

RS	Ethical Issues Today	Year 9	Unit 1
Key words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics- The philosophical study of right and wrong. • The 10 Commandments – a set of biblical principles relating to ethics and worship. They are fundament principles of how we should treat God and treat others. • JCB- an acronym for Jesus, Church and Bible. Christians will refer to JCB to help them make more decisions. • WWJD- an acronym some Christians use when making ethical decisions they ask ‘What would Jesus do?’ 		Situation Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situation ethics- based on making your moral decision on what is the most loving thing in a situation. • Joseph Fletcher- came up with the ethical principle and believed we should follow the rules until we need to break them for reasons of love. • It is based on Jesus command ‘<i>Love one another as I have loved you.</i>’ • There are six principles, including love is the only absolute and justice is love distributed. 	
Organ donation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organ donation- removing an organ from one person and surgically placing it in another person. Many organs can be donated. Donations include the liver, kidney, pancreas, and heart. <p>Many Christians and Muslims support it because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The body is not need after death therefore organs can be used to help the living • It follows the Golden Rule • We should work to reduce suffering like Jesus/Muhammad <p>Some Christians and Muslims are against it because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They believe it is against the sanctity of life • They believe it is playing God 		Genetic engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetic engineering- the process where the structure and characteristics of a gene are changed. • Cloning- making an exact genetic copy of a living thing. <p>Arguments for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should be used to reduce suffering, promote a sustainable future • God gave us this knowledge to use to reduce suffering <p>Arguments against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is potentially dangerous as we don’t fully understand it or the long-term implications • It is playing God • It isn’t loving due to the experiments that may cause pain and suffering 	
Animal rights or welfare? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentient- to be aware of feelings and sensations • Animal welfare- supporters hold the view that animals deserve humane treatment while they are in captivity. In addition to this, they also stand with the fact that there are certain areas where use of animals by humans is justified. • Animal right -supporters hold the view humans do not have the right to use animals for food, entertainment, testing, or anything in between. • Halal - that what is allowed in Islam • Ahimsa- a Hindu teaching of kindness and non-violence to all living things 		Earthshot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change- a change in global or regional climate patterns, in particular a change apparent from the mid to late 20th century due to the increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide produced by the use of fossil fuels. • Eating meat -is the second biggest contributor to global warming after energy production. • Methane- is released by cows is 28 times stronger than carbon dioxide at warming the Earth. <p>Most people agree we need to live more sustainably to protect the future. Some believe a meat free diet or reducing our intake of meat is essential to reduce the impact of climate change.</p> <p>Many religious people believe it is their duty to reduce climate change as stewards of the Earth.</p>	

