

4.4 - SCHOOL'S POLICY FOR PROVISION FOR CHILDREN WITH RELIGIOUS, DIETARY, LANGUAGE OR CULTURAL NEEDS

(NMS POLICY B1 1)

Every effort is made to provide for children with specific religious, dietary, language or cultural needs.

a) Religious - Saint Ronan's has its foundations in the Church of England tradition although today regards itself as non-denominational. Indeed, we welcome all children regardless of their faith. Unless parents specifically request their exclusion, we would expect children to attend the school's acts of worship. In RE lessons, pupils will study the foundations of the Christian Faith as well as other world religions. We understand if a child needs to be absent from school on religious grounds or in order to attend special services.

Church of England Confirmation Services can be organised by the school, although most children prefer to wait until they get to senior school before considering Confirmation.

b) Dietary- A child's food allergies or food preferences is published to staff via the iSAMS system. A list is also kept in the School Office and by catering staff, who are made aware of dietary needs and adapt meals and snacks accordingly. The dietary needs of the pupils are managed through a team of staff (including The Matron, the Beadles and the HM's PA) who meet regularly to coordinate, monitor and feedback about effective responses to the dietary requirements of these pupils.

c) Language – We are aware of the difficulties that not having English as a first language may present. In particular, we appreciate the isolation that may be felt and take a sympathetic approach.

d) Cultural - All staff will be made aware of cultural differences affecting the children in their care and will be sympathetic to their needs, whilst educating the wider school community and embracing the diverse culture that we live in.

Person responsible: RA

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This policy covers all children in the School including EYFS.