

Objects Connect Project: Parent Invitation from Schools

We feel an important part of learning in Religious Education is to encourage pupils to express their own experiences, beliefs, values personal knowledge to help recognise similarities and connections with others.

The focus is on learning with others through conversation to compare, share and understand ideas across a wide range of religions and worldviews reflected in our local community.

We now have an opportunity for families to experience and contribute to this type of learning.

We are inviting volunteers to take turns to explore examples of objects from different religions and worldviews at home.

- What do you think it might symbolise?
- How might it be used?
- Do you have something similar which reflects these same values?

These items will have special meaning for people but are not considered holy, sacred or related to worship.

We will provide you with guidance to support these activities.

Your ideas about these and your own examples can then be shared anonymously with children in their RE lessons as part of the learning conversation. These will be collated via a short electronic questionnaire.

Later this year, we will also be holding a celebratory multi-cultural interfaith event to reveal the meaning of these objects. We hope this will provide a further opportunity to talk about and share the objects, foods and photos that hold symbolic or religious significance to us.

If you would like to take part and volunteer to host one or more examples of artefacts and objects in your own space, please complete and return the below form to your child's teacher.

“I would like to take the opportunity to engage and contribute to the learning experiences involved with this Objects Connect Project.”

Your name:

Pupil's name and class:

We aim to allocate the objects to host so that families can engage with a different worldview / religion. Would you like to share with us if there is a particular religion or worldview that your family already identifies with?

No:

Yes:

Please provide us with the contact details you would like to use to complete the short questionnaire. This is so that your ideas and thoughts about these objects can be included as part of the learning conversation. Your responses will only be shared anonymously with children in their RE lessons.

Mobile phone number:

Email:

- **Please note:** the above information will NOT be shared with any pupils or other families and will only be used and kept for the purpose and duration of this project.

If you have further concerns regarding the sharing of this information, please feel free to discuss this with the relevant person *[insert teacher's name / email]*:
