

## **Loughton School, Religious Education Statement**

Religious Education (RE) is about exploring ideas, helping children to learn from religion and think about their own values – showing them that it is what's inside that counts and that everyone is valuable. It is not about encouraging children to believe in a faith or teaching them to be religious. RE should help children to learn about religions by gaining knowledge and understanding of Christianity and the other principles religions represented in Great Britain. It also develops an understanding of the influence of beliefs, values and traditions on individuals and societies. Children learn from religion by developing a positive and respectful attitude towards others. RE enhances their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. It also contributes to teaching the children to be responsible citizens and helps create community cohesion. RE is taught in line with the locally agreed Milton Keynes syllabus.