

All Headteachers and Chairs of Governors

Reminder:

Norfolk Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education

- The new Norfolk Agreed Syllabus for RE becomes statutory in all Norfolk Community and Voluntary Controlled schools from 1st September 2006. From this date schools will not be free to plan or teach their Religious Education from any other basis. All schools have received copies of the new Syllabus and plans are under way for putting it on the county website.
 - SACRE (the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) would like to remind all Heads and Governing Bodies of their responsibilities in this area and hopes that the chart overleaf will be a helpful checklist.
 - We are delighted that two-thirds of Norfolk schools have already attended training on the new Syllabus, through full-day INSET courses and the free twilight sessions. Further introductory courses will run in the summer term.
 - Two additional courses for Primary and Middle schools will build on the introductory course and look at ways of implementing the syllabus, at assessment issues and the construction of units of work.
 - KS3 and 4 network meetings continue to look at aspects relating to the implementation of the new syllabus. All high schools are welcome to these meetings which run regularly in both Norwich and King's Lynn. An RE conference for high schools is held each summer (see below). Details from Julia Idiens at NPDC.
 - SACRE hopes to conduct a survey next year to ascertain what extra support would be helpful to schools as implementation gets underway and looks forward to hearing from you then.
- 6HN011 22nd May 2006 WNPDC**
A Guide to the New Norfolk Syllabus for Religious Education
- 6HN013 23rd May 2006 WNPDC**
Beginning to implement the new Agreed Syllabus: Key Stages 1 and 2
- 6HN010 25th May 2006 NPDC**
A Guide to the New Norfolk Syllabus for Religious Education
- 6HN012 26th May 2006 NPDC**
Beginning to implement the new Agreed Syllabus: Key Stages 1 and 2
- 6HN019 22nd June 2006 Priors Hall, Norwich Cathedral**
RE Conference of Heads of Department and teachers of RE
Key Speaker: Dilwyn Hunt
- To apply for a place on these courses, please visit our INSET Opportunities website at:
<http://advisoryserviceactive.norfolk.gov.uk/inset>
or complete a booking form and fax to:
Julia Idiens on 01603 700236

Responsibilities of the Headteacher

Secure the provision of RE for all registered pupils.	Ensure provision for all Key Stages, including Foundation/ KS4 and 5, meet new requirements.
Give effect to parent's request to withdraw a child from RE.	Check with parents who withdraw their children that they wish this to continue in light of the new syllabus.
Make RE Syllabus available on request.	Make new syllabus available for parents e.g. by placing a copy in the office.
Report to parents on child's progress in RE.	Ensure staff understand new requirements to report progress against 8-level scale at end of Key Stage 2 and 3, and at points of transfer between schools. Make any necessary changes to reporting systems.
Ensure sufficient time and resources are given to RE to meet statutory requirements.	Be aware KS2 / 3 results will be collected on County MI sheets from Summer 2007, and optionally this year. Review adequacy of time allocation in view of 5% recommended curriculum time for RE. Ask RE subject leader to carry out a resource audit and report on additional resources needed to meet requirements of new syllabus e.g. in relation to using ICT.

Responsibilities of the Governing body

Carry out their functions to secure RE for all pupils.	Confirm at a Governing Body meeting that the new Syllabus is in place and that teachers have received relevant training. Ask RE subject leader to prepare a brief report on the syllabus for the governing body.
Include RE & Collective Worship information in school brochure.	Check the relevant paragraph in the current school brochure and update it e.g. with the new syllabus title.
Respond to Ofsted inspection on RE in action plan.	Respond to any earlier requirements from Ofsted to look at RE provision and be aware that HMI are carrying out RE subject inspections. Three Norfolk schools (1 High and 2 Primary) have had their RE inspected this term.
In VA schools – determine the RE to be taught.	If you are a VA school, contact the Diocese for advice if you are unsure how to proceed.