

## Guidance paper E

### Local RE: Guidance on visiting places of worship in the area.

This is a locally Agreed Syllabus for RE. Members of many faith communities have been involved in its development and it provides for a study of both Christianity, which has a special place in Nottingham City and County's religious history and contemporary life, and the other principal religions in the UK.

Jewish people, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus and Buddhists have lived in Nottingham City and County, often for many decades. There are regional centres for each of these faiths within a few miles of all of our schools.

The children and young people of the city and county are growing up to live with religious plurality, locally, regionally, nationally and globally. RE can help them to prepare for adult life in a plural world by enabling learning from the local religious communities and develop the attitudes which promote community cohesion.

Schools are encouraged, wherever possible, to use authentic resources, including visits, visitors, artefacts, visual resources such as posters, video, ICT resources and photographs to bring the local communities of faith to life for pupils. While the local church, or a place of worship in Nottingham City or County may be a suitable starting point, the region is also rich in religious plurality, and the study of communities of faith in Derby, Leicester, Sheffield or other localities can be a powerful way of opening pupils' minds to the interest of a range of religions.

It is the intention of the ASC that a list of contacts, and other RE Syllabus materials, will be available digitally to schools on the RS Resources website. This will enable continual updating of the materials.

### Visiting Places of Worship

Pupils benefit enormously from visits to places of worship, as it gives them first hand experiences and they often get the opportunity to meet with members of the faith community during the visit. Visits to places of worship can also lead to inviting members of faith communities to visit the classroom.

Visits do involve some preparation beforehand, and it is important to brief the host so any talks pupils listen to are at an appropriate level, and do not extend past pupils' concentration spans. Before pupils make the visit, prepare any work you want them to do, and brief them so they know what they will be doing. Consider what you want the visit to achieve, and what you want the pupils to actually do during the visit. Parents and helpers will also need to be informed. Following the School's visits and trips procedures will mean that these issues are covered effectively.

Ensure everyone involved in the visit is aware of any dress codes and what is appropriate behaviour, and what to expect during the visit, and why. In any place of worship, respectful behaviour and modest dress would be reasonable.

The following gives some general guidelines to prepare teachers regarding what to expect. They are general, and it is advisable to check with the place of worship in advance regarding specific rules in order not to give offence. It is also advisable to confirm a couple of days before the visit to ensure you are expected.

When visiting a place of worship with a school party, pupils are never participants in worship. Activities such as joining in prayers, offerings or songs to God are appropriate for believers, members of the faith community. But as educational visitors, the emphasis for pupils will always be on learning: appropriate activities include asking questions, listening to a short talk, observing worship, studying the artifacts of faith in the building, listening to an example of prayer or a reading from scripture and discussing how this would contribute to worship. The visit is not to the building as a museum, but to the building as a place of worship. Teachers will find many learning opportunities through such activities. School visits will always need to take account of the relevant health and safety guidance.

The opportunity to visit a place of worship places some burdens upon faith communities, which are usually met by voluntary effort. It may be appropriate for schools to make a financial contribution or donation, for example where photocopying costs have been incurred, or refreshments have been provided.

## Some general guidance

Please check these ideas with your host when planning a visit.

### Buddhist: Vihara, Temple.

You may be asked to remove your shoes before entering.

You will probably not be required to cover your head.

### Christian: Cathedral, Church, Chapel, Hall, Citadel.

Although it is interesting to visit a variety of Christian traditions, schools often like to start with the local Church as there may already be a link with the minister and it may not be far for Key Stage 1 pupils to walk.

Find out where it is not appropriate for pupils to wander, such as behind the altar rail.

Hats should not be worn.

### Hindu: Mandir, Temple

You may be asked to wash your hands before entering the Mandir.

It is usual to remove shoes.

Females might be asked to cover their heads - it is best to check local custom.

Do not enter shrine areas.

Do not point feet or fingers at shrines.

Visitors may be offered prashad / parshad (a sweet paste) or sweets, sometimes on arrival, sometimes on exit. (This can be accepted, or politely declined on the grounds of conscience – it is good to talk to pupils about this in advance).

Visitors may also be offered arti (a flame to pass your hands over). It is a symbol of the divine blessing. This can also be politely declined if it is not appropriate.

Jewish: Synagogue.

Males are normally provided with a kippah (skull cap) to wear. Occasionally females are asked to cover their heads, but not often.

In reform Synagogues males and females will not be separated, but some Orthodox synagogues separate the sexes, normally only when a service is taking place.

Muslim (Islam): Mosque.

