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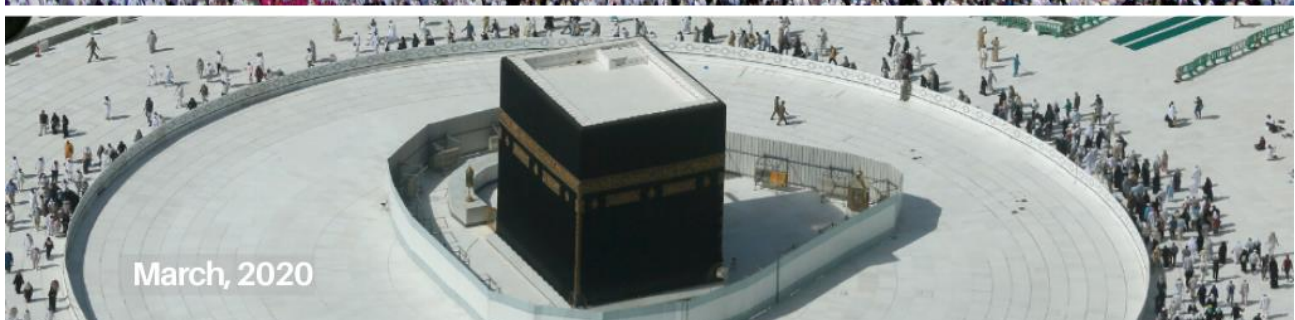
Religious Education Lockdown Learning.

(Primary.)

During this unprecedented time of Coronavirus and school closures there is a need for lockdown learning, Many resources are springing up for different subjects across the curriculum, although RE is missing from certain providers. The Southwark Diocesan Board of Education strongly advises schools to ensure that RE remains at the centre of the curriculum for learning, both of those pupils still in school and for those at home in their home schooling.

We recognise that there may be some considerable inequality of provision for pupils, both in terms of exposing the variability of support for pupils' learning at home from within the home as parents / carers struggle to juggle both the demands of work and home schooling their own children or engage reluctant offspring and also of inequality of access to technology and the internet for pupils and their families at home. Being aware that learning in RE may not be high on some parents' list of priorities and given that RE may be one of the more difficult subjects to adapt for home learning, we are recommending that schools especially use the BBC resources, Barnabas in Schools resources and National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE) home learning resources written for this specific time, along with other resources signposted here, for pupils' learning. The BBC and RE Today / NATRE materials cover the range of principal world religions and beliefs whilst Barnabas in Schools covers Christianity, so they should all easily compliment what schools have taught as part of their RE curriculum already. These resources are particularly appropriate both whilst schools are operating during lockdown and in transitional arrangements following lockdown.

It may well be that you have already put significant effort into providing good quality home learning resources for pupils or have used this opportunity to generate new innovations in RE, so if this is the case, please do continue!



Recommended Resources for use in RE Lockdown Learning.

BBC.

BBC Bitesize Daily is delivering a tailored day of learning across BBC iPlayer, Red Button, BBC Bitesize website and app, BBC Four and BBC Sounds, with curriculum relevant offers across the UK. BBC iPlayer is serving up specially curated content to showcase the very best curriculum-related videos and programmes. Organised by year group and subject, it will be easy for children to find and navigate further support for their learning.

Together, this comprehensive package is aimed at minimising disruption to children's education and providing rhythm and routine in these challenging times:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Barnabas in Schools.

Barnabas in Schools offers a wealth of free ideas that can be used to help pupils continue to study Christianity as part of their RE curriculum at school or at home, including new material specifically designed for pupils to use at home with and without adult support:

<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk>

RE Today / (National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE)).

To help you during this difficult time, RE Today is working hard to support NATRE by producing resources that all teachers can use and share with pupils and parents / carers in order to support with home learning.

FREE resources for the different key stages are being added to their website on an ongoing basis:

<http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/>

Useful Links For RE Lockdown Learning For Teachers, Parents / Carers and Pupils.

This list is adapted from NATRE and RE Today Services who have pulled together a quick list of high-quality, free to access resources that may be of benefit to pupils of all ages across the UK for lockdown learning during the Covid-19 outbreak. This list is certainly not exhaustive, please do let us know of any good quality resources that you use or come across so that we can add to this list over the coming weeks.

BBC Bitesize.

7-11 year olds can find out about different religions and non-religious worldviews through BBC Bitesize:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j>

Religions of the World.

Animated BBC films to teach **3-7 year olds** about different religions:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religions-of-the-world/zfxwpg8>

My Life, My Religion.

Short BBC films for **7-11 year olds** featuring children from 5 of the world's major religions:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05p1c9/clips>

NATRE – Home Learning Resources.

RE Today are working hard to produce some materials freely available on the NATRE website for pupils to work from at home. There are materials available for both KS1 and KS2. They will be adding more free resources as they are finished over the coming weeks:

<http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/>

NATRE Spirited Arts Competition.

You may wish to use this opportunity for opening up and encouraging pupils' creativity in generating some art, e.g. sketching, drawing or painting, or sculpture, poetry, photography, music, dance, video, etc. and to possibly enter the NATRE Spirited Arts competition.

You could also use this opportunity to help your pupils to reflect through the arts on the spiritual dimension of these times of Coronavirus.

More details can be found at:

www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2020/

True Tube.

A series of films suitable for **pupils aged 7-11** on a variety of topics such as a History of Islam in 10 minutes, the Easter story in 3 parts, A Day in the Life of a Vicar, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, Visits to Places of Worship in the Holy Cribs series and much much more:

www.truetube.co.uk/list?content%20types=films&keystages=key%20stage%202&page=1&category=ethics%20and%20religion&

Charlie and Blue.

Charlie and Blue films visiting places of worship, celebrating some festivals and much more.

7 films suitable for **5-7 year olds**:

www.truetube.co.uk/list?content%20types=films&keystages=key%20stage%201&page=1&

RE Definitions.

Definitions of lots of key words across different religions, with pronunciations provided.

(Please note the website may have some downtime to resolve background technical issues.):

<http://re-definitions.org.uk/>

CAFOD.

CAFOD have a school closure pack for **Primary** pupils which can be downloaded and printed:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Resources-for-school-closures>

Jewish Museum London.

Pupils **ages 5-11** can access lots of information, videos and resources on the Torah, festivals such as Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah and Hanukah and other aspects of Jewish life like the Shema prayer found in a Mezuzah:

https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/schools/type/object/?_sft_jm_asset_keystage=early-years,key-stage-1,key-stage-2&_sft_jm_asset_curriculum=judaism&sf_paged=2

RE:Online.

Lots of subject knowledge information that is suitable for teachers as well as any parents / carers looking to gain knowledge to support pupils' home learning:

<https://www.reonline.org.uk/subject-knowledge/>



I hope that this will be of use and help you during this difficult time, as we adapt to new ways of working, teaching and learning.

I am really aware of the amazing job that you are doing in responding to significant challenges at very short notice, especially in supporting children of key workers and vulnerable children by keeping schools open and getting home learning resources out to pupils. It is good to see parents, carers and other providers such as the BBC, Barnabas in Schools and NATRE / RE Today all working together to implement and support home learning.

Thank you very much for all that you are doing and will continue to do in the coming weeks and months.