Monday 3rd November 2025

Dear Parent and Carers,

RE Curriculum at SLLF

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

In September 2025, Barnet local authority adopted a new agreed RE syllabus. The Barnet Agreed Syllabus 2025 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. It aims to raise expectations of both teacher and pupils in terms of the scholarly 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 syllabus is designed to support school leaders by clearly stating the intent, appropriate implementation, and potential impact of RE on the lives of children and young people so that they may grow to nativate 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.

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 religion and worldviews in each year group, or key stage, allows for deep, meaningful, and sequential learning.

Learning opportunities within the six 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.

We will publish a copy of the Barnet Agreed Syllabus on our school website, but if you do wish to discuss this further, please contact a member of the leadership team. This half term we will be starting with BQ2 - Where do we come from?

Yours sincerely,

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