

RE Updates – 8th October 2026

RE curriculum consultation

The July announcement promised a September consultation on draft RE content.

By 27th September, no published RE draft or consultation launch has been verified.

The 11th September ministerial answer confirmed a future public consultation but gave no launch date.

How the proposed RE content was developed

The Curriculum and Assessment Review recommended a phased move towards National Curriculum RE.

A DfE commissioned group led by Dr Vanessa Ogden drafted programmes of study and national standards.

It included education professionals and religious and non-religious organisations. The proposals are not final.

How Brent SACRE can contribute

Group A and other SACRE members, including non-religious representatives, to identify what pupils should understand about their traditions and lived experiences.

Teacher members and RE leads what content is teachable with depth and appropriate progression at each key stage

We can record views that are both in agreement and differing.

When DfE publishes the draft and consultation, submit a Brent SACRE response through its official route. Members' organisations can also consider responding in their own names.

This will give Brent's religious representatives a genuine opportunity to shape Brent's response once the proposed content is visible.

Surrey SACRE has likewise said it intends to take part in the public consultation.

New evidence on RE staffing

NATRE's 3 September analysis uses the School Workforce Census.

Nearly six in ten qualified teachers teaching some RE have no recorded relevant post A level qualification.

At KS3, more than one third of RE teaching hours are delivered by teachers without that qualification.