Welcome to my second bulletin.

There was a lot I had intended to write here which just doesn’t seem relevant right now as we find ourselves in these unprecedented times and all get used to working in different ways. For those of you still in school serving our children and parents, you have my upmost respect and admiration so thank you for what you continue to do every day.

I am working from home and still available to advise on RE or other church schools matters, so do drop me an email at gemma.kingston@cofesuffolk.org if there is anything I can assist you with. It has been a busy term with the release of the new Emmanuel Project 2020 edition. Thank you to those who have sent in positive feedback. We are still able to make the new edition available to you online as we are not currently posting. Email Jacqui.studd@cofesuffolk.org for more information.

Until we meet again, keep safe and well.

Gemma

Gemma Kingston, Diocesan Schools’ Adviser

The Emmanuel Project 2020 AVAILABLE NOW!

This edition includes some significant amendments, additions and improvements including:

- NEW ‘Assessing RE in your school’ section in all units to replace levels
• NEW end of unit and end of year assessment materials for all units including quick quizzes based in blooms taxonomy and Solo Taxonomy hexagons
• NEW Evaluate sections in all units to reflect the assessment changes
• NEW ‘Before you start’ pages in all units to reflect a wider use across the country as well as maintain a link with the Suffolk syllabus
• NEW ‘Explore’ sections in KS1 Christianity and all EYFS units which have been split into the three sections used in all the other units with some new material added and the rest reworked to fit the new structure
• NEW content in EYFS and KS1 where units now have ‘letters’ from e.g. Tom and Tessa to help teachers deliver the religious content in a more child-friendly way
• NEW stories from other world religions included in EYFS units
• NEW ‘Teacher Handbook’ outlining content and progression for each phase and religion
• NEW weblinks in every unit, with all previous links having been checked and updated!
• The resource is provided on a memory stick and costs £250.00 + £2.00 p&p to new buyers / £100.00 + £2.00 p&p to those who bought the previous edition.

Please note there are now example units available online at: https://www.cofesuffolk.org/resources/re-resources

Resources for RE support through the coronavirus crisis

RE Today, in parentship with NATRE, have produced a series of free, quality-assured online resources to support parents and their children with the provision of RE activities for use during the coronavirus crisis. These resources are available for anyone to access at: www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/
These include seven resources for each Key Stage including home learning activities about Easter, Bible stories and other festivals.
Barnabas in Schools have produced Easter activities and an activity on the use of food banks during the pandemic freely available at https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/topics/re-home

New Resources

**Picturing Islam, Picturing Muslims** from RE Today £45.00

The much-anticipated sequel to Picturing Christianity has now been launched.

**Explore the wonders of this religion through visual learning.** A collection of outstanding images and artworks used to introduce key concepts for understanding Islamic theology. This resource provides great lesson ideas and includes a teaching handbook.

![Image of Picturing Islam, Picturing Muslims](image)

**Bob Hartman’s Rhyming Bible**

*Moses said to Pharaoh, ‘Let my people go.’ But Pharaoh said to Moses, ‘NO! NO! NO!’*

Author of the bestselling Lion Storyteller Bible and The Bible App for Kids, internationally renowned storyteller Bob Hartman retells over 40 classic Bible stories in rhyme. A great resource for schools.

![Image of Bob Hartman’s Rhyming Bible](image)

From Esther to Samuel, Zacchaeus to Daniel, join in the rhyming fun with all your favourite characters and see the
Bible come alive in Mark Beech's fantastic illustrations.

Foundation Stage RE

I have updated guidance on teaching RE in EYFS. This includes advice for professionals on teaching abstract ideas to young children. This is available at:

https://www.cofesuffolk.org/religious-education/re-support

RE advice for church school leaders

I have been busy putting together some advice for Church school subject leaders on understanding the RE strand in the SIAMS schedule. I aim to make this available on
the website within the next week or contact me for a draft copy as I would appreciate any feedback.

**SIAMS for RE Subject Leaders**

What do I need to know to understand the expectations of strand 7?

Good RE should contribute to an education which enables all to flourish.

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**Assessment trialling**

The 2020 EP edition comes with new assessment materials including quick quizzes and end of year expectations. Also each unit has a solo taxonomy tool. Have a look at how Siobhan from Great Finborough has been using these as an assessment tool for her Key Stage two class to give indications of how much each child has grasped the key question:
Inset for Summer Term 2020

The Basics in RE and Collective Worship courses due to take place on (date) will go ahead, but virtually. If this is successful, we will aim to deliver more planned training virtually next term.

**RE conference**

**REXChange 2020, Saturday 3rd October, Birmingham**

This conference is a new venture for the RE Community. The primary aim of the conference is to help teachers to engage with and in research. It is suitable for all primary and secondary teachers, members of SACRE, local advisers and so on. For more information and to book: [https://www.cstq.org.uk/programmes/rexchange/](https://www.cstq.org.uk/programmes/rexchange/)

The cost has been kept to the minimum so is only £30 per delegate. Please promote this event with all your local groups and contact. Help us spread the word!

**RE online**

**ResearchforRE**

Research for RE is a research website which brings together teachers with research reports. There are over 1000 users. Are you one of them? Could you showcase the website with local groups? Help teachers to see how they can use research in their classroom.
Teach:RE Courses

The Teach:RE courses have had a makeover. The Primary Introduction course is now FREE. These courses are designed to support teachers in all stages of their career with modules ranging from subject knowledge to policy to curriculum to research. www.teachre.co.uk

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