

Summary of what is in the Agreed Syllabus

Cambridgeshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education is the legal basis for RE in Cambridgeshire from September 2013.

The syllabus includes:

- the statutory aims, purpose and value of religious education
- the skills and attitudes schools should promote
- how the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils can be enhanced through good religious education
- time to be spent teaching religious education
- religions and beliefs to be studied
- pedagogical approaches to teaching and learning that promotes good teaching and learning in religious education
- the importance of assessment; what is to be assessed and how
- stipulates statutory core programmes of study that all maintained and voluntary controlled schools should teach and the requisite number of school designed units that should be taught in the course of an academic year
- opportunities for pupils to explore their own beliefs, values and traditions.
- support materials for schools to create policies for religious education
- The Agreed Syllabus is supplemented with a CD ROM of “Support Materials” for teachers which contains lots of practical guidance such as:
 - Exemplified Units of Work.
 - Handling Faith Sensitivities.
 - Guidance on Visiting a Place of Worship.
 - Guidance on Catering for Special Educational Needs and Gifted and Talented in RE.
 - Guidance for Special Schools.
 - Resource Information.
 - A Glossary.
 - Materials for Subject Leaders.