Visitors may be asked to wash their hands (and possibly feet).

Females should have their heads covered with a headscarf (not a hat), and cover their arms and legs, and be discreetly dressed. Sometimes males and females are kept separate.

Sikh: Gurdwara.

Visitors may be asked to wash hands.

Shoes must be removed and legs must be covered.

Females wear a headscarf and males often wear a handkerchief to cover the head.

Adults are requested not to bring tobacco or alcohol into the Gurdwara.

When sitting on the floor, do not point your feet towards the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh scriptures), as this is regarded as disrespectful.

Karah parshad, a sweet paste, may be offered. This can be accepted, or politely declined on the grounds of conscience.

A drink, and sometimes food, is usually offered in the langar (community kitchen) before leaving which it is generally polite to accept - you could arrange for this to be orange squash for pupils when planning the visit beforehand.

## **Places of Worship and multi-faith contacts in and around Nottingham City and County**

### **Nottingham Interfaith**

Web addresses change frequently. To facilitate visiting places of worship and faith community buildings, use the office of the Nottingham Interfaith Council, Bluecoat School RS Resources centre, Aspley Lane, Nottingham NG8 5GY, email; [info@interfaithnottm.org.uk](mailto:info@interfaithnottm.org.uk) 0115 929 7445 (option 1, ext 4040)

**Details of the addresses and website below are changing all the time: the internet can be the best way of keeping up to date**

[nottinghambahais@bci.org](mailto:nottinghambahais@bci.org)

### **Baha'i**

Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of  
Nottingham  
2 Southey Street  
Hyson Green  
Nottingham  
NG7 4BG  
0115-9249140

Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of West  
Bridgford  
The Flat  
65 Clumber Road  
West Bridgford  
Nottingham  
NG2 6DP  
0115-8469365  
[sandraj9@ntlworld.com](mailto:sandraj9@ntlworld.com)

**Buddhist**

Friends of the Western Buddhist Order  
Nottingham Buddhist Centre  
9 St. Mary's Place  
The Lace Market  
Nottingham  
NG1 1PH  
0115-9561008  
[nottfwbo@aol.com](mailto:nottfwbo@aol.com)

They have a shrine room and can receive groups of up to about 35 pupils.

Nottingham Serene Reflection Meditation Group  
Friends Meeting House  
Clarendon Street  
Nottingham  
NG1 5JD  
0115-9603450

Western Ch'an Fellowship Nottingham Branch  
c/o 8 Park Terrace  
The Park  
Nottingham  
NG1 5DN  
0115-924975

Tara Buddhist Centre  
Ashe Hall  
Ash Lane  
Etwall  
DE65 6HT  
01283-732338  
[meditate@taracentre.org.uk](mailto:meditate@taracentre.org.uk)

Akshobya Buddhist Centre  
52 Mayo Road  
Sherwood Rise  
Nottingham  
NG5 1BL  
0115-9857356  
[info@akshobya.com](mailto:info@akshobya.com)

The Japanese Garden at Pureland Meditation  
Centre  
North Clifton  
Newark  
NG23 7AT  
01777-228567  
Contact the Buddhist monk Maitreya  
Open April – October, Tuesday – Friday,  
10.30am – 5.30pm  
Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays, 10am –  
5.30pm

### **Christian**

There are numerous churches of many denominations throughout the city and county. Each school will probably have a Church of England church within walking distance and possibly other denominations as well. Try the Yellow Pages under 'Places of Worship' or church notice boards.

St. Mary's Church  
(Anglican; Church of England)  
High Pavement  
The Lace Market  
Nottingham  
0115-9582105

Greek Orthodox Church  
Derby Road  
Nottingham

Congregational Federation  
4/8 Castle Gate  
Nottingham  
NG1 7AS  
0115-9111460  
[admin@congregational.org.uk](mailto:admin@congregational.org.uk)

Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland  
North East Regional Council  
c/o 16 Bridgford Road  
West Bridgford  
Nottingham  
NG2 6AF  
0115-9811188  
[info@aog.org.uk](mailto:info@aog.org.uk)

East Midlands Region, Assemblies of God in  
Great Britain and Ireland  
Emmanuel Christian Centre  
Sherwood Avenue  
Newark  
NG24 1QF  
01636-682240  
[office@eccentres.co.uk](mailto:office@eccentres.co.uk)

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East Midlands Baptist Association  
25 Coningsby Road  
Woodthorpe  
Nottingham  
NG5 4LH  
0115-9679679  
[emba@surfaid.org](mailto:emba@surfaid.org)

