



R.E. Matters

Inspiring and Transforming Education

Supporting Primary Schools



Exciting opportunities for continuing professional development for;
RE leaders, Collective Worship leaders, ECTs, RE teachers,
Senior Leadership teams, HLTAs and Pupils

2026/27



Disclaimer: The courses in this brochure are continually updated and amended, and although courses will not be significantly altered, the details enclosed in this brochure may be subject to change.

Welcome to the fourteenth edition of our brochure.

You will find that it incorporates established and new courses as well as programmes that will run throughout 2026-2027.

Quality assurance:

All our programmes operate within a quality assurance framework as set out by The RE Council for England and Wales.

Course venues:

Will be accessible and of a high quality or school based.

Course Support

A full set of course notes and digital support will be available to all participants.

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School Council and PSHE
Lead Director for England and Wales RE Hubs



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Advisory Prices 2026-27

With this brochure you will have received an A4 piece of paper which gives you the dates and prices for all the courses and training we offer for the year ahead, as an easy one page reference. At the bottom of this document is a google form link for you to click on and fill out to take out the partnership. We will then sort this for your school.

Special Offer

Complete the google sign up form before the end of June to receive £100 off your order price

RE Insurance

RE Matters offers schools a special deal around RE insurance. Should your school need support or advice around religion, this insurance is a one off payment for the year ahead that covers all the time we would give your school to deal with the issue.

It might be around religion and PE, music, food, dress or visits out. We will come and speak with staff and/or parents around the issue to help your school to resolve and move forward.

Cost:

£100 to partnership schools;
£200 to non-partnership schools

RE Network Meetings

Religious Education network meetings are arranged to provide opportunities to bring together RE subject leaders within primary schools to meet, network and work collaboratively on projects and help them in middle manager responsibilities.

Network Meetings will:

- Update Subject Leaders on Local and National information
- Help Subject Leaders understand their role and responsibilities within school ready for the Ofsted framework
- Share best practice models and examples in RE
- Work with outside agencies and faith groups to support schools in delivering high quality RE

Dates for Meetings in 2026-27

Wednesday 7th October 2026

Wednesday 3rd February 2027

Wednesday 9th June 2027

Time: 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Venue: Elmhurst Primary School. Upton Park Road,
London, E7 8JY

“For me as a subject leader these meetings help me with my subject knowledge as well as keeping on top of national and local developments.”

Teacher

Carpenters Primary School

*“I never miss them,
informative and enjoyable!”*

Teacher

Brampton Primary School

Cost: Free to partnership schools;
(partnership £400)

£150 per meeting to non-partnership schools

A key finding from the Teacher Development Trusts

‘Developing Great Teachers’ review reported that subject-specific CPD is more effective, in terms of its impact on pupil outcomes, than generic pedagogic CPD. So, whether you’re looking to freshen up your RE teaching ideas or equip a new subject leader with the skills and knowledge required, here at RE Matters we have everything you and your school needs.

RE Matters has built up over the last seven years a team who can help your school develop in the following areas:

- Book monitoring and pupil voice
- Model lessons in RE and P4C
- Model Collective Worship
- Pupil progress reviews and reports
- Wellbeing support
- Dealing with difficult conversations around religion and worldviews
- Subject leadership support



RE Matters RE Team

Lucy Still & Catriona Martin - Secondary

Marie Hardie & Taranum Afshan - Primary

Assisting Claire Clinton in delivering school CPD are:

Marie Hardie: Marie has taught for 20+ years in Newham schools and in her career has taught all key stages as well as being an Advanced Skills teacher in PSHE and deputy head teacher in her primary school. She is an outstanding teacher, inspiring to watch and learn from. She is experienced in P4C (philosophy for children) and enjoys working in new schools and with new staff modelling high quality RE.



Catriona Martin: Catriona has been involved in education for the last 30 years and has taught across all Key Stages within primary and secondary schools. She has developed and run national programmes, creating curriculum resources for schools around shared values and themes. Catriona has had school leadership responsibility for the well-being of pupils, parents and staff. She is passionate about helping young people to work together to become the best versions of themselves.

