



## **The Viaduct Federation of Schools RE & Collective Worship Statement**

The Schools follow the agreed syllabus of Milton Keynes Education Authority for Religious Education.

During their time at the Viaduct Federation of Schools, we help our children to understand that people commit themselves to beliefs and causes. We want our Religious Education Programme to contribute to the development of our pupils as individuals and members of society, and we want to foster a reflective approach to life in the context of a growing understanding of a wide spectrum of experiences, attitudes, beliefs and religious practices.

Group and individual reflection takes place as an everyday part of school life, either in whole school assemblies, year group meetings or class reflection at the end of a day. It is conducted as an opportunity for collective reflection in keeping with the broad tradition of religious pastoral beliefs without being distinctive of any particular religion. Moral themes which are common amongst most beliefs such as honesty, empathy, tolerance, justice, community, selflessness and leadership, form the basis of our discussion.

Parents have a right to withdraw their children from receiving RE or taking part in acts of 'Collective Reflection', and parents are not obliged to state their reason for seeking such withdrawal. However, the Headteacher must be informed prior to any parent exercising their right in this way.

This statement is written in accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998

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