Church of England,  
Diocese of Southwell  
Dunham House  
8 Westgate  
Southwell  
NG25 0JL  
01636-814331  
[mail@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:mail@southwell.anglican.org)

Southwell Minster  
(Anglican, Church of England)  
The Minster Office  
Bishops Drive  
Southwell  
01636-812649

Methodist Church Nottingham and Derby  
District  
12 Cheviot Avenue  
Codnor Park  
Ironville  
NG16 5QQ  
01773-603902  
[averilg@compuserve.com](mailto:averilg@compuserve.com)

Moravian Church Eastern District Conference  
Hillside  
29 The Settlement  
Ockbrook  
Derby  
DE7 3RJ  
01332-6745932

Russian Orthodox Church of the  
Transfiguration  
Carlton Hill  
Carlton  
Nottingham  
Priest: Father David Gill  
0115-9622351

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nottingham  
27 Cavendish Road East  
The Park  
Nottingham  
NG7 1BB  
0115-9474786  
[eddy.jarosz@nottinghamdiocese.org.uk](mailto:eddy.jarosz@nottinghamdiocese.org.uk)

St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Cathedral  
Cathedral House  
Derby Road  
Nottingham  
0115-9539839

Salvation Army  
East Midlands Division  
Paisley Grove  
Chilwell  
Nottingham  
NG9 6DJ  
0115-9835000  
[chris.sands@salvationarmy.org](mailto:chris.sands@salvationarmy.org)

Seventh Day Adventist Church  
North England Conference  
22 Zulla Road  
Mapperley Park  
Nottingham  
NG3 5DB  
0115-9606312  
[admin@nec-sda-church.co.uk](mailto:admin@nec-sda-church.co.uk)

East Midlands Unitarians  
3 Plumtre Street  
Lace Market  
Nottingham  
NG1 1JL  
0115-9892198

United Reformed Church East Midlands Synod  
Sherwood United Reformed Church  
1 Edwards Lane  
Sherwood  
Nottingham  
NG5 3AA  
0115-9609241  
[office.urceastmid@lineone.net](mailto:office.urceastmid@lineone.net)

**Hindu**

Brahma Samaj Nottingham  
34 Russell Drive  
Wollaton  
Nottingham  
NG8 2BH  
0115-9164664  
[bhareshpiani@hotmail.com](mailto:bhareshpiani@hotmail.com)

Gujarat Samaj  
28 Handel Street  
St. Anns  
Nottingham  
NG3 1JE  
0115-9119007  
[gujarat.samaj@tinyworld.com](mailto:gujarat.samaj@tinyworld.com)

Hindu Temple Cultural and Community Centre  
215 Carlton Road  
Nottingham  
NG3 2FX  
0115-9113384  
0115-9131426

Hindu Youth Group  
Radford Youth and Community Centre  
Lenton Boulevard  
Radford  
Nottingham  
NG7 2BY  
0115-9231595

Lohana Community: Derbyshire and  
Nottingham City and County  
312 Normanton Road  
Derby  
DE3 6WE  
01332-380407  
01332-771285

Radha Kripa Trust  
44 Bressingham Drive  
West Bridgford  
Nottingham  
NG2 7PD  
0115-9847217

Sri Nama Hatta, ISKCON Nottingham  
Srivasa-Angang  
24 Manor Close  
Bleasby  
Nottingham  
NG14 7GE  
01636-830077

Swaminarayan Hindu Mission  
8 Howseman Gardens  
Nottingham  
NG2 2HX  
0115-9865848

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (UK)  
21 Kenneth Road  
Redhill  
Nottingham  
NG5 8HY  
0115-9559251

### **Muslim**

Please try to avoid telephoning Muslims on Fridays.

Central Mosque and Islamic Centre  
3 Curzon Street  
St. Ann's Road  
Nottingham  
NG3 1DG  
0115-9590001

Jameah Fatimah Mosque  
118a Berridge Road  
Forest Fields  
Nottingham  
NG7  
0115-9244004

Jamiah Fatimia  
c/o 18 Austen Avenue  
Forest Fields  
Nottingham  
NG7 6PE  
0115-9786006

Karima Institute  
512-514 Berridge Road West  
Forest Fields  
Nottingham  
NG7 5JU  
0115-8415806  
[musharraf3@hotmail.com](mailto:musharraf3@hotmail.com)

Madni Masjid and Muslims Education Centre  
289 Gladstone Street  
Forest Fields  
Nottingham  
NG7 6HX  
0115 969 0800



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Madrassa-e-Islamia  
58 Thurgarten Street  
Sneinton  
Nottingham  
NG2 4AG  
0115-9117601

