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What is a Worldview? Confused?

In May 2022 the RE Council produced a draft handbook entitled: 'Religion and Worldviews in the Classroom:

Developing a Worldviews Approach'. This is the first phase of a 3 year project exploring what a curriculum might look if it incorporates a worldviews approach. Clearly, this is going to inform the writing of our new syllabus in 2026!

If you haven't had time to read the [draft handbook](#) and are unsure about this direction of travel, check out this video from the Theos Think Tank. It's called

Nobody Stands Nowhere.

[Nobody Stands Nowhere - Theos Think Tank - Understanding faith. Enriching society.](#)

FAQ's

The Lancashire SACRE team has created a FAQ area on the new RE website with the intention of enabling schools to find answers to some of the more commonly asked questions.

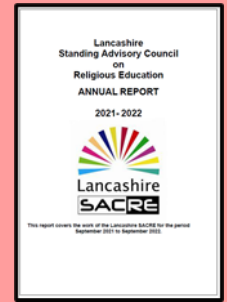
[FAQ's - The Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education - LPDS Resources](#)

The SACRE Annual Report

The SACRE Annual Report for 21-22 is now complete and available to download from the RE website.

Please follow this link [SACRE - LPDS Resources \(lancashire.gov.uk\)](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/sacre-lpds-resources)

Many thanks to the many schools who responded to the annual survey. An analysis of findings can be found in the annual report.



Sharing Good Practice

Many thanks to Westhead Latham St James' CE Primary for sharing a photo showcasing outcomes from the Y4 line of enquiry- *How should we live our lives?*

We welcome photos sharing good practice which are uploaded to the new RE website. Photos can be sent to: advisory.support@lancashire.gov.uk



The SACRE was delighted that 14% of schools who responded to the RE survey judged the quality of teaching and learning in RE to be outstanding in their schools. School representatives have been invited to share an element of good practice at the spring term SACRE meeting. Hopefully these examples of good practice can be cascaded to schools shortly after.

If you have any effective practice you would like to share, please contact us – we would love to share it with others.

Online Resources

BBC resources: 4 places of worship built in remarkable places [Click here](#)

The TrueTube website has had a refresh with a series of new films added for primary and secondary teachers. [Click here](#)

The RE Quest website also has a new look: [Click here](#)

Are you concerned about how to pronounce some RE words? Are you unsure about the meaning of some new vocabulary? The RE definitions website provides key terms, definitions and pronunciations for 15 different religions and worldviews. [Click here](#)

Planning your RE Lessons for Spring and Summer Term?

Have you considered using Godly Play?

The Godly Play Bus Team offer the opportunity to experience a Bible story, followed by a time to respond using craft materials and a feast!

For more information, please contact Kim Gabbatiss, Godly Play Bus Project Co-ordinator, on 07769 293763, or email: kim.gabbatiss@methodist.org.uk

For more information about Godly Play, see www.godlyplay.uk



Spring Term Network Meetings

Our **free** network meetings can now be booked via the LPDS site. This term we are offering free support to new subject leaders and teachers who are new to the Lancashire agreed syllabus or need the key messages refreshed. The sessions aim to:

- Help teachers to plan a series of lessons using the Field of Enquiry
- Pinpoint how knowledge builds up cumulatively across the school, a year, unit & within a lesson.
- Spotlight subject leader resources
- Learn how to navigate the RE website
- Have your questions answered by a consultant
- Meet other subject leaders, make connections & share ideas.

All meetings will be run from 4.00pm—5.30pm.

Central : Lea Community Primary School, Preston – **7th March 2023**

South: Duke Street Primary Chorley – **2nd March 2023**

East: Huncoat Primary Academy – **TBC due to strike action**

Please book via LPDS, [Details - LPDS Resources \(lancashire.gov.uk\)](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds-resources)

Watch this space!

Consultants are currently working on some complete lesson by lesson units of work to support the teaching of Hindu Dharma. At first these units will be released as part of a training session probably towards the end of the spring term. This piece of work is in direct response to your feedback in the annual RE survey.

