

## A parents' and carers' guide to religious education in Voluntary Aided schools in Wrexham from September 2022

The new name for Religious Education in the Curriculum for Wales is Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE).

RVE is mandatory for all learners from ages 3 to 16 in Wales, with implementation starting in September for all primary schools before rolling out to other year groups between 2023 and 2025. From September 2022, parents and carers of primary school age children will not be able to withdraw their child from RVE.

The RVE your child will receive must be pluralistic. This means that RVE:

- must reflect the fact that religious traditions in Wales are in the main Christian while taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions represented in Wales
- must also reflect that fact that a number of non-religious philosophical convictions are also held in Wales

Your child's school must provide RVE that is also objective and critical, both in content and approach. This is because RVE is an academic subject for all learners, whatever their personal beliefs or family background. RVE does not require or encourage learners to be religious or non-religious, or to accept a prescribed viewpoint, and schools in Wrexham recognise this. They will provide RVE that is planned sensitively and delivered with professional integrity.

In addition to this, RVE will sit within the Humanities Area of learning and experience. This means that your child's learning in RVE may not take place in a separate lesson, as it may have done before, but rather in an integrated way with other Humanities subjects, like history and geography. Also, RVE may be integrated with other subjects in other areas, including for example, music, art, or science.

Every primary school in Wrexham will be designing its own curriculum for September, in line with the [Welsh Government Curriculum for Wales statutory guidance on Hwb](#). Each Voluntary Aided school must provide RVE that has been designed to accord with the school's trust deed or the tenets of its religion or denomination. However, there is an additional requirement which applies **only** if the RVE provision does not also have regard to the Wrexham Agreed Syllabus for RVE. In this case, you can request that your child is provided, instead, with this additional provision.

If you have any questions about the above changes, or what your child might be learning about in RVE from September, please contact the Headteacher of your child's school in the first instance.