Masjid Bilaal Mosque  
3-5 Lenton Boulevard  
Lenton  
Nottingham  
NG7 2ET  
0786-6734943

Mosque  
65 Belper Avenue  
Carlton  
Nottingham  
NG4 3SE

Muslim Women Organisation  
165a Ilkeston Road  
The Lodge  
Lenton  
Nottingham  
NG7 3HF  
0115-9420590

Pakistan Community Centre  
163 Woodborough Road  
Nottingham  
NG3 1AX  
0115-9582973

Pakistan Muslim Association  
10 Radford Road  
Hyson Green  
Nottingham  
NG7 5FS

Sneinton Muslim Centre  
5 Kingsley Road  
Sneinton  
Nottingham  
NG2 4AR

Jamia Al-Karam  
Eaton Hall  
Retford  
DN22 OPR  
01777-706441

Muslim Hands International Relief  
Organisation  
148-164 Gregory Boulevard  
Nottingham  
NG7 5JE  
0115-9117222  
[contact@muslimhands.org](mailto:contact@muslimhands.org)

**Jewish**

Please try to avoid telephoning Jews on Friday afternoons or Saturdays.

Nottingham Hebrew Congregation  
Shakespeare Villas  
Nottingham  
NG1 4FQ  
0115-9472004  
[officehc@aol.com](mailto:officehc@aol.com)

Nottingham Jewish Welfare Board  
35 Arnot Hill Road  
Nottingham  
NG5 6LN  
0115-9260245

Nottingham Jewish Women's Benevolent Society  
c/o Nottingham Hebrew Congregation  
Shakespeare Villas  
Nottingham  
NG1 4FQ  
0115-9476663

Nottingham Progressive Jewish Congregation  
Nottingham Progressive Synagogue  
Lloyd Street  
off Mansfield Road  
Sherwood  
Nottingham  
NG5 4BP  
0115-9624761  
[npic@ulps.org](mailto:npic@ulps.org)  
The rabbi is called Amanda Golby.

The Holocaust Centre  
Beth Shalom  
Laxton  
Newark  
Nottinghamshire  
NG22 OPA  
01623-836627  
Open Wednesdays-Sundays  
Caters for school visits  
[office@bethshalom.com](mailto:office@bethshalom.com)  
<http://www.holocaustcentre.net>

Miriam Kaplovich House  
(A Jewish care home)  
Mansfield Road  
Nottingham

**Sikh**

Bhatra Sikh Temple / Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur  
Gurdwara  
36 Church Street  
Lenton  
Nottingham  
NG7 2FF  
0115-9700750

Gurdwara Baba Budha Ji  
24 Gladstone Street  
Nottingham  
NG4 1EL  
0115-8448888

Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurdwara  
36 Charter Street  
Nottingham  
0115-9700750

Guru Nanak Sat Sang Gurdwara  
60/62 Forest Road West  
Nottingham  
NG7 4EP  
0115-9781394

Ramgarhia Sabha  
Religious Hall  
31 Percy Street  
Nottingham  
NG6 0GF  
0115-9791595

Sikh Academy  
97 Ilkeston Road  
Wollaton  
Nottingham  
NG7 3HA  
0115-9420070

[gurunanakgurdwara@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gurunanakgurdwara@yahoo.co.uk)

Sikh Community and Youth Services  
203 Ilkeston Road  
Nottingham  
NG7 3FW  
0115-9702003

Sikh Gurdwara  
26 Nottingham Road  
Basford  
Nottingham  
NG7 7AE  
0115-9622132

Sikh Gurdwara  
Bentinck Road  
Hyson Green  
Nottingham  
NG7 4AA

Gurdwara Nottingham  
17 Berridge Road  
Nottingham

Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurdwara  
1 Noel Street  
Hyson Green  
Nottingham

Sikh Temple  
16 Ebury Road  
Sherwood Rise  
Nottingham  
NG5 1BB  
0115-9622132

Sikh Temple Singh Sabha  
97 Burford Road  
Forest Fields  
Nottingham

**Materials to supplement Section E of the  
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More Places of Worship and multi-faith contacts  
further afield than those already listed, beyond the county**

Please note web addresses (and telephone numbers) may change.

