

## Devon and Torbay schools

### Religion and worldviews visitor list 2026

Visits and visitors, involving people who hold a variety of religious and non-religious worldviews, are an important part of the RE experience. This document gives some information about how to access visits and visitors in the SW.

If your school would like a visit from a member of a faith or belief community, please make use of the list below. Please note that some of these visitors don't do many visits, so they may not have a current DBS certificate. It is up to your school to manage this according to your safeguarding policy. Some of them are happy to arrange a virtual meeting if that suits your school better.

Some will require payment, others may just ask for travel expenses.

This list is not exhaustive, and we would welcome feedback to help us develop links between schools and faith communities.

If you can add to this list or have any constructive feedback please contact Ed Pawson [efpawson@gmail.com](mailto:efpawson@gmail.com) (Adviser to Devon, Torbay and Plymouth SACREs).

Useful guidance:

NATRE visits info page: <https://www.natre.org.uk/about-re/guidance-on-resources/visits-and-visitors/>

Getting the most out of visits in RE: <https://teachers-talk.natre.org.uk/getting-the-most-out-of-visits-to-places-of-worship-ks1-ks2/>

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### Faith and Belief Visitors

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### **Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity**

Try visiting the website for the Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity to find out more about the visits they host.

<http://www.pcfcd.co.uk/>

The central aim of PCFCD is to promote education about different beliefs, faiths and cultures and to explore their common values, hopes and visions for the future well-being of the community.

### **Places of Worship**

Name of Place of Worship	Religious community	Address	Contact name	Email address
Exeter Cathedral	Christian	Cathedral Green, Exeter		<a href="https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/plan-your-visit/educational-visits/">https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/plan-your-visit/educational-visits/</a>
Torbay Islamic Centre	Muslim	Torbay	Abdul Abdi	<a href="mailto:golsom@gmail.com">golsom@gmail.com</a>
Exeter Mosque	Muslim	13 York Rd, Exeter, EX4 6PG	Fuad Abdo (Mosque manager)	<a href="mailto:enquiries@exetermosque.org.uk">enquiries@exetermosque.org.uk</a>
Quaker Meeting House	Quaker	Exeter	Penelope Putz	<a href="mailto:putz@onetel.net">putz@onetel.net</a>

Hartridge Buddhist Monastery	Buddhist	Odle Cottage, Upottery, Nr Honiton EX14 9QE		<a href="mailto:hartridge.monastery@gmail.com">hartridge.monastery@gmail.com</a>
Exeter Synagogue	Judaism	Synagogue Place, Exeter	Jane Carpenter	<a href="mailto:bianec13@gmail.com">bianec13@gmail.com</a>
Buckfast Abbey	Christianity (Catholic)	Buckfastleigh TQ11 0EE	<a href="https://www.buckfast.org.uk/education">https://www.buckfast.org.uk/education</a>	<a href="mailto:education@buckfast.org.uk">education@buckfast.org.uk</a>
Exeter Orthodox Church	Orthodox	St.Anne's Chapel, Old Tiverton Rd, Exeter EX4 6LA	Edward Skidelsky	<a href="mailto:hpeliasdevon@gmail.com">hpeliasdevon@gmail.com</a>

### Virtual RE visits

Virtual tours to RE places	<a href="https://www.cdec.org.uk/use-our-resources/films/">https://www.cdec.org.uk/use-our-resources/films/</a>
Virtual tours	<a href="http://request.org.uk/people/places/#">http://request.org.uk/people/places/#</a>
Jewish Museum	<a href="https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/">https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/</a>
Al Aqsa Mosque	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OI2LGO7Nl6c&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OI2LGO7Nl6c&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>
360 degree Hajj	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&amp;v=49xdCEsDDx4&amp;feature=emb_title">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&amp;v=49xdCEsDDx4&amp;feature=emb_title</a>
Global speaker service	<a href="https://globaldimension.org.uk/classroom/school-speaker-services/">https://globaldimension.org.uk/classroom/school-speaker-services/</a>
Understanding Humanism	<a href="https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/school-speakers/">https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/school-speakers/</a>
Virtual schools visits	<a href="https://www.virtualschoolvisits.com/worldreligions?fbclid=IwAR16LDtiFYOFe1qbLwTqa3f8NxMPq09DaBuJZO99f8sTaszGz3mf0GgO4aU">https://www.virtualschoolvisits.com/worldreligions?fbclid=IwAR16LDtiFYOFe1qbLwTqa3f8NxMPq09DaBuJZO99f8sTaszGz3mf0GgO4aU</a>
Visits to places of worship in Birmingham	<a href="https://birmingham-faith-visits.theartssociety.org/">https://birmingham-faith-visits.theartssociety.org/</a>

### Faith and belief organisations in and around Plymouth

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/services/pastoral-and-spiritual-support/places-of-worship/>