

# RE

Ashgate follows the Derbyshire and Derby City Agreed Syllabus for RE which teaches pupils through a series of key questions. It states that:

‘The principal aim of RE is to engage pupils in systematic enquiry into significant human questions which religion and worldviews address, so that they can develop the understanding and skills needed to appreciate and appraise varied responses to these questions, as well as develop responses of their own.’

RE covers factual information about major religions alongside non-religious world views, but is also invaluable in helping children to understand and embrace diversity within our multi-ethnic society, linking to our DNA strands of *your community* and *your world*. Additionally, we want RE lessons to offer a safe space for our pupils to discuss, experience, reflect upon and respond to controversial issues facing themselves (*your self*) and others, learning to respectfully disagree, in the hope that they can draw upon these skills to foster positive relationships at school and later in life.

Visits to local places of worship and making connections to our India link school also form part of our RE curriculum. Our weekly collective worship themes make links with different religions whilst remaining broadly Christian in nature.