**Inter-Faith**

Interfaith Education Centre  
Listerhills Road  
Bradford  
W. Yorks  
BD7 1HD

**Baha'i**

Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Sheffield  
2 Endowood Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S7 2LZ  
0114-22363758

**Buddhist**

Gyaltsabje Buddhist Centre  
13 Sharrow View  
Nether Edge  
Sheffield  
S. Yorks  
S7 1ND  
0114-250-9663

Sheffield Buddhist Centre  
499 Glossop Road  
Sheffield  
S. Yorks  
S10 2QE

**Christian**

Churches together in South Yorkshire  
Crookes Valley Methodist Church  
Crookesmoor Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S6 3FQ  
0114-266-6156

Methodist Church Sheffield District  
Victoria Hall Methodist Church  
Norfolk Street  
S Yorks  
S1 2JB  
0114-281-2733

Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam  
St. Wilfred's Presbytery  
St. Ronan's Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S7 1DX  
0114-255-0827

Sheffield and District Association of Unitarian and  
Free Christian Churches Inc  
Upper Chapel  
Norfolk Street  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S1 2JD  
0114-276-7114

## Hindu

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (UK)  
Keshav Pratishtan  
46-48 Loughborough Road  
Leicester  
Leicestershire  
LE4 5LD  
0116-266-5665

ISKCON Educational Services  
Dharam Marg  
Hilfield Lane  
Aldenham  
Watford  
Hertfordshire  
WD2 8EZ  
01923-859578  
[rasamandala@yoga.dircon.co.uk](mailto:rasamandala@yoga.dircon.co.uk)

National Council of Hindu Temples  
c/o Shree Sanatan Mandir  
Weymouth Street  
Off Catherine Street  
Leicester  
LE4 6FP  
0116-266-1402

Hindu Samaj (Sheffield District)  
20-25 Richmond Street  
Pitsmoor  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S3 9EA  
0114-273-3021

Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math  
66b Owler Lane  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S10 8GA

ISKCON Leicester  
21 Thoresby Street  
North Evington  
Leicester  
Leicestershire  
LE5 4GU  
0116-276-2587  
[gauranga.sundara@com.bbt.se](mailto:gauranga.sundara@com.bbt.se)

## Jain

Jain Centre  
32 Oxford Street  
Leicester  
Leicestershire  
LE1 5XU  
0116-254-3091

## Jewish

Representative Council of Sheffield and District  
Jews  
105 Bents Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S11 9RH  
0114-2360970

Sheffield and District Reform Jewish Congregation  
PO Box 675  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S11 8SP  
[j.kinderlerer@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:j.kinderlerer@sheffield.ac.uk)

United Hebrew Congregation  
Wilson Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S11 8RN  
0114-2362217

Manchester Reform Synagogue  
Jackson's Row  
Manchester  
Greater Manchester  
M2 5NH  
0161-834-0415

**Muslim**

Allahi Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre  
14 Wilfred Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S9 3ES

Anjuman-e-Haideria  
140 Steade Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S7 1DU  
0114-258-8459

Arabic Mosque  
275 Staniforth Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S9  
0114-244-6179

Dar ul Aloom Siddiqia Mosque  
24 Burngreave Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S3 9DD  
0114-270-1034

Elahi Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre  
305 Staniforth Road  
Darnall  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
0114-2431270

Ghousia Mosque  
Owler Lane  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S4  
0114-238-7966

Jamia Islamia Mosque  
42 Earl Marshal Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
0114-243-2475

Jamia Masjid Hanifa

372 Sheffield Road  
Tinsley  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S9  
0114-244-3824

Makki Mosque  
Plantation Road  
Off Albert Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S8 9IJ  
0114-258-2348

Madni Islamic Community Association and Mosque  
22 Wincoba Lane  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S4 8AA  
0114-244-2998

Quba Culra Mosque  
120 Worksop Road  
Attercliffe  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S9  
0114-244-0235

Sheffield Allyah Jame Mosque and Islamic Cultural  
Centre  
Roundall Street  
Darnall  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S9 3LE  
0114-2618162

Sheffield Islamic Centre and Madina Mosque  
24-32 Wolseley Road  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S8 0ZU  
0114-258-5021

Sheffield, Rotherham and District Council of  
Muslims  
1 Derriman Glen  
Silverdale Road

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Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S11 9TQ  
0114-236-0465

Tinsley Islamic Cultural Centre  
372 Sheffield Road  
Tinsley  
Sheffield  
S Yorks  
S9 1RQ  
0114-2618648

**Sikh**

Guru Nanak Sikh Museum  
9 Holybones

Leicester  
Leicestershire  
LE1 4LJ  
0116-262-8606

Sikh Temple  
120 Bushywood Road  
Dore  
Sheffield, S Yorks  
S17.

Sikh Temple  
Ellesmere Road North  
Sheffield  
S. Yorks, S4  
0114-242-0108