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<b>School name</b>	St Peter's CE Primary School
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<b>Award Given</b>	Gold
<b>Assessment date</b>	02/11/2018
<b>Quotes from pupils</b>	<p>The children spoke enthusiastically and sincerely about their RE lessons and were excellent ambassadors for their school. They enjoyed learning about a wide range of faiths and were particularly interested in "finding out about the similarities and comparing religions to make us closer, you can bond if you learn about others."</p> <p>The children were highly animated when they discussed how the 'Courageous Advocates', who they had studied, had changed the world for a better place – "we appreciate them for what they have done" "without them, there wouldn't be any democracy." They asked challenging questions – such as "Who is God?" and were able to discuss the Trinity with confidence and understanding which reflected the high quality of their learning. RE lessons were described as "fascinating" and gave them opportunities to improve their knowledge, "answer difficult questions and have time to reflect."</p>
<b>Please make a summative comment about RE in the school which may be used for publicity</b>	<p>St Peter's CE Primary School has a rich, broad and balanced RE curriculum which provides the children with a wide range of stimulating and cross curricular opportunities for learning. Their use of 'Courageous Advocates' enables the children to learn about and be inspired by positive role models. It gave them opportunities to understand what courageous advocacy was, recognise people who have faced injustice, but were able to overcome difficult barriers in order to help others.</p> <p>The varied and stimulating RE lessons engaged the children in their learning and help to develop their knowledge and understanding. Each class studied a different country, or continent, which developed and deepened their understanding of 'Christianity around the world'. The children considered themselves to be "global neighbours" who were able to respect and communicate with others because they had "learnt a lot about them and felt closer to them."</p> <p>In addition, the use of visits and visitors further enhanced the children's learning and provides interesting and interactive experiences. The children thoroughly enjoyed their RE lessons, especially the regular use of art and music. The use of Big</p>

Questions provided them with challenging questions but also gave them time to reflect and understand that each person's answer is equally valid and should be respected. The presentation of the class books was exemplary, and it was a privilege to be given the opportunity to see them. The distinctive Christian character of the school, combined with the positive impact of RE, has provided the foundation for the children to develop into mature, sensitive and caring individuals who know that -"In Jesus, we learn, love and grow together." The maturity and sensitivity of the children is something the school should be proud of.

**Any other comments  
about the school or the  
process**

It was a pleasure to spend time in the calm and peaceful atmosphere of St Peter's CE Primary School. I thoroughly enjoyed looking at the class and pupil books which were of an excellent standard and I felt that the distinctive Christian character of the school has had an extremely positive impact on the children. The staff are obviously deeply committed to maintaining the highest standards in RE across the school which is due to the excellent leadership of the Head Teacher Aelred Whelan and his deputy Daniel Wood.