Religious Education Report 2024

Primary Schools



Curriculum Time



"RE is a **statutory** subject for **ALL** pupils"



'In schools where teaching was less than this, the quality of RE was weaker"

"In schools where RE was solely taught through special RE days, the quality of RE was weaker"

"In 30% of schools RE was taught... with PSHE... blurring of subject boundaries. RF was weaker in these schools"

"Schools should ensure there is a distinct curriculum in place for at all key stages"

Supporting Curriculum Deliverers



"Over 60% of teachers... had not received any professional development in RE."

"Most [subject leaders] did not receive any dedicated leadership time to improve the quality of RE in their school"

Schools should... ensure access to professional development'



https://www.staceyburman.uk/teacher-cpd

Curriculum Content



"to...ensure pupils are well prepared to engage in a multi-religious and multi-secular society"



"pupils were presented with over simplistic assertions about religious traditions... which were often based on visible entities, such as places of worship"



"There were few instances... included challenging questions that religions seek to answer"



"little evidence of how... content might build up over time to help pupils learn bigger ideas"

The curriculum should...



"reflect long standing and changing or diverse nature of religions"



"avoid over-simplifying or stereotyping religion"



'In schools that did include ways of knowing content, curriculums were well organised around different questions that groups... ask"



Schools should make sure curriculums clearly identify how pupils will develop disciplinary (ways of knowing) and personal knowledge through the chosen substantive content"