



The EYFS RE curriculum for Church Schools: some FAQs

I'm in a Hampshire VC school: what materials should I use in EYFS?

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I'm in a VA school: what materials should I use in EYFS?

- From this term onwards, you can use the materials supporting the EYFS content of the Surrey Agreed Syllabus here: [Support Materials EYFS | Diocese of Guildford \(cofeguildford.org.uk\)](https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk)
- These key questions will be the same for all schools.
- You may still use some of the content of the 'old' Diocesan curriculum as ideas/resources to teach the new content e.g. the ideas in the 'Why do we have assembly?' unit might help you to explore aspects of the Celebrations key question in the new syllabus.

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When will I get more support materials and resources to help me teach RE in EYFS?

- We are currently working on materials to support the teaching of RE in EYFS, along with some recommended resources that work for children in this phase. We will share these with you as soon as they are ready!

Does RE have to be taught in separate lessons?

- There is no expectation from the Diocese, Surrey SACRE or SIAMS that RE has to be covered in a weekly, timetabled lesson. It should fit your school's preferred (and considered) method of curriculum delivery, which you should be able to articulate as part of your curriculum implementation.

Where does Understanding Christianity fit in?

- The Christianity units cover 50% of curriculum time for RE, which is the expected amount of Christianity material in Understanding Christianity. If your school currently uses Understanding Christianity, you should remove the Agreed Syllabus Christianity units and replace them with UC.

Will you be providing lesson plans?

- No! But we will provide 6 key questions to shape the enquiry across your learning. There will be some support materials for each unit – and more will likely come over time.

What's different for Church schools?

- To meet the Statement of Entitlement requirement for a minimum of 5% of curriculum time, but an expectation of more, you will need to augment your RE curriculum with at least 2 Pause Days across the year, or to extend your units of work to make up the time.
- There is a 'Vision Toolkit' to help you to articulate how your RE contributes towards the outworking of your school's Christian vision.