



Spirituality Policy

'Let Your Light Shine

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Halebank CE VC Primary School Spirituality Policy

Halebank CE Primary School is a Church of England School where Christian Values and our Vision lie at the heart of everything we do.

At the heart of Halebank Church of England Primary School is a caring Christian family with one core purpose:

'Let your light shine.'

Matthew 5.16

At Halebank we celebrate who we are, as a safe and nurturing family, within the local community and the wider world. We inspire natural curiosity and develop a passion for lifelong learning whilst providing enriching opportunities for all individuals to flourish and achieve their aspirations. As God intended, we joyfully celebrate culture, diversity and individuality in all their forms, whilst embracing our enriching Christian values.

Our Christian Values underpin all that we do.

Love

Hope

Courage

Compassion

Community

Our school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian Values through the curriculum and experiences it offers its pupils.

Recognising its historic foundation, our school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with St Mary's Church and the Diocese of Liverpool.

Introduction

Here in our church school, all aspects of our school life reflect our Christian vision and this policy is based upon that. We aim for all children to flourish and to live life in all its fullest. This includes their spiritual development.

What is this?

"Spirituality is not something we can see; it is something we feel inside ourselves. It is about awe and wonder, asking questions, inspiration and being aware of something 'bigger' outside of ourselves."

Why is it important?

Christians believe that God became human and therefore always strive to be the best person they can be following his example and guidance. In line with the Education Act 2010, our aim is to encourage every child to be the best version of themselves they can possibly be and for us to support our pupils in developing this, an important part of this is supporting children to develop spiritually. Here at Halebank C E Primary School, all aspects of our school life reflect our Christian Vision and our Christian Values as our curriculum and policies are based upon them.

What do we aim to achieve for the children?

- For our children to become increasingly aware of the concept of their inner self and the way that this shapes an individual's perception of themselves as unique.
- For our children to become increasingly aware of others and develop concern, compassion, and empathy towards those around them and further afield. We discuss and consider how our values and principles affect our relationship with others.
- For our children to become increasingly aware of the concept of a physical and creative world and develop a growing relationship with beauty and nature and to be able to respond with 'awe and wonder' and react positively to human creativity. Children explore their understanding of beauty and the effect this has on their perception of and relationship with the world.
- For our children to become increasingly aware of the concept of the beyond and have a growing relationship with the transcendental and the ability to explore experiences beyond the everyday. Together we search for meanings in our very existence and our place in the greater scheme of things.

- For our children to develop an understanding of the beliefs and values of Christianity and other world religions. The children are respectful towards the beliefs and values of others.
- For our children develop an understanding of the ethos of a Church school and the content, language and symbolism of the Christian faith as a way of understanding our meaning and purpose in life.
- For our children to develop their questioning skills and be confident to ask those 'big' questions in life openly.
- For our children to develop their ability to express their thoughts, ideas and feelings and their beliefs.

How we do it?

- We plan for and provide an ever-widening range of opportunities for children to develop spiritually in all areas of the curriculum.
- We provide and plan opportunities for our children to develop spiritually through Worship including: whole school worship, celebrations, class or group assemblies, Worship Warrior sessions and visitor sessions (including picture news worship)
- We promote spiritual development opportunities through our wider curriculum. Examples of this include World Kindness Day, Anti-Bullying Week, PSHE, fundraising and our Community Days.
- We provide areas within each classroom and in wider school environment for prayer and quiet reflection.
- We provide opportunities for prayer, stillness and quiet reflection within the school week.

This policy should be read in conjunction with: Collective Worship Policy, RE Policy and Equalities Policy.