



# Religious Education at Weetwood



*“The essence of all religions is one.  
Only their approaches are  
different”*  
Mahatma Ghandi



## Our Vision

RE at Weetwood provides our pupils with the knowledge and understanding of all world faiths and other world views to allow them to develop their own views, beliefs and identity in an accepting and diverse community. RE allows our pupils to learn from each other and their experiences and celebrate the differences in lifestyles and practices. At Weetwood, we encourage all children to apply what they have learned to their own behaviour to enable everyone to work alongside each other in a happy, caring and respectful environment.

## Teaching and Learning in RE

At Weetwood we follow ‘Believing and Belonging in West Yorkshire’, The Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Calderdale, Kirkless and Leeds. RE is taught weekly from Year 1 to Year 6 with the support of the accompanying units of work. Although we do cover all 6 main religions through assemblies and other activities, we cover Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism in greater depth, allowing children to see similarities and differences across all religious beliefs. RE follows an ‘enquiry based approach’, giving our pupils key questions to answer, using a combination of their own experiences and religious facts to develop their knowledge and understanding and allowing them to apply what they have learnt to their own life.

At Weetwood, we embrace real life experiences for all our pupils and all year groups will visit at least one place of worship each year to experience what they have been learning about. We welcome visitors from all faiths and beliefs and believe this is crucial for developing children’s understanding, respect and empathy for different religions. Our pupils, of course, play a huge role in sharing their own lifestyle, practices and beliefs and are always encouraged to share their experiences with others.