

TRINITY ST MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AT OUR SCHOOL

WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE

AGE 5

- ✚ Children's main focus is themselves
- ✚ They think of how things affect them rather than thinking of others
- ✚ They are becoming aware of life in and around South Woodham Ferrers depending on their life experiences

AGE 7

- ✚ Children become aware of more than just themselves
- ✚ Their awareness depends on their own life experiences
- ✚ They become more questioning
- ✚ They are starting to look for reasons for things
- ✚ They are beginning to think of 'big issues' such as death

AGE 9

- ✚ Children have views about things other than just themselves
- ✚ They are open to different ideas
- ✚ They can express their own views (often take on their parents' views)
- ✚ They show empathy with others
- ✚ They are aware of items on the news and want to discuss these (use of BBC Newsround)

AGE 11 – as for Age 9 plus:

- ✚ Children have a sense of themselves within a bigger picture
- ✚ They are aware of right and wrong and can express/discuss their views and those of others
- ✚ They are more aware of the impact and consequences of their actions/views on others

ASPECTS WE FEEL TO BE IMPORTANT AT OUR SCHOOL FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

- ❖ Not being judged/ there is no wrong answer
- ❖ Having a safe and comfortable environment and atmosphere
- ❖ Spirituality is experienced not learned
- ❖ We should create space/opportunities and time for our pupils to reflect and therefore allow their spirituality to develop