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Dear Parents and Carers,

Introducing our new Religious Education Curriculum: "To Know You More Clearly"

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! We hope you and your families enjoyed a restful summer break. As we enter this **autumn term**, we are excited to share an important development regarding the spiritual and academic life of our school.

Following guidance from the Bishops of England and Wales and Southwark Archdiocese, we are officially introducing the **new Religious Education Directory (RED)**. The updated curriculum is beautifully titled "**To Know You More Clearly**."

As a Catholic school, **Religious Education remains at the very heart of everything we do**. We are dedicated to nurturing your child's spiritual journey, fostering Gospel values, and helping them grow in their personal relationship with God.

To fulfill this mission and remain aligned with the latest guidance from the **Bishops' Conference of England and Wales**, our school is transitioning to the new **Religious Education Directory (RED)** curriculum, titled "**To Know You More Clearly**". This updated framework replaces our previous program, "Come and See".

What is the RED Curriculum?

The new curriculum provides a rigorous, engaging, and sequential approach to religious literacy. It is designed around a **spiral structure**, meaning children will revisit core thematic branches each year, building their understanding and scriptural depth as they grow.

Following the pattern of the Church's Liturgical Year, the curriculum is divided into **six thematic branches** (one for each half-term):

1. **Creation and Covenant (Autumn 1)**: Encountering God as Creator and His unique call to humanity.
2. **Prophecy and Promise (Autumn 2)**: Exploring the Old Testament prophets and the expectant waiting of Advent.
3. **Galilee to Jerusalem (Spring 1)**: Experiencing Jesus' life, ministry, parables, and miracles.
4. **Desert to Garden (Spring 2)**: Meditating on the season of Lent, Holy Week, and Christ's Resurrection.

5. **To the Ends of the Earth (Summer 1):** Studying the birth of the Church, the Ascension, and the mission of the apostles.
6. **Dialogue and Encounter (Summer 2):** Learning about other world faiths to build deep respect, tolerance, and empathy for all humanity.



How Will Children Learn?

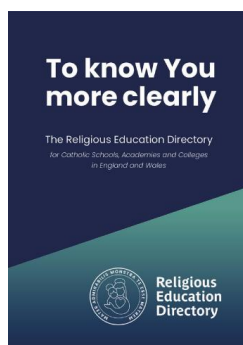
Lessons are designed to be creative and inclusive, ensuring complex theological ideas are accessible to every child. Teachers will weave together several "ways of knowing" using:

- Scripture stories and sacred texts
- Art, music, and interactive drama
- Deep ethical discussions and personal prayer
- Four deep knowledge lenses: **Hear, Believe, Celebrate, and Live** (drawn from the Catechism of the Catholic Church).

Our Home-School Partnership

We firmly believe that parents are the first educators of their children. To keep you involved in this exciting journey, we will share **half-termly curriculum maps** detailing what your child is learning in their current branch. We invite you to talk with your child about these topics and explore how we live out these teachings at home.

Thank you for your continuous support, prayers, and partnership as we begin this new chapter of faith together. If you would like to look through the new directory this can be accessed through the school website.



Yours sincerely,

RE Coordinator

