

Spiritual Development Policy

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1. Introduction

Each child's/young person's Placement Plan should show how their religious and spiritual development needs are being accounted for, with a view to encouraging and supporting them to maintain a positive regard for their background and culture.

In the absence of a Placement Plan, the following should be adhered to:

Children/young people should be provided with balanced information and advice about their own religion and cultural background, or that of their family.

If they wish to do so, children/young people should be encouraged and supported to join or confirm their faith. They should also be supported to explore and choose a different faith or no faith at all.

Children/young people's daily routine, including their mealtimes and diet, should be amended to account for their religious and spiritual observances/needs.

2. See Nutrition, Diet and Mealtimes Procedure

If a child's spiritual belief or faith dictates that they require different food or different meals this will be followed. The Davenport School will liaise with Whole School Meals (school meal provider) to ensure that the food made available is suitable for the child and prepared in the correct manner. If mealtime procedures are to be amended to meet the child's needs this will be undertaken sensitively and without negatively impacting on the child.

3. Celebratory Days

Birthdays or other celebratory days or occasions relating to children/young people's preferred religion will be given special significance and celebrated as appropriate.

Children/young people should also be encouraged to explore and understand different religions and cultures to their own, this should include meeting people with different backgrounds and cultures.