

# LIFELONG LEARNING

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT OFFER



### **Raising aspirations and supporting teaching and learning in Religious Education**

Religious Education remains a statutory requirement for all maintained schools and Academies and the extent to which schools promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) awareness is now something that Ofsted will consider in making a judgement of the overall effectiveness of a school. Specialist advice from the RE Adviser is available in half day and full day sessions for teachers, subject leaders, heads of department, senior leaders and governors.

Support, advice and training will be tailored to suit the specific needs of schools in developing work to promote high quality RE and can be purchased as a part of the Lifelong Learning School Improvement Offer. This will involve understanding the world, others and ourselves through Christianity, world religions and secular perspectives. Key themes will be: faith literacy, equality and diversity issues and the search for meaning, identity and belonging.

#### **Subject specific themes in Religious Education include:**

- Creating excellent RE - Planning delivery of the Agreed Syllabus and assessment of pupil progress?
- Teaching about religion and learning from it, through story and artefacts
- Planning and arranging conferences for GCSE and post 16
- Handling and exploring sensitive and controversial issues in RE
- Induction for new RE Coordinators and Heads of Department

#### **Whole School themes include:**

- Developing the Spiritual ethos of the school through Collective Worship that is informative, challenging and moving
- Promoting spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness throughout the school and linking into the community
- Preventing Violent Extremism – raising awareness in the secondary school
- Establishing Holocaust education and Holocaust Memorial Day
- Facilitating interfaith dialogue in the school
- Exploring issues of identity, belonging and diversity

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