



Dear Parents/ Carers,

At Jewell Academy it is our aim to plan and implement the best possible education in all areas of the curriculum. Our policy sets out a clear vision for our learning through an enquiry based approach that brings learning to life. It details the current legal requirements for RE and the curriculum that will provide to ensure that these requirements are met. The policy can be found on our website.

Religious Education is taught in our school because it makes:

“a major contribution to the education of children and young people. At its best, it is intellectually challenging and personally enriching. It helps young people develop beliefs and values, and promotes the virtues of respect and empathy, which are important in our diverse society. It fosters civilised debate and reasoned argument, and helps pupils to understand the place of religion and belief in the modern world”. (RE: realising the potential, Ofsted 2013).

We use the Discovery RE Curriculum, which is a fun and engaging curriculum following a clear approach that aligns with the attitudes toward engagement, investigation, evaluation and expression, that is set out in the agreed syllabus for Bournemouth.

Right to withdraw

It is a legal requirement for the Academy to provide Religious Education and it is expected that all children will participate in the education offered to them. As parents and carers you do have the 'right to withdraw' from the teaching of Religious Education. However, as from September 2021 there will be a process to withdraw your child from the education on offer. This process supersedes any previous policies, conversations or written arrangements previously in place regarding withdrawal from Religious Education lessons at Jewell Academy.

Should you wish to withdraw your child, a face to face meeting with the RE Leader and a member of the SLT will need to be arranged.

We look forward to continuing your child's RE learning in the year ahead.

Kind regards,

Linda Jurado

Religious Education Lead