



The RE Quality Mark

The REQM acknowledges and celebrates outstanding RE. If your school knows that it is making a difference to learners, you should consider applying for the REQM. This is an award which recognises high quality RE in the classroom, particularly in those schools which are providing their learners with authentic experiences and contributing to whole school outcomes.

RE makes a powerful contribution to young people’s learning. It provides them with the chance to explore the big ideas of religion and belief and to think about what matters in their own lives. Good RE supports the development of the whole child. It also has a significant contribution to make to whole school improvement. With the renewed focus from Ofsted on the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development for all pupils, it is more important than ever that RE is recognised and celebrated.

The RE Quality Mark has two purposes: it recognises good practice in RE and also provides a powerful tool for development. Schools which have applied for the award have found that it affirms the work they are already doing, raises the profile of the subject and gives them ideas and confidence for developing their practice even further.

Even where a school is unable to apply for the award, the training materials and pupil perception forms are excellent for moving schools along in their RE practice.

The graphic is a vertical banner. At the top, there are three award banners: 'RE Quality Mark BRONZE' (green), 'RE Quality Mark SILVER' (blue), and 'RE Quality Mark GOLD' (orange). Below these are two photographs: one of a teacher and students, and another of a teacher and students. The central part of the graphic is a blue box with the text 'RE Quality Mark' and three bullet points: 'Do learners in your school have high quality religious education?', 'Does RE contribute to whole school improvement?', and 'Would you like high quality RE in your school to be recognised?'. Below the bullet points, it says 'The REQM acknowledges and celebrates outstanding RE. If you know that you are making a difference to learners, consider applying for the REQM. www.reqm.org'. At the bottom, there are three more award banners (Bronze, Silver, Gold) and a photograph of two students.

The REQM has been set up to:

- raise the profile of religious education in schools
- celebrate a commitment to excellence in religious education
- enable dissemination of quality RE through networking
- provide a framework for measuring, planning and developing the quality of RE teaching and learning
- encourage schools to increase the range and quality of teaching and learning in religious education to improve standards
- develop pedagogies which have impact on whole school improvement
- provide a structure and framework for dioceses and SACREs to map high quality religious education
- address the findings of the 'Transforming RE' report relating to enquiry based learning



Cost: The cost of the REQM is £475. Various local and national bodies may be willing to support or partially cover the cost of the award. It is worth asking local councillors and churches for help.

More details: www.reqm.org/

For enquiries about the REQM, please contact admin@reqm.org

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