Lucy Still: Lucy has taught in inner London for 20 years

She is currently AHT at Plashet school with responsibility for student well-being. She has completed a Farmington Scholarship, in association with Oxford University, researching the impact of mindfulness on student well-being. Lucy has an MAPPCP (Masters in Applied Positive Psychology and Coaching Psychology). She supports secondary RE in the borough as well as leading network meeting and training RE SCITT teachers. Lucy is trained in P4C (Philosophy for Children) and the MISP Mindfulness course.



Taranum Afshan: Taranum has taught in East London for 13 years. She is an experienced primary school teacher and successful RE leader, having gained a gold REQM for her school. Taranum works to produce supports for all primary schools in Newham to help support teach our Agreed Syllabus, as well as working on national initiatives. At present she is working on the Freedom of Religion or Belief with the British government. Taranum helps lead our primary network meetings.

Staff CPD Twilight Sessions

One hour to 1.5 hours training available to your staff team

Session 1: Thoughtful RE

This twilight will give staff confidence to reflect on the types of questions they ask when teaching RE, and will give them practical, usable resources for ensuring high order thinking skills are being used in their RE teaching from EYFS to KS1 & KS2.

Session 2: Outstanding RE

This twilight will give staff the opportunity to understand the purpose of RE. Providing support around progression in RE as well as providing plenty of inspirational tasks for staff to use.

Session 3: Creative RE

This twilight focuses on using a wide range of creative pedagogies to teach RE with. It seeks to strengthen teachers ability to plan for RE in cross curricular ways, helping to raise standards in RE.

“Our staff twilight on thoughtful RE has been extremely valuable for the teachers as they are now planning these skills into RE lessons and they can see clear skill progression for children as they move on, across the school.”

Staff

Central Park Primary School

Cost:

£250 to partnership schools;
£300 to non-partnership schools

Visit a Place of Worship

Visit a place of worship takes place throughout the academic year. RE Matters seeks to encourage RE learning outside the classroom through supporting schools to organise visits to local places of worship.

Buying into a partnership with RE Matters ensures that your RE subject leaders' will receive:

- Support in planning and organising these visits throughout your school
- Receive a database and map of over 90 local and London places of worship who are happy to receive visits from Newham schools
- Entry for your school's work into the Place of Worship competition

The database will give clear addresses, contact names, e-mail and phone details for places of worship. It will show which places of worship have attended faith leaders training on working well with schools. Schools will receive this database in October 2024

"I love the fact that we can go out and visit different religious buildings and our pupils get to have first hand experiences."

Staff
Central Park Primary School

Cost:

Free to partnership schools;
£200 per meeting to non-partnership schools

ECT Training

Training for ECTs is imperative if staff are to have the knowledge and skills to teach religious education well in Newham. If your school is not part of the Boleyn Trust ECT-programme then RE Matters offers these half day training.

ECT training covers:

- Using the Newham RE Agreed Syllabus
- The religious and cultural make up of Newham
- Where to go to get questions on religions answered
- Resources to use in RE lessons
- Being creative and thoughtful in teaching RE
- Handling sensitive questions and difficult subjects

Dates for Meetings in 2026

Wednesday 18th November 2026

Time: 9am to 12pm

Time: 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Each sessions contains the same content - ECTs do not need to attend both

Venue: Ranelagh Primary School. Corporation Steet,
Stratford, E15 3DN

"Todays training was awesome, so many ideas are buzzing around my head and lots of practical resources I am looking forward to using."

Staff

Park Primary School

Cost:

£30 for 1 ECT

£45 for 2 ECT's

£60 for 3+ for the half day

Tour of Places of Worship

This one day course provides staff, ECTs and HLTAs with the experience of visiting 6/7 different places of worship in Newham with an RE advisor. It acts as a days 'master class' in religion and worldviews.

