5	Christianity and creation Judaism and the synagogue	The Christian church (then and now) Christianity as 'rescue'	Islam: how to lead a good life Is life a journey?
6	Christian Trinity Belief about the Messiah (Christianity)	God' kingdom and Christian behaviour Hinduism	The Buddhist way of life Who am I and where do I belong?