

## **Headington Quarry Foundation Stage School**

### **STATEMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Our aim is to create opportunities for children to become aware of and begin to understand the different religious beliefs and cultures they will encounter in a multi-faith society.

We aim to recognise and value the children's and families' different backgrounds, encouraging children to have an awareness of spirituality and a reverence for the natural and created world.

Religious education is statutory for all pupils from the term after their fifth birthday over 5 years of age. We will however begin to explore the world of religion in terms of special people, books, times, places and objects and by celebrating festivals from different faiths and by visiting places of worship.

We will use the local authority guidance 'The Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education' This is available to parents and staff on request. We will work within the statutory guidance of the EYFS particularly using the area of Knowledge and Understanding of the World e.g

*"They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others and among families, communities and traditions"*

#### **Foundation/ Reception Class**

Religious content will be drawn primarily from Christianity then other religions, particularly those represented amongst the pupils. Children will be given time to think, to reflect and to talk about subjects which are relevant and meaningful for young children. Staff will teach children about special times during the year as well as discussing similarities and differences at all opportunities so that children begin to understand that people have a range of different beliefs and traditions and life-styles. At HQFSS we celebrate the uniqueness of each child.

Date of statement: January 2017

Chair of governors:

Date for review: January 2020