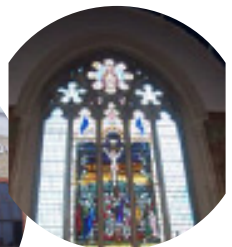
Dates for courses in 2026/27

Wednesday 10th March 2027

Wednesday 23rd June 2027

Time: Meet at 8:45am to 5:00pm

Refreshments and lunch will be provided



“This CPD was a fantastic opportunity to develop my subject knowledge not only in religion, but in life. I would recommend this CPD to anyone with a remote interest in culture, religion or places of worship.”

Teacher

St James C of E Junior School

Cost:

£160 to partnership schools;

£200 to non-partnership schools

Preparing for Ofsted

RE Matters offers a number of services that can help support your school's preparation for an Ofsted deep dive in RE such as:

- Middle leader interview preparation
- Ofsted documentation check
- Understanding progression in RE
- SMSC & FBVs monitoring and impact analysis Book moderation check
- Support to middle leaders in running a lesson observation
- Capturing best practice examples

Applying for a RE Quality Mark

RE Matters offers a free service to partnership schools to help them through the process of application for this national award. REQM can support excellent practice in schools.

When I had a new RE co-ordinator, having Claire to work alongside her and develop her skills in monitoring books and questioning children has identified our strengths and areas we need to develop: such as higher order questioning for our more able. Without Claire I doubt we would have identified this ourselves. I highly recommend her.

Headteacher
Hallsville & Scott Wilkie Primary

New to Leading RE

This twilight course seeks to give staff who are new to being the RE subject leader in a primary school an introduction to the role and responsibility, ensuring they are ready for their work in the year ahead as effective middle managers.

Dates for meetings in 2026/27

Wednesday 30th September 2026 - part 1
&
Wednesday 25th November 2026 - part 2

Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Venue: Ranelagh Primary School. Corporation Steet,
Stratford, E15 3DN

"I found the 'new to leading R.E.' course incredibly helpful and a great starting point for leading the subject in school. It was great to be able to ask questions about the new R.E. curriculum and to understand the thinking behind it. I found the talk from an experienced R.E. leader particularly useful as she shared some tips about how to make it work in practise with us."

Teacher

Sandringham Primary School

Cost:

£120 to partnership schools when paying in advance;
£160 to partnership schools paying after the training
£200 to non-partnership schools

Inspiring Collective Worship

This one day course seeks to support those with school responsibilities for organising and leading Acts of Collective Worship (ACW). The day offers:

- Practical advice for staff to experience a number of different forms of ACW
- Time for reflection and planning
- Knowledge of Ofsted's drive on fundamental British values, with examples of how ACW can make a valuable contribution
- Understanding the legal requirements for ACW, school policy documents
- A wealth of resources shared.

Date

Thursday 25th February 2027

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Venue: Ranelagh Primary School. Corporation Street, Stratford, E15 3DN

Refreshments and lunch will be provided

"An inspiring day, I now feel confident to start to lead in my new role and develop Collective Worship in my school."

Staff

Dersingham Primary School

Cost:

£100 to partnership schools;
£160 to non-partnership schools

Staff & Pupil Wellbeing Sessions

Claire Clinton and Lucy Still lead these sessions which are proving popular with schools across Newham. Sessions or lessons can focus on staff or on pupils or a combination of both. Our work with schools is bespoke. The sessions last from 1 hour to 1.5 hours.

Session 1: Why staff wellbeing is important

This twilight will give staff an understanding of the pressures encountered in their work life and how these play out. It will give staff practical activities they use in their lives to ensure they can live their life in education well, but learn how to switch off.

Session 2: Successful strategies to enable pupil wellbeing

This twilight will give staff understanding and experience of successful strategies that work for pupils to help them become more emotionally resilient.

Session 3: Modelling Stilling

This lesson would model for teachers how to work well with pupils to help them become more emotionally resilient and enhance their well being. This in turn supports pupils to be able to engage with their learning effectively in schools.

