

A RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS APPROACH

Both reimagined substantive content and refocused pedagogy must be in place for a religion and worldviews approach.

SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT

Begins with people, focusing on the rich diversity of lived, authentic experience of religion and non-religion.



- Develops an understanding of the matters of central importance for the religious and non-religious worldviews studied.
- Explores what is meant by concepts such as belief, religion, spirituality and worldview.



Investigates organised, institutional and individual worldviews.





- Considers how worldviews may provide values, morality and guidance.
- Takes seriously diversity, continuity, change and context of worldviews.

Note: Worldviews can be religious or non-religious

PEDAGOGY

- Begins with **pupils understanding** as **interpreters** of religion and worldviews.
- Enables pupils to understand their personal knowledge through reflexivity.
- Utilises different ways of knowing such as theological, sociological, historical and philosophical disciplinary lenses.
- Inducts pupils into the processes and scholarly methods used to study religion, religious and non-religious worldviews.



Emphasises the value of dialogue and intellectual humility in the classroom.

- A curriculum may reimagine the substantive content, but not be a religion and worldviews approach if it does not take into account the appropriate pedagogy.
- A teacher of RE may utilise the appropriate pedagogy (largely a hermeneutical approach) but use a world religions paradigm to construct the substantive content, this would also not be a religion and worldviews approach.
- To be a religion and worldviews approach the teacher of RE must both reimagine the substantive content and their pedagogy.