

# Torphichen Primary School



## Religious and Moral Education

*Information for  
Parents/Carers*



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Here at Torphichen Primary School we teach children about beliefs and values of a variety of religions. We strive to maintain a positive ethos in which children make a positive difference to the world by putting their beliefs and values into action.

*Religious and moral education is a process where children and young people engage in a search for meaning, value and purpose in life. This involves both the exploration of beliefs and values and the study of how such beliefs and values are expressed.*

Building the Curriculum 1

The experiences and outcomes in Christianity and Other World Religions selected for study are split into 3 areas:

Beliefs  
Values and Issues  
Practices & Traditions

Consideration is also given to traditions and viewpoints which are independent of religious belief.



## What will my child experience in RME?

Through the Religious Moral Education (RME) learning opportunities children will have opportunities to:

- learn about and from the beliefs, values, practices and traditions of Christianity and other world religions
- deepen their understanding of a variety of religions, recognising the place of Christianity in the Scottish context
- investigate and understand the responses which religious and non-religious views can offer to questions about the nature and meaning of life
- understand the important role religion can play in society
- develop respect for others and an understanding of beliefs and practices which are different from their own
- reflection upon their own moral values and develop critical thinking skills to help children decide how to act when making moral decisions



## Religious Observance

Torphichen Primary School is a non-denominational school. We hold a variety of religious observance events with the children at various points throughout the year.

Reverend Shaw visits the children at various points throughout the year and shares stories of Christianity. Each of his stories shares a moral message which is relevant to the children. We also have visits from Ian Scouler, our chaplain and Scripture Union.



For more information about RME please visit:  
<https://education.gov.scot/Documents/rme-eo.pdf>

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from religious observance.

If you wish to discuss religious observance further, please contact the head teacher.