



Religion, Values and Ethics at Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

Information for parents and carers.

At Ysgol Bro Gwaun, Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) forms an important part of our curriculum and helps learners make sense of the diverse world in which they live.

RVE encourages learners to explore different religions, beliefs, values and ethical issues in an open, respectful and inclusive way. It supports learners to develop knowledge, understanding, critical thinking, empathy and respect for others, helping them become ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world.

This guidance is based on the Welsh Government's statutory Religion, Values and Ethics guidance for Curriculum for Wales and the Pembrokeshire Agreed Syllabus.

What is RVE?

Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) replaced Religious Education (RE) as part of the Curriculum for Wales.

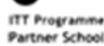
RVE gives learners opportunities to:

- Learn about a range of religions and beliefs.
- Explore non-religious philosophical convictions and worldviews.
- Consider important questions about meaning, purpose and identity.
- Discuss moral and ethical issues affecting society.
- Develop respect for diversity and different perspectives.
- Reflect on their own beliefs, values and experiences.

RVE is taught objectively, critically and pluralistically. This means that learners explore different viewpoints fairly, consider evidence and ideas thoughtfully, and are encouraged to develop their own informed responses.

Our vision for RVE at Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

We believe that every learner should develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to engage thoughtfully and respectfully with the rich





diversity of beliefs, values and experiences that shape life in Wales and beyond. Through Religion, Values and Ethics, we aim to nurture curious, reflective and compassionate young people who are prepared to contribute positively to an increasingly diverse and interconnected world.

What do pupils learn about?

At Ysgol Bro Gwaun, Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) plays an important role in helping pupils develop their understanding of the diverse world around them. Through RVE, pupils are encouraged to think critically, respect differing viewpoints and explore the beliefs, values and ethical issues that shape individuals and societies.

Key stage 3:

During Years 7 and 8, pupils study the beliefs, teachings and practices of the six major world religions plus non-religious worldviews.

In Year 9, pupils build upon this knowledge by applying religious and non-religious beliefs to contemporary ethical and philosophical issues. Topics include worldviews and identity, medical ethics and crime and punishment. This provides pupils with valuable opportunities to examine how a person's worldview can influence their beliefs, actions and responses to real-life issues.

Key stage 4:

At Key Stage 4, pupils have the opportunity to choose GCSE Religious Studies as an option subject. The course offers an engaging, relevant and up-to-date study of religion, ethics and philosophy, encouraging pupils to debate contemporary issues and develop skills of analysis, evaluation and critical thinking.

In addition, all Key Stage 4 pupils receive one hour of statutory RVE every fortnight. These lessons are not externally examined but provide an important opportunity for pupils to explore significant contemporary issues, reflect on different perspectives, challenge assumptions and develop informed opinions.

How is RVE taught?

At Ysgol Bro Gwaun, RVE is delivered through engaging, enquiry-based learning.

Learners may:

- Investigate big questions.





- Explore real-life ethical issues.
- Analyse different viewpoints.
- Participate in respectful discussion and debate.
- Examine religious and non-religious sources.
- Learn from visitors and educational visits where appropriate.
- Reflect on their own beliefs and experiences.

The aim is not to encourage pupils to adopt any particular belief. Instead, RVE develops understanding, curiosity, respect and critical thinking.

Inclusivity and Respect.

Ysgol Bro Gwaun is committed to creating an inclusive environment where every learner feels respected and valued.

RVE reflects:

- The religious traditions that have shaped Wales, particularly Christianity.
- Other principal religions represented in Wales.
- The range of non-religious beliefs and philosophical convictions held in Wales today.

All learners are encouraged to express their views respectfully while listening to and learning from the perspectives of others

How does RVE support the curriculum for Wales?

RVE contributes to the four purposes of the Curriculum for Wales by helping learners become:

- Ambitious, capable learners
- Enterprising, creative contributors
- Ethical, informed citizens
- Healthy, confident individuals





Through RVE, pupils develop skills such as critical thinking, communication, empathy, reflection and informed decision-making.

Parents and carers questions.

Is RVE compulsory?

Yes. Under the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021, RVE is a mandatory part of the Curriculum for Wales for all learners aged 3 to 16.

Can parents withdraw their child from RVE lessons?

No. Under current Welsh legislation, there is no parental right to withdraw a child from RVE within the Curriculum for Wales.

Does RVE promote a particular religion or belief?

No. RVE is taught objectively and includes a balanced consideration of religious and non-religious beliefs. The purpose is to develop understanding, respect and critical thinking rather than promote any particular viewpoint.

How does RVE support wellbeing?

RVE provides opportunities for learners to explore questions about identity, belonging, values and purpose. It promotes understanding, empathy, respect and positive relationships, supporting learners' personal development and wellbeing.

Further Information.

For further information about Religion, Values and Ethics, parents and carers can view the Welsh Government guidance on Hwb and the Curriculum for Wales.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of RVE provision at Ysgol Bro Gwaun, please contact Lucy Harris our Humanities coordinator on Lucy.Harris@ysgolbrogwaun.com

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/sacre/pembrokeshire-agreed-syllabus-for-religion-values-and-ethics> - Pembrokeshire Agreed Syllabus Humanities:

[Designing your curriculum - Hwb](#) – Wales RVE Guidance