Regional RE Hubs

The regional RE Hubs project is pleased to announce **FREE training** (click the link) for those interested in helping schools to deliver high-quality RE. Each training sessions lasts 1.5 hours and sessions run monthly for you to select one that fits your schedule. For more information see

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/regionalrehubs>

Upcoming training dates:

- **Tuesday 24 January 4-5:30pm**
- **Monday 20 February 6-7:30pm**
- **Thursday 23 March 2-3:30pm**
- **Tuesday 18 April 9:30-11am**
- **Wednesday 17 May 11-12:30pm**
- **Tuesday 20 June 10-11:30am**

To sign up, email

marketing@regionalrehubs.co.uk

Tips that work for retrieval, recall and memory retention

Five Fingers, Five facts

- The thumb represents the name of the worldview
- The first finger the name of the followers
- The middle finger the name of the sacred text
- The fourth finger the original language of the sacred text
- The little finger the place of worship.

This could be used consistently from class to class then other ideas added in such as the Five Pillars of Islam, The Five Ks, 5 festivals, 5 names for God, 5 special people.

Thanks to Naomi Anstice, member of the NATRE executive.



Free training for KS3 teachers at Manchester University

Teacher CPD: Food and Religion - Belonging and Identity

Audience: Secondary School RE teachers (KS3)

Saturday 4 February 2023, 9.30am to 2pm, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL

Are you looking for teaching resources that offer new ways of linking everyday choices familiar to your students with religious practices?

Join us in person for a free workshop introducing you to lesson plans developed by two Manchester-based religious education teachers. This newly developed set of six lessons for Years 8 and 9 stimulate teachers and students to explore food choice in religious settings in a nuanced and culturally aware manner.

Further information and how to book:

The event is free, but please register and find more information [Eventbrite](#). Download the flyer [here](#).

Interfaith week

Did you miss Interfaith week in November?

No problem. You can still access a range of interfaith resources for both primary and secondary schools via this link:

<https://www.interfaithweek.org/resources/schools>

You are not too late however for **World Interfaith Harmony Week** which takes place during the first week of February every year. This is a global movement arising from a United Nation's resolution which aims to spread harmony and tolerance between the world's religions and those with no faith. Looking for ideas to support your work on British values?

Click here <https://globaldimension.org.uk/calendar/world-interfaith-harmony-week/>



Ordinary People theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January 2023

This year's Holocaust Memorial Day takes the theme of ' Ordinary People'

The theme highlights the ordinary people who were actively involved in perpetrating all aspects of genocide.

It also prompts us to consider how ordinary people such as us can be extraordinary in our actions, challenge prejudice, stand up to hatred and speak out against identity based persecution.

What is abnormal is that I am normal. That I survived the Holocaust and went on to love beautiful girls, to talk, to write, to have toast and tea and live my life – that is what is abnormal.

Elie Wiesel, survivor of the Holocaust

For activities and resources click here:

[Holocaust Memorial Day Trust \(hmd.org.uk\)](https://www.hmd.org.uk)



Strictly RE – their annual national conference

The National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE) invites you to join over 250 RE teachers at Strictly RE – their annual national conference.

A ticket includes a choice of over 34 live seminars throughout January and over the main event weekend at the end of the month, 3 keynote sessions and most importantly full access to recordings of all sessions for 12 months.

Many attendees use these recordings as whole staff or department CPD throughout the year to maximise their budgets, and to catch up on sessions they didn't attend live. The conference is of high value to ITE students and ECTs as they start their careers, offering a high volume of subject specific training and the opportunity to network with RE professionals outside of their existing contacts at all stages of their career.

You can find full information about timings, seminars and ticket price on our website [Strictly RE 2023 – RE teacher conference with practical CPD \(natre.org.uk\)](https://www.natre.org.uk/strictly-re-2023)

If you would like to book places for 3 or more staff/trainees please let Chris Hooper know and he would be happy to arrange a discounted rate.

Chris Hooper

chris@retoday.org.uk



Needing Help?

Finding the Agreed Syllabus a challenge? Not sure how to assess in RE? Needing to increase subject knowledge of a specific religion? Wanting to raise the profile of RE in your school? Committed to developing the effectiveness of the subject leader for Religious Education?

