



# Earls Barton Primary School

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## Teaching RE at Earls Barton Primary School

RE is necessary as part of a 'broad and balanced curriculum' and must be provided for all pupils in state funded schools in England. The agreed syllabus for RE in Northamptonshire is the responsibility of the local authority and the aims of the syllabus are for pupils to:

- develop religious literacy;
- acquire and develop knowledge and understanding of Christianity and the other principal religions and world views represented in the United Kingdom;
- develop an understanding of the influence of the beliefs, values and traditions on individuals, communities, societies and cultures;
- develop attitudes of respect towards other people who hold views and beliefs different from their own;
- develop the ability to make reasoned and informed judgements about religious issues, with reference to the principal religions and world views represented locally and in the United Kingdom.

Further details of the syllabus can be found at:

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/information-for-school-staff/curriculum-and-resources/Pages/religious-education--agreed-syllabus.aspx>

### Parental right of withdrawal from RE

This was first granted in 1944 when curricular RE was called 'Religious Instruction' and carried with it connotations of induction into the Christian faith. RE is very different now, it is open, broad and it explores a range of religious and non-religious worldviews. In the UK, parents have the right to withdraw their children from RE on the grounds that they wish to provide their own RE. This provision will be the parents' responsibility. This right of withdrawal exists for all pupils in all types of school, including schools with and without a religious designation. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from part of RE, and can do so without giving any explanation.

**Any requests to withdraw from RE must be made in writing to the headteacher, Mr D Ribbins.**



*Expect*

*Believe*

*Persevere*

*Succeed*

