

Religious education and the 2021 EYFS framework

Legal requirements for teaching RE in the EYFS

From 1 September 2021, it is a legal requirement for schools with Early Years and Foundation Stage (EYFS) children to follow the requirements of the ***Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage (2021)***.

The new EYFS framework has a specific reference to RE in the EYFS goal *Understanding the World: People, Culture and Communities* which states that children should “*know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.*”

In addition, there is a legal requirement for children in Reception classes in maintained and church controlled schools to access religious education as laid down in *Living Difference III*, the RE agreed syllabus in Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight schools (*Living Difference IV* launching in November 2021).

The RE team can assist your school in preparing for the new EYFS framework as follows:

1. Teaching pack: *RE in the Foundation Stage (RE021b)*

We have revised our popular *RE in the Foundation Stage* teaching pack to take into account the new EYFS framework. The pack includes five popular Foundation Stage RE units, with each activity referenced to the relevant early learning goals.

Price: £20 for subscribing schools (£55 for non-subscribers). [Order form here.](#)

2. Training course: 18 October 2021 *RE in the Foundation Stage with the new EYFS framework*

This virtual course is for teachers who would like to know more about the RE locally agreed syllabus and how it can be used in Foundation Stage with the 2021 EYFS framework. Delegates will look at:

- the legal requirements for RE, *Living Difference III* (and *Living Difference IV* to be launched in November 2021)
- how these can be used in line with the Early Years approach in your school using the new EYFS framework
- long term and medium term planning for Foundation Stage RE
- best practice ideas for teaching Christian and other religious concepts
- resources for teaching RE.

Book via the [Learning Zone](#).

3. Advice and support for the teaching of RE in your Reception classes

If you require advice or support for the teaching of RE in your Reception classes, please contact Justine Ball (email justine.ball@hants.gov.uk).

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