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Reasons why Religious Education (RE) should be in a new National Curriculum



1 Social and civic impact

RE contributes to **community cohesion**, equips young people to **disagree respectfully**, **counters extremism** and promotes **human rights** and **freedom of religion or belief**.

2 Life and work readiness

RE develops **critical thinking**, supports **informed debate**, and prepares pupils for **higher education** and **employment**.



3 Equity of access

A national curriculum would bring **consistency** of provision, **reduce fragmentation**, thus ensuring **no child is educationally disadvantaged** in relation to RE.

4 Curriculum Standards

A national curriculum would establish **common benchmarks**, improving **consistency** in provision and **pupil outcomes**.



5 Content coherence

Standardised expectations for content and skills would ensure **progression** and **relevance**, reflecting **diverse lived experiences** and **beliefs**.

6 Subject status

Incorporating RE into the national curriculum could **elevate its status** alongside core subjects, **increasing visibility** and helping attract and **retain qualified teachers**—addressing current recruitment and retention challenges.

