**KS2 Why do humanists use the golden rule as a basis for morality?**

**What should we know?**

**Morality** is about doing the right thing.

Humanists believe:

* Humans can be good without having a religious belief.
* We can think for ourselves about what is right or wrong.
* The Golden Rule and empathy make the world a better place for everyone.
* We should be guided by thinking about the consequences of our actions
* Stories are helpful for learning about the right thing to do

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**What should we be able to do?**

*Describe humanism as a non religious worldview*

*Describe how humanists make decisions about what is right*

*Recognise different forms of the Golden Rule in religions and cultures*

*Explain what empathy is and why Humanists consider it an important value*

*Understand that not everyone believes in God.*

**What words should we understand and be able to use?**

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| **Golden Rule** | Do to others what you would have them do to you | **Empathy**  | Standing in someone else’s shoes |
| **Conscience** | Your own sense of right or wrong | **Morality** | Knowing what is right or wrong, good or bad |
| **Theist** | Someone who believes in God | **Atheist** | Someone who does not believe in God |
| **Agnostic**  | Someone who believes it is impossible to know for sure if God exists | **Worldview** | Your way of seeing and understanding the world |