

Walsall RE Agreed Syllabus Launch November 2nd 2021

91 delegates attended the full day virtual launch from 75 schools, a mixture of Infant, Junior, Primary, Secondary and special schools. This training was delivered by Fiona Moss and Lat Blaylock, Senior National RE advisers for RE Today and writers of the revised syllabus.

The first half of the day was spent as one group with breakout rooms and jamboards to allow for discussion. The second half of the day was spent in Phase groups with secondary and primary meeting separately.

Sample delegate feedback

- I liked seeing practical examples of activities which would really engage the children. It would have been nice to be able to be together physically (out of your control I know) My take away is to restructure our progression map and to obtain more interesting artefacts for the children.
- My CPD needs are creating a long term plan that is effective for SEN children - considering that some classes are made up of children from year 1 to year 4, or year 3 to year 6.
- Thank you - Brilliant!!! 🙏
- An excellent and informative session.
- Thank you both for your enthusiasm and clear delivery of the information today, it's been really helpful and interesting to listen to!
- I liked the interactive sharing of resources and demonstration of how these could be applied in the classroom. The delivery of information from Lat and Fiona was captivating!
- An inspiring day.
- I Liked unpicking the resources with colleagues, and sharing their thoughts. I would have changed the fact that the session had to be virtual as I am a people person. My takeaway is to really think carefully about how to sequence the RE curriculum to best meet pupil needs across our federation. My immediate CPD needs involve reading, understanding and planning the launch of the new curriculum. Beyond that. to continually learn more about the faiths that I teach and deepen my understanding so that I can teach the subject both creatively and effective.
- I liked learning about the updated RE framework which has included the recent Ofsted research findings. I would have preferred if we could have attended in person. My biggest takeaway is being more confident about splitting topics and using the questions to develop progression of learning. My CPD needs are how to implement these changes in an all through special school where we struggle with retention of knowledge.
- I enjoyed seeing the examples of work from children and ideas for delivering lessons. I would like more time to discuss how it can fit into our present curriculum map on an individual basis. I would have preferred it to be in person and would have liked to have had a look at the new syllabus before the training to get a better understanding as we presently use a different scheme. I need to revisit the progression across the school. Thank you
- I liked how the examples were EYFS as many courses cover years 1-6.
- My take away is to create a long term plan showing progression. I would like more opportunity to discuss with others implementing the new curriculum by 2022 assessment is also a grey area for me!
- I liked learning about the place of RE with regards to the new OFSTED framework. I wouldn't change anything. My CPD needs – I want to know more about how to talk about my subject

with confidence in a deep dive! My take away is lots of ideas for activities to assess children's knowledge and ideas to tweak my long term plan by splitting up units.

- I liked the shared resources, classroom ideas, teaching RE creatively. I have also liked the enthusiasm from Fiona and Lat in presenting today's session.
- I liked the new unit over views and how prior learning is included. I wouldn't have changed anything. My takeaway is to update and change my progression maps. CPD to share more engaging ways to teach RE lessons with members of staff / share progression maps and improves assessments.
- I liked the lesson ideas and resources. I wouldn't change anything as was a well structured day. My takeaway is to ensure our RE lessons are creative and engaging. CPD is deep dives in RE
- I liked the resources and lesson ideas, long term planning information and networking. I would have liked it to have been face to face. I am taking away new interesting ways of teaching RE and encouraging children to talk about their views. CPD will be more discussion and support with planning during network meetings and CPD in school will be sharing with colleagues. An excellent day, thank you.
- I liked the structure of the new plans.
- I liked the ideas to use in the classroom, there are some fantastic ideas which I will take back and share with my colleagues. I particularly liked using the real life contexts and examples. I wouldn't change much - it would be nice to be in person but obviously this cannot be helped at the moment. My takeaway is using links to other subjects and use of other people who have religions/are not religious e.g. Dr Noel Chavasse rather than sticking to the same people. My CPD needs are based around updating our long term planning and implementing assessment. Thank you, it's been a really helpful day