

# Religious Education

All children – regardless of gender, starting point or background – will have the opportunity to engage with a high-quality religious education. They will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and vocabulary to learn through a diocese linked curriculum that provides opportunities to reflect, discuss and explore more about the world in which they live in. The curriculum provides children with the knowledge of different religious traditions, celebrations, stories and values. Our RE curriculum pupils develop an understanding of themselves and others as well as respecting differences. Lessons will promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of individuals and communities. We intend to inspire a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about different world religions.

## Free Choice



## What is the Baha'i faith?



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### Key Vocabulary:

- Bahá'í
- Baha'u'uah
- Oneness
- Worship
- Messenger
- Belief
- Equal rights
- Harmony

### New Knowledge:

- The Bahá'í faith is one of the world's youngest religions. It is around 160 years old.
- It was founded in Iran, which was then known as Persia.
- The Bahá'í Faith is an independent world religion.
- The first followers of the faith included Muslims, Christians and Jews who lived in the region.
- The Bahá'í Faith was foretold by a messenger of God named the Báb. He declared that God would soon be sending a new messenger to Earth. This messenger would be the most recent in a series of important religious figures, including Moses, Jesus and Muhammad.
- Main beliefs of the Bahá'í faith: There is only one God. He has been known by different names, by different religions; Nobody should be extremely poor or extremely rich; Everyone should have access to education; All people are equal should have equal rights, regardless of race, religion, gender or class; Science and religion are both important and must work together in harmony.
- \*\* Use this knowledge to make links with Humanism/ non-religious world views.
- The Bab was, a Messenger of God, whose purpose was to prepare the way for Baha'u'llah. Bab's name means Glory of God
- Bahá'u'lláh (1817–1892) was the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith.
- Bahá'í are encouraged to come together in communal worship, but there are no congregational prayers. One person will recite prayers on behalf of everyone present. This is because prayer is seen essentially as a private duty,
- Worship can take place anywhere, but in practice the vast majority of Bahá'í devotional meetings take place either in a private home or in a Bahá'í Centre. In the future, each town or village will have its own House of Worship.
- Oneness of religion is a core teaching of the Bahá'í Faith which states that there is a fundamental unity in many of the world's religions.

