

# Westfield Primary School



## Religious and Moral Education

*Information for  
Parents/Carers*



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Here at Westfield Primary School we teach children about beliefs and values of a variety of religions. We strive to maintain a positive ethos in which children make a positive difference to the world by putting their beliefs and values into action.

*Religious and moral education is a process where children and young people engage in a search for meaning, value and purpose in life. This involves both the exploration of beliefs and values and the study of how such beliefs and values are expressed.*

Building the Curriculum 1

The experiences and outcomes in Christianity and Other World Religions selected for study are split into 3 areas:

Beliefs  
Values and Issues  
Practices & Traditions

Consideration is also given to traditions and viewpoints which are independent of religious belief.



## What will my child experience? in RME?

Through the Religious Moral Education (RME) learning opportunities children will have opportunities to:

- learn about and from the beliefs, values, practices and traditions of Christianity and other world religions
- deepen their understanding of a variety of religions, recognising the place of Christianity in the Scottish context
- investigate and understand the responses which religious and non-religious views can offer to questions about the nature and meaning of life
- understand the important role religion can play in society
- develop respect for others and an understanding of beliefs and practices which are different from their own
- reflection upon their own moral values and develop critical thinking skills to help children decide how to act when making moral decisions



## Religious Observance

Westfield Primary School is a non-denominational school. We hold a variety of religious observance events with the children at various points throughout the year and share stories of Christianity. Each of these stories shares a moral message which is relevant to the children.



For more information about RME please visit:

<https://education.gov.scot/Document/s/rme-eo.pdf>

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from religious observance.

If you wish to discuss religious observance further, please contact the head teacher.