

RE Policy	
Localised School Based Procedures	
School Name:	St. James' CE Academy
Principal:	Julia Strickland
Implementation Date: <i>Inline with policy approval</i>	October 2025

In conjunction with our Trust wide **RE Policy**, localised procedures have been established to ensure that systems and procedures reflect the school/academy setting.

The localised procedures for the school/academy setting focus on the following key areas: -

- Leadership of RE
- RE Syllabus
- RE Curriculum Time
- RE Curriculum Balance
- Visits and Visitors

Our School's Vision
<p style="text-align: center;">Together we live and learn in the light of God <i>'With God all things are possible'</i> Matthew 19:26</p> <p>At St James' CE Academy, we develop a life-long love of learning and we persevere to reach our ambitions. We are at the heart of our community, and with respect and kindness, we work together to ensure everyone becomes the best that they can be in all areas of their life. We aim to nurture unique individuals, who are well-equipped to make informed choices through a wide range of diverse experiences and opportunities.</p>
Our School's Values
Kindness Respect Perseverance

Leadership of RE	
RE Subject Lead:	Margaret Capes
Church School Distinctiveness Link Governor:	Rt Reverend Steven Benford

RE Syllabus Followed
We teach according to the Diocese of York and Leeds RE syllabus supported by RE Today resources.

RE Curriculum Time		
Reflecting the school/academy's Trust Deed/Academy Funding Agreement, pupils are entitled to expect that in Church schools, Christianity forms at least 50% of curriculum time for RE.		
Sufficient dedicated curriculum time, meeting explicitly RE objectives , is between 5-10%		
The time allocated for teaching RE is as below:		
EYFS	planned within the EYFS Framework	
KS1	1	hours
KS2	1.5	hours

RE Curriculum Balance		
EYFS	EYFS themes emerging from the EYFS Framework	
KS1	Christianity and	Judaism and Islam
Lower KS2	Christianity and	Judaism, Sikhism and Hinduism
Upper KS2	Christianity and	Judaism, Islam, Sikhism and Hinduism

Visits and Visitors	
We are able to visit places of worship in our local area / our region and have representatives of religion and worldviews coming into school, who are willing to meet with pupils and be involved in the teaching of RE.	
All pupils have the opportunity to visit a place of worship and participate in the visit of a representative to their RE class. Pupils will have the opportunity to make the following visits during their time at our school:	
Year 1	St. James' Church and Ian Sugarman (Jewish Faith)
Year 2	St. James' Church and Ian Sugarman (Jewish Faith)
Year 3	St. James' Church and Kamlesh Singh (Sikh Faith)
Year 4	St. James' Church and Kamlesh Singh (Sikh Faith)
Year 5	St. James' Church. Multi-faith event in school - including representatives from Judaism, Christianity, Bahai, Sikhism and Humanist
Year 6	St. James' Church. Multi-faith event in school - including representatives from Judaism, Christianity, Bahai, Sikhism and Humanist
The RE subject leader supports class teachers to organise these educational visits in line with the Trust's Educational Visits and Trips Policy.	

Health and safety issues may arise in religious education on a number of occasions for example, when pupils:

- Handle artefacts.
- Consume food.
- Visit places of worship.

Teachers will conform to guidelines in the Trust's **Health and Safety Policy & Procedures Manual in these circumstances.**