

Ilam CE Primary RE Curriculum Statement

All registered pupils in maintained schools, (including those in reception) up to the age of 19 years, are entitled to receive Religious Education. The Religious Education is required to be taught in accordance with an Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education that is determined locally.

Please see attached the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus 2023.

At Ilam C of E (VA) School the aim of Religious Education is to help prepare and equip all pupils for life in today's increasingly diverse and plural Britain through teaching the children to become religiously literate.

What does it mean to be 'religiously literate?'

A religiously literate person would have an established and growing knowledge and understanding of beliefs, practices, spiritual insights and secular world views. They would have developed their own views on issues and would also be open to engaging with the views of others.

The three aims of the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus are:

Explore, Engage, Reflect

To ensure we cover these three aims our RE curriculum has been planned to use a 3-year rolling programme. All lessons start with a big question to enable pupils to reflect and consider the aims and objectives of the lesson. We use the Understanding Christianity scheme, the Lichfield Diocese Scheme and also use other resources such as Picturing Christianity.

To meet the three aims of the Staffordshire syllabus - reflecting, allowing pupils to process their own thoughts, values & beliefs. Opportunities are given to allow pupils time to consider deeper thinking questions for the children to think and reflect upon. Examples: Who is responsible for looking after the world? What is the meaning of life? Why is there suffering in the world? Is there life after death? Will the world end one day? Does God exist? Why should we have respect for other religions? Is reincarnation possible? Where do we look for God? How can people try and contact God? Teachers may also create class deeper thinking questions that relate to their RE topic or any current issues happening in the world.

Every year the school take part in Interfaith Week or the Derby Faith trail visiting different places of worship.