

Statement of Spirituality

Spirituality is a very personal experience. It differs from person to person and often spirituality changes within people during their lifetime. Spirituality is not the same as having a religion or faith; a person can be spiritual without having a particular faith.

Spirituality is delighting in all things, being absorbed into the present moment, not too attached to self, and eager to explore boundaries of 'beyond' and 'other', searching for meaning, discovering purpose, open to more.

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At St. James' CE Junior School we use age appropriate language to define spirituality, so when talking to our children we will refer to a sense of awe and wonder – including a sense of fascination and enjoyment in learning about themselves, others and the world around them including caring for the environment. We use imagination and creativity in their learning and a willingness to reflect on their experiences to help children make sense of the world around them.

Using the popular 'Windows, mirrors and Doors strategy to broaden and deepen understanding about spiritual learning, we will encourage children to think about inspirational experiences, challenge them to ask searching questions and prompt them to consider some possible opportunities for response.

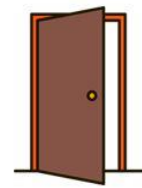
Windows, Mirrors and Doors



Learning



Reflecting



Responding

Windows – Learning

Look out onto the world and become aware of its wonders, both the '**wows**' and the '**ows**'

Things that are '**awe-full**' and make us wonder and be grateful and things that are '**awful**' and make us wonder and ask questions.

Mirrors – **Reflecting**

For looking into and **reflecting** alone and together, to **see things more clearly**, for **thinking and asking important questions** learning from our own and each other's responses. We must allow individual and group perspectives across all subjects.

Doors – **Responding**

Out through the door and **respond** to what you have learnt by: moving on, making choices, doing something creative, active and purposeful. Change in attitude, behaviour and thinking. Express powerfully through some form of social action or specific act of giving.