



# LIFTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Statement of Intent for Religious Education

### Intent

**Why do we teach this? Why do we teach it in the way we do?**

At Lifton Primary School, we believe that it is vital for all our pupils to learn from and about religion so that they can understand the world around them. Through religious education pupils gain knowledge and understanding and skills needed to handle questions raised by religion and belief, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living. It also allows pupils the opportunity to develop their understanding of people, cultures, faiths and relationships.

### Implementation

**What do we teach? What does this look like?**

We use the Devon and Torbay agreed Religious Education syllabus as the basis for our curriculum.

At Lifton Primary School it has been agreed that having taken into account the requirements and guidelines presented in the Agreed Syllabus, the following religions have been selected for study:

- • Christianity
- • Islam
- • Judaism
- • Hinduism
- • Buddhism
- • Sikhism

There are no presumptions made as to the religious backgrounds and beliefs and values of the children and the staff. We value the religious background of all members of the school community and hope that this will encourage individual to

share their own experiences with others freely. All religions and their communities are treated with respect and sensitivity and we value the links, which are, and can be made between home, school, and a faith community. We are extremely lucky that members of the local church regularly visit our school to carry out assemblies.

Each academic year, at Lifton Primary School, we conduct a special RE learning day. The whole school focuses on one specific religion for the whole day. We also have a guest speaker talking to each class and exploring the focused religion throughout the day.

We acknowledge that each religion studied can contribute to the education of all our pupils. We promote teaching in Religious Education that stresses open enquiry and first-hand experiences wherever possible for both staff and children.

### **Impact**

**What will this look like? By the time children leave our school they will:**

By the end of KS2 the children at Lifton Primary School children will have extended their knowledge and understanding of a variety of religions and beliefs. They will have developed a religious vocabulary and will be able to reflect on questions of meaning, offering their own thoughtful and informed insights into religious and secular world-views. The children will have explored ultimate questions of beliefs and values in relation to a range of contemporary issues in an ever-changing society