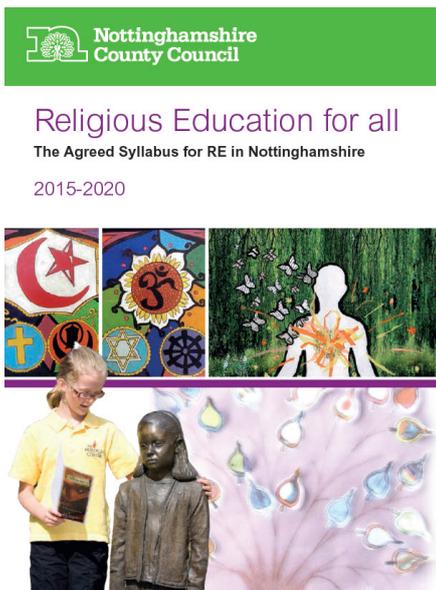


# “Religious Education for All”

## R.E. in Nottinghamshire is changing.....



From September 2015, a New Agreed Syllabus will be being taught in our places of learning.

Though Religious Education is a part of the legal requirement to be taught to all pupils aged 5 – 18 through a stimulating curriculum; with the aid of the RE ambassadors in Kimberley School, we would like to inform you, as parents and guardians about these changes and their benefits.

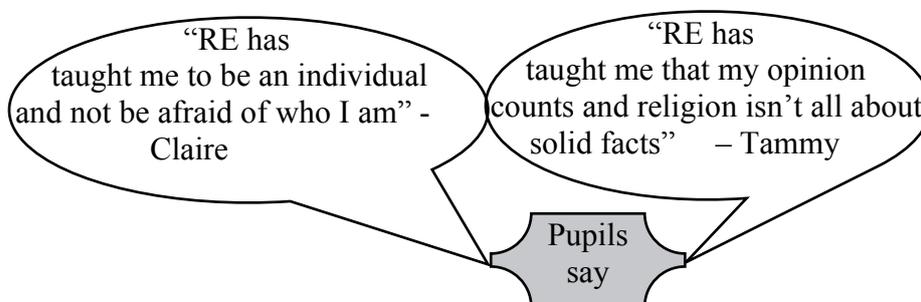
### The Aims of RE

RE is not just about learning the facts of religion, it is about developing our understanding so that as pupils we can:-  
‘describe, explain and analyse beliefs’.

This will help us as young people in recognising diversity in our modern community and respecting each other for what we believe.

RE gives you the chance to share ideas and insights about the world around us. It teaches us how to have an opinion without offending anyone.

RE teaches us the significance and impact of religions as well as how different religious teachings influence an individual. RE teaches us how to be an individual and emphasizes the importance of being yourself, no matter what. We will also be looking at different world views on issues.



### Why study RE?

- RE provokes challenging questions about:- meaning, purpose in life, beliefs about God, harsh reality, right and wrong, as well as what it means to be human.
- RE will equip us with knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and world issues, enabling our development of ideas, opinions, and essentially ourselves.
- RE gives us the skills to understand our diverse society, not just for an individual, but a community and the world.
- RE gives us a chance to reflect on our beliefs and challenge them, leading us to a more complex answer and understanding of ourselves.



## Is RE only valuable to people who have religious beliefs?

No. RE is for everyone because RE does not try to make pupils religious, nor does it seek to persuade or convert us to a particular belief. Schools are often diverse communities which support different beliefs, be it religion, atheism or humanism. RE promotes having your own opinion, beliefs and teaches us how to talk respectfully about them

## How will RE help with future careers?

RE teaches us skills for the future. Knowledge and understanding - just a fraction of the skills developed.



Reflection- Using our imagination to develop ideas and explore feelings, beliefs and values before sharing them with others

Enquiry- Exploring beliefs and not being afraid to ask why, giving us the confidence to talk with others about their beliefs



Interpretation- Allowing us to consider how and why different religions along with world views express themselves in different ways

Communication- Clearly expressing our thoughts, ideas, feelings and information as well as listening to others and using terms accurately.



Analysis and evaluation- Enabling us to compare strengths and weaknesses of a particular argument, considering alternative views and making informed choices, which are supported with good reasons and evidence.



## The Earth without RE is just 'ath' ..... Pointless

The Nottinghamshire County Council Standing Advisory Council For Religious Education would like to thank the young RE Ambassadors in Kimberley school for their assistance in producing this information for parents and guardians.