



Millfield Primary School

RE (Religious Education) Policy 2025

Statement about RE:

We aim to engage children in sustained shared thinking about significant human questions which are addressed through different religions and worldviews. We support children to develop the understanding and skills they need to consider varied responses to these questions and develop their own views and ideas over time.

We believe that RE should be active, creative and fun. RE provides an opportunity for children to explore and test out different ideas about the world that we are living in. We believe that these opportunities should be clearly rooted in understanding about different religions. This understanding then underpins the children's confidence to question ideas and make links to their own experiences and opinions. We believe that these opportunities and experiences provide children in our school with the understanding of why RE is relevant to their lives now and how it will continue to be relevant in the future.

RE Long Term Map

RE is taught throughout the year. There is a focus unit each half term with the opportunity for revision and reviewing in the final summer term.

Cambridgeshire RE Agreed Syllabus 2023-2028

At Millfield we follow the Cambridgeshire Agreed Syllabus for RE. This can be found following this link: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/agreed-syllabus-2023-28.pdf>

Parental Right to Withdraw

The right to withdraw from RE In England, parents and carers have the right to withdraw their children from RE. This right of withdrawal exists for all pupils in all types of school, including schools with and without a religious designation. Parents and carers also have the right to withdraw their child from part of RE and can do so without giving any explanation. Students aged 18 or over have the right to withdraw themselves from RE.

Where a pupil has been withdrawn, the law provides for alternative arrangements to be made for RE of the kind the parent or carer wants their child to receive (Section 71(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998). This RE could be provided at the school in question, or the pupil could be sent to another school where suitable RE is provided if this is reasonably convenient. If neither approach is practicable, outside arrangements can be made to provide the pupil with the kind of RE that the parent or carer wants, and the pupil may be withdrawn from school for a reasonable period of time to allow them to attend this external RE. You will find more information on the right to withdraw and how to handle an application at <https://www.natre.org.uk/> Guidance: dealing with withdrawal from RE.

Teachers also have the right to withdraw from the teaching of RE. However, this does not apply to teachers who have been specifically employed to teach or lead RE.

Further information can be found in the Cambridgeshire RE Agreed Syllabus (link above).