Religion & Worldviews at Dell (SMSC)

SMSC Statement

"In the exploration of religion and worldviews, primary school children embark on a transformative journey that encompasses spiritual, moral, cultural, and social development. Through learning about different belief systems, traditions, and values, they deepen their understanding of spirituality and cultivate a sense of connection to something greater than themselves. Moral development is fostered as they explore ethical teachings and principles, encouraging reflection on right and wrong and the importance of empathy and compassion. Cultural development is enriched as they learn about diverse customs, rituals, and perspectives, fostering respect and appreciation for cultural diversity. Moreover, discussions and activities centred around religion and worldviews promote social development by encouraging empathy, tolerance, and understanding of others, preparing children to engage with the world with open minds and compassionate hearts."

Spiritual:
Religion and worldviews at Dell promotes spiritual development through the exploration of key questions about meaning, truth, and belief. Children are encouraged to reflect on issues such as the origins of the universe, the nature of good and evil, and concepts of justice and truth. They also learn how such questions underpin many world religions and philosophies, considering how different worldviews perceive the value of human life, relationships, and the natural world. Pupils are supported to reflect on their own ideas and responses to these questions, fostering self-awareness and deeper thinking.

Moral:
Moral development is supported by engaging children in discussions about fairness, justice, and trust, and how moral choices are shaped by beliefs, teachings, sacred texts, and religious leaders. Pupils develop an awareness of how different faiths and philosophies guide ethical decision-making and are encouraged to reflect on their own moral compass. This ensures children at Dell grow in line with British values of respect and tolerance, while developing empathy and compassion for others' beliefs and perspectives.

Social:
The R&W curriculum at Dell supports social development by helping pupils to appreciate the diversity of beliefs and viewpoints within and between religions. Pupils are taught to listen actively and to share their own opinions with respect. Opportunities to discuss social issues through religious and

ethical lenses help children understand the importance of tolerance and freedom of belief. They also recognise the impact that religion and worldviews have had, and continue to have, on British society and culture.

Cultural:
Cultural development is promoted through exposure to a wide variety of religious and cultural practices, traditions, and festivals. Pupils identify similarities and differences between practices and consider their contribution to wider society. They also explore artistic and cultural expressions of religion and worldviews, developing an appreciation of how different traditions have shaped communities and history. This fosters cultural awareness, cohesion, and respect, ensuring pupils understand the importance of diversity in modern life.

Below are examples of how spiritual, moral, social and cultural development can be seen in religion and worldviews.

Spiritual Development:

- Reflecting on personal beliefs, values, and experiences, fostering self-awareness and inner growth.
- Exploring questions about the meaning of life, morality, and the nature of existence.

Moral Development:

- Promoting empathy, compassion, and respect for others' beliefs and perspectives.
- Encouraging ethical decision-making and understanding of moral principles across different faith traditions.

Social Development:

- Engaging in respectful dialogue and active listening during discussions about religious and philosophical topics.
- Collaborating with peers on projects and activities that promote understanding and tolerance.

Cultural Development:

- Exploring the diversity of religious beliefs, practices, and cultural traditions around the world.
- Learning about the historical and cultural context of different religions and worldviews.