

**2007 No. 309**

**EDUCATION**

**The Education (Core Syllabus for Religious Education) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 2007**

*Made* - - - - - *21st June 2007*

*Coming into operation* - *1st August 2007*

The Department of Education makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 11(1) and (4) and 43(5) of The Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006(a). A draft of the core syllabus specified by this Order complied with the requirements of Article 11(2) of that Order.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as The Education (Core Syllabus for Religious Education) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 and shall come into operation as set out in Schedule 1.

**Revocation**

2. The Curriculum (Core Syllabus for Religious Education) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996(b) is revoked.

**Specification of a Core Syllabus for Religious Education**

3. The contents of the document entitled “Core Syllabus for Religious Education”, published by The Stationery Office(c), are specified as the core syllabus for the teaching of religious education in grant-aided schools.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 21 June 2007.



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(a) S.I. 2006/1915 (N.I. 11). Article 11 re-enacts Article 13 of The Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 S.I. 1989/2406 (N.I. 20)  
(b) S.R. 1996 No. 351  
(c) ISBN 978-0-337-08888-9

# SCHEDULE 1

Article 1

## Commencement

The provisions of this Order shall come into operation for pupils in each year of each key stage on 1st August of the school year shown in the following table:

<i>Commencement Date</i>	<i>Year Group</i>
2007/08	1st year of the Foundation Stage
	1st year of Key Stage 1
	1st year of Key Stage 2
	1st year of Key Stage 3
	1st year of Key Stage 4
2008/2009	2nd year of the Foundation Stage
	2nd year of Key Stage 1
	2nd year of Key Stage 2
	2nd year of Key Stage 3
	2nd year of Key Stage 4
2009/10	3rd year of Key Stage 2
	3rd year of Key Stage 3

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order, made under Articles 11(1) and (4) and 43(5) of The Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (the 2006 Order) specifies the core syllabus for religious education at each key stage, which all grant-aided schools in Northern Ireland are required to deliver (Article 3). It revokes and replaces The Curriculum (Core Syllabus for Religious Education) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996.

Article 11(4) of the 2006 Order allows for an order under Article 11(1), instead of containing the provisions to be made, to refer and give effect to provisions in a document published as specified in the order.

This Order therefore gives effect to the document called “Core Syllabus for Religious Education”, published by The Stationery Office. The document sets out the statutory Learning Objectives for pupils at each key stage.

This Order comes into operation on a phased basis from August 2007, as set out in Schedule 1, in line with the introduction of the revised curriculum.

Copies of the “Core Syllabus for Religious Education” may be purchased from The Stationery Office, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD or can be accessed via the Department of Education’s website: [www.deni.gov.uk](http://www.deni.gov.uk).