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Dear Parent and Carers

New RE Curriculum

We are writing to update you on some changes to our RE curriculum that are taking place this year. It is a legal requirement that all pupils are entitled to RE.

As a Local Authority primary school we are required to follow the Barnet Agreed Syllabus or curriculum.

Barnet local authority have adopted a new agreed RE syllabus that schools must follow. The Barnet Agreed Syllabus provides a new approach to Religious Education. It endeavours to place RE within a strong academic tradition founded on the work of Professor Ann Taves. The curriculum is based on the study of religion and worldviews through a defined focus on the six questions that Ann Taves argues most humans try to explore and find answers to make sense of their own situation in the world. The "Worldviews curriculum" will delve into six fundamental questions about life and the universe. This curriculum follows the same set of questions from the age of 4 to 19, ensuring a cohesive educational experience.

What is real? BQ1

Where do we come from? BQ2

How do we know? BQ3

What is our situation? BQ4

What is our goal? BQ5

How do we get there? BQ6

The syllabus is designed to support schools by clearly stating the intent, appropriate implementation, and potential impact of RE on the lives of children and young people so that they grow to navigate the diverse, complex world around them, in relation to religion, belief and situation.

Over time the Agreed Syllabus intends for children to have time to explore the religion and worldviews of a multi-religious and multi-secular world to prepare them for the encounters that they will experience in the modern world.



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To allow for deep substantive knowledge it is recommended that careful thought is given to the religion and worldviews that will be explored at each key stage. Focusing on fewer religions and worldviews in each year group, or key stage, allows for deep, meaningful, and sequential learning.

Learning opportunities within the six Big Questions (BQs) should be illustrated at each key stage from AT LEAST the stated number of religious traditions and worldviews:

By the end of each Key Stage the stated number of religion and worldviews MUST be covered	Early Years:	KS 1:	KS 2 & 3:	KS 4 Core:	KS 5:
AT LEAST the following religions & worldviews	2	3	4	2	2
Christianity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Other Abrahamic		✓	✓		
Dharmic			✓		
Other religion or worldviews reflected in the local context	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

The census from 2021 indicates that Barnet has a high percentage of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim families and these three significant religions or worldviews will be taught throughout a child's Religious Education to reflect the local context. The new curriculum is fully inclusive and gives opportunity for children without any religious belief to be fully involved and engaged and to share their attitudes, beliefs and opinions to the six big questions.

The curriculum was introduced in September 2025 and at Holly park we trialled it in last years Reception, Year 1 and Year 3. This year we will be delivering the new curriculum across the whole school.

There will be a meeting for parents about the new curriculum on Monday 21st September at 9am in the school hall. The meeting will be led by Ms Sampson (Assistant head for Curriculum) and Ms Nichols (RE Lead). Please do come along if you would like to find out more or have questions.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Pelham
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