

Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Compassion, Trust, Friendship and Hope



Religious Education and
Collective Worship

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What is Collective Worship?

Collective Worship is a special time during the school day where pupils are given the space and opportunity to reflect, respond and revere. At Spalding Parish Church of England Day School, Collective Worship takes place on a daily basis and will include the use of music, a candle, a time of silence or a prayer to offer a focus for pupils. Collective Worship may be held for the whole school, a whole Key Stage, a Phase or Year Group or within individual classes.

By law Collective Worship must be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'. At Spalding Parish Church of England Day School this will include the use of songs, music, stories and readings familiar to those of a Christian faith, and promoting the values that Christians believe to be important. These may, and often are, values held to be important by other faiths as well and as such, the use of stories from other faiths, along with stories of a moral nature are included as part of our Collective Worship themes.

What is covered during RE lessons?

The school follows the Lincolnshire Agreed Syllabus for RE. The agreed syllabus follows the legal requirement for Religious Education to reflect the fact that religious traditions within the country are in the main Christian, while taking account of the teachings and practices of the other religions represented throughout the country.

At Spalding Parish Church of England Day School, pupils study Christian RE topics in every year group whilst also learning about Judaism, Hinduism and Islam during their time in school. Pupils are taught about the main traditions, practices and beliefs of the religions but will also have the opportunity to relate the key concepts covered to their own experiences and explore their own beliefs and questions of meaning.

When is RE taught?

At Spalding Parish Church of England Day School, we follow a themed approach to the curriculum, blocking subjects together to make meaningful links for pupils. As a result, RE is not necessarily taught for a set period each week, but may be taught in longer sessions over a shorter timescale, enabling pupils to spend quality time exploring a key concept and where appropriate linking work to other areas of the curriculum.

What should I do if I want to withdraw my child from RE or Collective Worship?

Parents have a legal right to withdraw their child from all or parts of RE or Collective Worship. If you are considering exercising your parental right of withdrawal, we would ask that you contact school to discuss the elements of RE or practical implications of withdrawal. This will also provide you with further information about RE and Collective Worship to enable you to make an informed decision. Please note that parents are only able to withdraw pupils from the RE curriculum and not aspects of the NC which have a religious link. A formal meeting with the Head Teacher will be required as part of this process.