

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
*The Core Subject in a Catholic School*

**‘Teaching has an extraordinary moral depth and is one of our most excellent and creative activities. For the teacher does not write on inanimate material, but on the very spirits of human beings.’**

Congregation for Catholic Education, The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium.

At St Bede’s the Catholic ethos of the school permeates the whole curriculum.

“The curriculum, in all its aspects, must reflect the fact that Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic School.” (The Catholic School para.33)

The aim is to nurture a quality, caring supportive Christian environment in which all pupils are healthy, positive, confident and independent and reach their full potential as active members of society. To achieve this we provide a quality education which involves a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum, a creative and enjoyable skills based curriculum, a curriculum which acknowledges the uniqueness of each individual.

**R.E. is considered as the core subject in a Catholic School**

*“The outcome of excellent religious education is religiously literate and engaged young people who have the knowledge, understanding and skills – appropriate to their age and capacity – to reflect spiritually, and think ethically and theologically, and who are aware of the demands of religious commitment in everyday life.”* Religious Education Curriculum Directory for Catholic Schools 2012

*“Catholic schools are guided in all they do by an important and coherent vision of education. This vision is based on the truth revealed by God about ourselves, our life together in community and our ultimate destiny with God. This gives rise to an educational endeavor centered on the person of Jesus Christ, who is our Way, Truth and Life”.*