Cost: £250 to partnership schools;
£300 to non-partnership schools

Infant RE Conferences

These one day conferences bring together in 2027, 18 schools at a time to work philosophically together. Around rich RE knowledge. They seek to:

- **Promote dialogue** between pupils of differing faiths and secular backgrounds
- Provide reflection on British Values around the issue of tolerance and respect
- **Provide professional development for middle managers or teachers** as they watch another teacher lead the learning and then go on to create their own conference back at their school with more pupils
- **Provide an opportunity for pupils to be stretched in their RE thinking**

“Seeing P4C in action allowed me to see how I could use it at school. When we think of philosophy it seems daunting, but this day made it clearer. It was also great to see how you scaffolded the children’s questions. I like how you turned their ‘good ideas’ into questions that would require a greater depth of thinking.”

“I had an amazing experience observing P4C. The cross curricular links throughout the day were helpful in identifying appropriate subject areas to implement P4C.” and

“Really impressed with the variety of activities we saw today in action and how useable this days experience will be in my teaching.”

Teachers from a variety of Newham schools

Infant RE Conferences

Theme: 'Peace' Dates for conferences

Wednesday 16th June 2027

Time: 9:45am to 2:15pm

Venue: Elmhurst Primary School. Upton Park Road,
London, E7 8JY

Great for new teachers to Newham to experience our approach to teaching RE as well as being able to take all materials from the day away and go on to lead the day back in their school.

Purposeful CPD helping staff subject knowledge.



Cost per conference: £100 to partnership schools paying in advance;
£150 to partnership schools paying after the conference;
£200 to non-partnership schools

Junior RE Conferences

These one day conferences bring together in 2027 18 different schools to work philosophically together around an RE theme. They seek to:

- **Promote dialogue** between pupils of differing faiths and secular backgrounds
- Provide reflection on British Values around the issue of tolerance and respect
- **Provide professional development for middle managers or teachers** as they watch another teacher lead the learning and then go on to create their own conference back at their school with more pupils
- **Provide an opportunity for pupils to be stretched in their RE thinking**

Theme: 'Peace' Dates for conferences

Wednesday 3rd March 2027

Time: 9:45am to 2:15pm

Venue: Elmhurst Primary School. Upton Park Road, London, E7 8JY

"Today was a brilliant day. inspirational and I have learnt new techniques and approaches to teaching RE. I loved seeing the children's ownership and deep thinking and can't wait to lead the day myself back in my school."

Staff, Newham School

Cost per conference:

£100 to partnership schools paying in advance;
£150 to partnership schools paying after the conference;
£200 to non-partnership schools

Modelling RE/P4C in the Classroom

RE Matters will model lessons in your school, bespoke programmes provided according to **your** school needs.

Partnership School Prices:

£200 for one 1 hour lesson and meeting with teacher for 30 minutes after to discuss what they observed

£350 for two sessions

£500 for 3 sessions

Non-Partnership School Prices:

£250 for one 1 hour lesson and meeting with teacher for 30 minutes after to discuss what they observed

£400 for two sessions

£600 for 3 sessions

RE Matters will come into your school and help you access the quality of RE work in pupils books, along with helping you lead pupil voice interviews. Together these will provide you clear evidence of what is working well and any development points to ensure RE in your school is high quality and impactful.

Partnership School Prices: £250 for 1/2 day (2 form entry school); **£500** for 1 day(4 form entry school)

Non-Partnership School Prices: £300 for 1/2 day
£600 for full day

Booking & Cancellation Procedures

To book onto any course or project please complete and submit the form here: <https://forms.gle/8RaefjRuRGsNSKiQ9>

Alternatively, or if you have any questions, please contact Georgina Neil at RE Matters on georgina.neil@rematters.co.uk

Payment and Cancellation Procedure

Once a course or training has been booked with RE Matters a confirmation e-mail will be sent to the school. An invoice will be sent to the school after the training/course has been completed.

In the case of cancellation the following charges will be applied:

24 hours or less notice of cancellation - Full cost of course
25-72 hours notice of cancellation - 60% of full course fee
3-5 days notice of cancellation - 40% of full course fee

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