

## Curriculum Intent

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<i>Each one prays to God according to his own light- Ghandi</i>	
<b>Why should children learn this subject?</b>	<p>Religious Education provokes challenging questions about the ultimate meaning and purpose of life, beliefs about God, the self and the nature of reality, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be human. It develops pupils' knowledge and understanding of Christianity, other principal religions, other religious traditions and other worldviews that offer answers to questions such as these. It enhances pupils' awareness and understanding of religions and beliefs, teachings, practices and forms of expression, as well as of the influence of religion on individuals, families, communities and cultures. Religious Education encourages pupils to learn from different religions, beliefs, values and traditions while exploring their own beliefs and questions of meaning. It challenges pupils to reflect on, consider, analyse, interpret and evaluate issues of truth, belief, faith and ethics and to communicate their responses.</p>
<b>What will children learn to do in this subject?</b>	<p>At Brackenwood Junior School, children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the ideas, practices and contemporary manifestations of a diversity of religions and non-religious worldviews;</li> <li>• Understand how religions and beliefs are woven into, and influenced by, all dimensions of human experience;</li> <li>• Engage with questions raised about religions and beliefs;</li> <li>• Understand some of the main approaches to the study of religions;</li> <li>• Develop their own beliefs, ideas, practices, values and identities;</li> <li>• Develop the motivation, understanding and skills to make enquiring into religious questions a lifetime activity;</li> <li>• Develop as responsible citizens of changing local, national and world communities with diverse religions and beliefs</li> </ul>
<b>How will we inspire them?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing opportunities to visit places of Religion (when permitted)</li> <li>• Providing opportunities to celebrate festivals of a range of religions.</li> <li>• Providing children with opportunities to share links between our traditions and those of different religions</li> <li>• Inviting children of different religions to talk about their traditions and values.</li> </ul>
<b>Local and Cultural Links</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Princess Road Synagogue (Liverpool)</li> <li>• Liverpool Mosque and Islamic Institute</li> <li>• Church (Bebington)</li> </ul>