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Dear

ATISN 11567 – request for information on Religious Education

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 September about the number of schools in Wales that offer Religious Education (RE) lessons to pupils.

RE is a statutory subject in the basic curriculum for all registered school pupils (including those in reception classes and sixth forms but excluding those in nursery) and, as a consequence, the expectation is that all schools in Wales offer RE.

Each Local Authority has its own agreed syllabus for RE which is determined by Agreed Syllabus Conferences. The Welsh Government does not collect information on the delivery of RE lessons; it is the responsibility of schools and local authorities to plan and deliver a broad, balanced programme of RE to meet the specific needs of learners, using the *National exemplar framework for religious education for 3 to 19-year-olds in Wales*.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.



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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.