

Norfolk Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Pupil Survey and Consultation 2010 A summary for children and young people

Introduction

You may remember completing a survey earlier this year asking for your views about religious education. Almost 2,000 children and young people in Norfolk took part, and this is a summary of the main findings.

The main findings

- Most of you enjoyed your RE lessons
- You liked learning about one religion at a time
- Over 80% of you did not know what level you were working at in RE
- About 75% of you did not know how to make progress in RE
- You enjoy active learning in RE and discussion based learning
- Around 50% of you find RE easy

Is RE an important qualification to have?

Less than half of you felt that an RE qualification was important when you left school, however many of you still valued RE highly.

"It is important to learn about religion because say you had a friend or something and they were a different religion to you, you would know more about their religion and what they believed".

"You find it easier to respect and communicate with other religions; also it can lead to less prejudice in the world if everyone learns to respect".

How do you learn best in RE?

Most of you liked discussion and group work. You also enjoyed the use of film clips and wanted to go on more visits. Younger children enjoyed singing and handling artefacts.

"I think other brilliant ways to learn which will definitely make our RE lessons a lot better is working in pairs instead of large groups and doing lots more art, craft and creative work, including drawing and posters".

What did you like learning about?

Most of you liked learning about issues such as war and peace, the environment, and life and death. Your least favourite topic was 'religion in the local community'.



What changes would you make?

Here are some of your ideas:

"I would like the lessons to be slightly more challenging"

"We could choose which religion/religions we wished to learn about"

"If I could change one thing it would be that we should do a bit more hands on stuff"

"I would have a questions box"

You also wanted more trips and to learn about a wider range of religions. You wanted RE to link more with drama and other subjects such as history, art, D&T and literacy.

Thank you for completing the questionnaire and your views will be used to help us review the religious education curriculum in Norfolk.

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(Please note - the grammar in the children's responses and quotations has not been corrected).

Many pupils took part in a RE consultation survey about religious education. This summary is provided for pupils who took part. Teachers are encouraged to share this with their children and young people, and may make copies to give to pupils, if they wish.