

Gladesmore Community School



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICY

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Context

Gladesmore Community School is a co-educational maintained school for pupils aged 11 to 16 years.

We deliver Religious Education (RE) in line with the Locally Agreed Syllabus

Gladesmore Community School recognises the education value of Religious Education in the school curriculum which is available for all pupils. Religious Education is offered at GCSE in KS4.

Gladesmore also recognises the excellent contribution RE makes to Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development across the school.

Gladesmore serves a multiple faith local community.

Legal requirements

The National Curriculum stipulates that state-funded schools must offer a curriculum which is balanced and broadly based, and which:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, and physical development of pupils; and,
- prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences of later life

Breadth of RE

Gladesmore Community School recognises that RE 'must reflect the fact that the religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian, while taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions represented in Great Britain' (Education Act (1996 Section 375 (3)) Schools Standards and Framework Act (1998, Schedule 19, para 5).

The Religious Education curriculum offered at Gladesmore has breadth. We aim to develop pupils' respect for different faiths and an understanding and awareness of different religions.

Right of withdrawal

Parents (or students who are over 18) have the right to withdraw their children either partly or wholly from RE. In addition, teachers have the right not to teach the subject. Our approach to RE, however, has been constructed in the hope that parents and teachers will rarely, if ever, wish to exercise their right of withdrawal.