

Launching the 2025 RE Agreed Syllabus:

DATE TBC

Venue: TBC

The statutory review of the Herefordshire agreed syllabus every five years has taken place. This launch conference is a chance to see the changes and learn how to apply them. The day focuses on practical responses and guidance for the classroom. It includes clear advice on what makes for rich, engaging RE for you and your pupils – as well as meeting Ofsted requirements.

The revised agreed syllabus retains most of the 2020 key questions and the approach, but key amendments include:

- adapting to a new Religion and Worldviews (RW) approach to RE
- integrating Ofsted's 3 forms of knowledge (substantive, 'ways of knowing' and personal knowledge)
- more systematic coverage of non-religious worldviews (especially Humanism)
- offering additional, alternative units on anti-racism, caring for the earth and multi-disciplinary RE, and using more local examples
- including more detail on assessment techniques
- providing more materials to support teachers with developing subject knowledge

This syllabus will be a **statutory requirement for all maintained schools** without a religious character and it is recommended for all academies. The Diocese of Hereford recommends it for Church schools, being fully compatible with *Understanding Christianity* and the *RE Statement of Entitlement for CE schools*.

The syllabus comes with sample curriculum plans, guidance on assessment and detailed support materials, including medium-term planning.

| Programme for the day | In addition: |
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| <p>9.30-11.00 Session 1: Welcome & Introducing the syllabus Exploring the key features of the revisions to the agreed syllabus; what stays the same, what is new, and why. Focus on classroom ideas to put into action, and an introduction to a religion and worldviews approach.</p> <p>11.30-1.00 Session 2: Applying 'ways of knowing' in RE: practical strategies Sharing some active ideas to put the syllabus revisions into practice, responding to current moves in RE towards a religion and worldviews approach, and to Ofsted's description of 'ways of knowing'.</p> <p>2.00-3.30 Session 3: Long-term planning, helping pupils to remember, and engaging pupils' personal worldviews Practical guidance on constructing coherent long-term plans and takeaway ideas for embedding learning. This session also explores the complexity of pupils' worldviews and practical ways of exploring non-religiousness in the classroom.</p> <p>Evaluation and thanks Close at 3.30pm</p> | <p>Those attending the day will gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Access to the new RE syllabus■ Access to Additional support materials online, including all materials used in the day■ RE network opportunities <p>There will be the opportunity to order a supporting scheme of work, and to browse and purchase RE Today resources (to buy and take away, with invoices going to your school after the event).</p> |

Who is the conference for?

The conference is aimed at teachers of RE from primary schools, including subject leaders and head teachers. It will also be valuable for governors to find out about the developments in the new syllabus and to explore best practice in RE.

Aims:

- To explore excellent practice for implementing the revised Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus for RE, in the context of Ofsted's inspection framework, the Ofsted RE research review, and the RE Council's National Statement of Entitlement 2024
- To provide practical support and guidance to schools in thinking about planning creative, challenging, thoughtful RE in line with the Herefordshire syllabus, increasing pupils' knowledge and understanding, as well as their personal development
- To give teachers confidence in planning and delivering great RE, deepening subject knowledge and skills
- To model examples of thoughtful RE, challenging all pupils and promoting deeper thinking

Cost: £100 or £160 for two teachers from the same school

Booking details attached. Please email to mark@retoday.org.uk or post to **RE Today Services, S5-S6 , 1 Devon Way, Longbridge, Birmingham, B31 2TS**

Why should I come to this conference?

Apart from the once-in-five-years importance of seeing the new agreed syllabus for RE, these events are rich opportunities to develop your thinking and expertise in RE, with many practical ideas and resources, and a chance to talk with colleagues from other schools. Here are just some of the comments from teachers at the 2024 SACRE conference:

- *Informative, interesting, lots of practical ideas that can be used across key stages. Thank you.*
- *Great, informative day allowing us to share ideas with others who are passionate about RE.*
- *Well run, full of practical ideas to take straight back to school. Really inspiring. I really enjoyed seeing the real life examples from Tracy's classroom. Super venue - good lunch!*
- *The whole day has been very informative and really useful. I have taken away lots of useful strategies and ideas.*
- *All parts of the conference have been extremely useful and have given me lots of ideas to try out myself and to share with colleagues. It was also a great opportunity to network with other RE leaders.*
- *All parts of the conference have been well delivered and helpful. The venue has been great. A really enjoyable day. Thank you!*
- *Really important for RE. The teaching, learning and our professionalism. Friendly. Supportive - sense of 'we are here alongside you... you might like to try coming this way'.*
- *Lots of useful ideas to feedback at school, especially ways to help with sticky knowledge. Will fit in with our action from Ofsted. The meeting worldview reps was extremely useful, some really informative.*
- *A really well organised conference with a mixture of discussion and activities which can be used back in the classroom. Being face to face has been useful to talk to other teachers of RE. Will help to develop next steps of the curriculum.*
- *Very informative, well resourced and organised. Presented well - interesting and clear.*
- *Very useful and informative as always. Great ideas to take away and use in the classroom. Always relatable and delivered with children in mind by experienced practitioners.*
- *Slides useful for spreading the ideas to other staff. Good range of activities and ideas. Tricky to see visuals and boards from the back.*

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