To access support please contact: advisory.support@lancashire.gov.uk

Census 2021

Please click on the link to view statistics relating to the religious composition of England and Wales

[Religion, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)

Some snapshots:

%	No religion	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Muslim	Sikh	Jewish	Other	Didn't answer
Preston	26.3	47.6	0.3	3.0	16.1	0.7	0.1	0.4	5.4
Burnley	31.5	48.2	0.2	0.2	14.0	0.1	0	0.4	5.4
Lancaster	38.1	51.8	0.4	0.4	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.6	6.6
Ribble Valley	26.2	66.4	0.2	0.3	1.3	0	0	0.3	5.3

KS4 Free Webinar

Raising standards in GCSE RS – led by Angela Hill from RE Today, here is a link to Angela's bio:

[Consultancy services through the RE Adviser team \(retoday.org.uk\)](https://retoday.org.uk)

A free webinar is being held on Thursday 23rd March from 3- 5.30pm for all KS4 teachers of Religious Studies.

To get a place please book via the LPDS site.

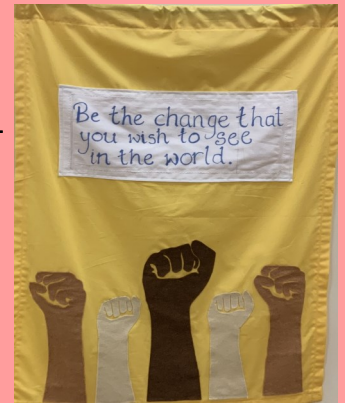
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Whole School Community Works Towards Religion Equality at Sherwood Primary School

This month, Sherwood Primary School have achieved the Religion Equality Badge as part of the Lancashire Equality Mark. Throughout their impressive work in this area, consultation with their wider school community has been key and they have had great engagement from staff, parents and pupils (through a number of means, including online questionnaires, meetings, equality ambassador groups, school governor meetings).

One of their focuses has been updating their reading materials & reading pathways so children & families from diverse religious backgrounds are represented. There is evidence that using "identity texts" such as these helps to engage pupils in education resulting in a greater feeling of belonging and higher educational attainment. Whilst visiting school we could see how popular these books are with pupils.



Further work has taken place on reviewing the RE curriculum to ensure it aligns with the Lancashire Syllabus, further development of planning for assemblies and a review of the school prayer to ensure it was inclusive of all groups and allows children to adapt it as an opportunity for prayer or reflection in line with their own beliefs. The planned calendar of events over the year, the displays in school and the use of the school community as a learning resources for others means that there is a strong awareness of different faiths and respect for different beliefs.

Finally staff work to ensure that any assumptions or stereotypes about religions are addressed and it is recognised that this will be ongoing work in reflection of different family and wider society attitudes and knowledge.

The school is not "resting on its laurels" and have plans for next steps to create a reflection area that all pupils can access (as currently this is only possible in some year groups) and update to their religion display to ensure those families and children of no faith also feel included.

To find out more about the Lancashire Equality Mark contact the Education Improvement – Equality & Diversity Team

Equalityanddiversity@lancashire.gov.uk



Humanism

[Humanists UK](#) offer access to accredited Humanist speakers, who are available to deliver talks (classroom or assembly) to both primary and secondary schools.

These school speakers are trained and experienced volunteers who help schools across England, Wales, and Northern Ireland to teach about humanism. Using their life experience and knowledge, our school speakers can add a personal dimension to young people's study of humanism that goes 'beyond the textbook'. They offer a range of services free of charge and will fit around schools' needs and requirements.

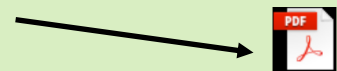
Keith Pennington is Chair of Lancashire Humanists and a regular participant in Lancashire SACRE meetings. Keith has been delivering school talks for the last few years and is happy to discuss any school's requirements.

He can be contacted via email at keith@lancashire.humanist.org.uk.

New LPDS (Teaching & Learning Website)

You should be aware by now that the Lancashire Grid for Learning (LancsNGFL) has moved & is combined with the Lancashire Professional Development Service website. This new **LPDS Teaching and Learning Website** can be accessed here: www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds your RE website subscription is located here [Religious Education - LPDS Resources \(lancashire.gov.uk\)](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/religious-education)

In order to have your own account set up on the new website the head needs to follow the guidance sent to them in July via the portal, included here



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Once this is done you should visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds and select 'login', then select 'forgot password? Please use the email address that your head registered to your account. Please note that you can not do this if the head has not already set up an account for you, only the head can do this, see the letter below that was sent to the head with instructions.



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This means that you no longer need to use the generic password but can instead create your own.

If you need any **technical support** about logging on *after* your head has set you up with an account then please contact us at lpds@lancashire.gov.uk

For other queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 01257 516166 or advisory.support@lancashire.gov.uk