

Havering SACRE, Local RE update: Summer 2022

Since the last report, 1 CPD session has been held virtually for primary RE teachers within the borough and a short presentation made to Head Teachers regarding the new syllabus.

During the next academic year, there are 8 sessions of CPD planned:

22/9/22, via Zoom, 16:00-17:30

7/10/22, at CEME, 9:00-12:00

23/11/22, via Zoom, 16:00-17:30

11/1/23, via Zoom, 16:00-17:30

28/2/23, via Zoom, 16:00-17:30

20/3/23, at CEME, full day course

26/4/23, via Zoom, 16:00-17:30

15/6/23, via Zoom, 16:00-17:30

The RE Today advisory team are currently working to ensure all the additional documents for the syllabus are ready for the launch date. Most are now nearing completion.

This half term's HES update focuses on the launch of the new syllabus which will take place on Friday 7th October 9am – midday at CEME. It is hoped that a SACRE member can be present at the launch in order to welcome the teachers, thank them for their work and recommend the syllabus at the start of the day. The text of the newsletter article reads:

Havering RE Syllabus: the history

Unlike most subjects, content that pupils should learn in RE is not included in the National Curriculum. Instead, each Local Authority produces its own Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. The London Boroughs of Havering and Redbridge worked together to produce a syllabus that was launched in 2015. This is the RE syllabus followed by all maintained schools in both boroughs and several academies too.

The Future

By law, a Locally Agreed Syllabus must be reviewed every few years. So, Havering and Redbridge worked together to review the current RE syllabus and create an updated version. The new Locally Agreed Syllabus will take the place of the 2015 document and will become statutory for all maintained schools.

What is in store?

Both Local Authorities surveyed teachers of RE and took their views into account. Staff teaching RE have worked hard to implement the 2015 syllabus and on the whole felt that they had made it successful within their schools, so they did not want too many changes. Consequently, those of you teaching RE will recognise much of the new syllabus as being very similar to the old! The main requests were for additions, hence these have been provided. You will find extra information on areas including assessment, progress, resources and many extra unit plans to use with pupils.

How do I find out more?

To find out more about the new syllabus and additional resources to accompany it, schools are invited to send a member of staff to a Syllabus Launch Conference. This half day conference is a joint event for schools

in both the London Boroughs of Havering and Redbridge. Syllabus Launch Conferences introduce attendees to the new document, highlight any changes and provide CPD around the type of RE that is expected to be brought about by the new Local Agreed Syllabus. These conferences are usually very well attended as they are the best way to find out about the direction of travel for RE within the Local Authority, alongside all the other benefits that a face-to-face CPD session has to offer. The joint Havering and Redbridge conference will be held on **Friday 7th October, 9:00-12:00** at [CEME](#). Please book via the portal.