

Religious Education Quality Mark



Award Details

School name	St Mary's Church of England VA Primary Academy
School Address	Fuller Street, Kettering, NN160JH
Name and number of Assessor	Denise Brogden 057
Award given	Gold
Assessment Date	26/5/23
Quotes from pupils (Please let us know anything interesting, surprising or wonderful which came out of the interviews with pupils)	The pupils, both in KS1 and KS2, were very vocal about their learning in Religious Education. The older pupils are very clear about their favourite activities and one pupil said, 'RE is enjoyable because of the activities we do'. They like acting out different stories from the Bible and they like to write beautiful poems and to write prayers. They also enjoy comparing different religions. They know how well they are doing in RE because of the conversations they have with their teachers. Younger pupils learnt that it is important to look after animals for Muslims and that God is the creator from their Christianity learning. The youngest pupils were very keen to share their pictures of what they think Heaven looks like. Visits to places of worship and visitors of different faiths to school are important. It is wonderful to see how children are co-designing their learning in RE.
Please make a summative comment about RE in the school which may be used for publicity	RE has a very high priority in the school and teaching is described as exceptional. Many children excel in their RE learning through a focus on philosophical questioning and discussions. Research based teaching strategies are used and pupils experience an innovative and creative RE curriculum where they can be social scientists, philosophers and theologians. New strategies in RE are used to develop learning in other subjects. Respectful environments, used to discuss issues and topics in RE, are said to be already in place because of the school's core Biblical teaching of doing everything in love. The RE subject leader is very highly regarded by senior leaders



	<p>for her work on designing the curriculum and the support she gives to colleagues across school. She takes responsibility for her own learning, accessing Diocesan training and national training in RE which is shared in a variety of ways with her colleagues. She has also supported teachers in other schools and has recently set up a local NATRE RE network where she is able to share the good practice of the school.</p>
<p>Any other comments about the school or the process</p>	<p>It was an absolute joy to spend time online with the RE subject leader and Headteacher who share so much joy and passion for RE and the learning that takes place in RE lessons across St Mary's.</p>