



Distington Community School - SMSC - RE

RE plays a significant role in the personal development of children and young people. At its heart is the intention to enable children and young people to become "religiously educated" in order to face the demands of the contemporary world. Given the opportunities for encountering people of different beliefs and lifestyles, RE also has a key role to play in fostering respect and social cohesion. As well as being "religiously educated", RE helps students to become "skilled cultural navigators", able to handle the differences of faith and belief around them, as well as establish their own sense of identity and belonging.

Spiritual Development in RE:

Spiritual development in RE involves the experience and search for meaning, the purpose of life and the values by which we live. In learning about a range of different religious traditions and why people believe, gives children the opportunity to learn from their experiences, to reflect on and interpret spirituality in their own lives and to reflect on ultimate questions.

Moral Development in RE:

Moral development in RE allows children to learn about shared and differing moral values from religious perspectives. RE provides opportunities for children to debate moral dilemmas about right and wrong, good and bad, peace, etc. RE encourages children to discuss ideas such as people's responsibility towards to world and generations to come. In RE children are encouraged to make a personal response to right and wrong and to consider a range of responses to moral issues.

Social Development in RE:

Social development in RE involves exploring the similarities and differences in religions and cultures though which children make links between faith and personal action in everyday life. This is reflected in their relations with others through activities such as discussion and debate, and in their ability to work cooperatively with others. Other examples of social development are:

- Drama
- Visits to religious buildings
- Religious artefacts – encouraging discussion.

Cultural Development in RE:

Cultural development in RE includes learning about a range of different religious traditions, giving children an opportunity to learn what it means to belong, to become confident in themselves and be able to respond positively to similarities and differences in our changing multi-ethnic and multi-faith society.