



Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

Standing Advisory Council for
Religious Education (SACRE)

Annual Report 2016-2017

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A letter from the Chair of SACRE

I am pleased to introduce the Redcar and Cleveland Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) Annual Report for the academic year 2016/17. SACRE has met three times this year.

The membership of SACRE is comprised of representatives of some of the faith communities in Redcar and Cleveland, a Humanist representative, a teacher professional association and the Local Authority. We continue to actively seek to welcome representatives of different faiths and the teacher professional associations to further enhance the breath of discussion at meetings and the knowledge and diversity of the Committee. SACRE is legally required by law to produce an Annual Report each year. This report has to be sent to the Secretary of State for Education as well as to key partners, including schools, teacher training institutions, libraries and councillors. The main purpose of the Report is to hold the Local Authority to account, by informing the Secretary of State and key partners what advice SACRE gave the LA during the year and how that was responded to; this includes advice on RE and Collective Worship in those schools for which the LA has responsibility.

In April 2015, we launched the revised Redcar and Cleveland Agreed Syllabus. Members of SACRE worked alongside primary and secondary teachers to produce a curriculum framework that is helpful to teachers in planning progressive RE lessons. The Agreed Syllabus revision requires children to become aware of secular worldviews. A decision was made not to alter the assessment criteria until a clearer picture emerged as to how schools would tackle the removal of levels. Schools are now working on an approach to assessment based on Assessment without levels. SACRE is very grateful for the support it has received from our teachers in producing the revised Agreed Syllabus as there exists no funding for a specialist RE teacher advisor. SACRE no longer has an independent budget and therefore schools need to pay for any training schools and teachers ask SACRE to provide. Individual members of SACRE are prepared to support schools in any way they can. Requests can be through SACRE's LA representative.

Chair of SACRE
Bernadette Hewison

Religious Education

The local agreed syllabus

The Agreed Syllabus was launched in April 2015 to all Primary and Secondary schools in the Local Authority. Meetings with teachers took place after the launch in order to clarify the syllabus. The syllabus was approved by the SACRE at the Spring meeting.

There is a continuing need to revise the assessment standards in line with school and DfE guidelines. During this academic year, RE leads will develop a system based on 'age related expectations,' for each year group. The first development session was held on the 24th January 2017.

In addition, all school RE leads will be invited to attend termly update sessions. These sessions will focus on recent developments, updates from national events and curriculum requirements.

Standards in Religious Education

All schools receiving a 2 day OFSTED monitoring visit, in this time frame, have been rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding' for personal development, behaviour and welfare.

Monitoring of RE

The monitoring of RE in Redcar and Cleveland will be undertaken as part of the meetings with RE leads and further developed through the termly Headteacher cluster meetings. The Chair of the local SACRE has met headteachers at the cluster meetings in 2017.

Complaints

No formal complaints have been made to SACRE, concerning Religious Education or Collective Worship, during the academic year 2016/ 2017.

Methods of Teaching, The Choice of Teaching Materials, Teacher Training

The Agreed Syllabus is sent to all schools in Redcar and Cleveland and is a comprehensive document designed and written by practising teachers for teachers. The Agreed Syllabus is used by maintained and special schools as well as some academies.

The Redcar and Cleveland SCITT will use the Agreed Syllabus with their primary and secondary students in the new academic year.

Community Cohesion

SACRE continues to have a commitment to Community Cohesion and is willing to support schools in fulfilling their statutory duties. In order to have a more comprehensive oversight, SACRE will work with the LA prevent and cohesion team. The Prevent LA representative attended a SACRE meeting to share provision in 2017.

Collective Worship

Advice on Collective Worship

SACRE guidance continues to be used in local schools as the basis for their arrangements for Collective Worship.

Training

Due to continued cuts in local authority funding there is no designated CPD for RE across the Borough. However, schools have requested the establishment of Networks for teachers and RE leaders in both Primary and Secondary Schools. These networks have now been established and will continue to grow and develop through the academic year. In addition to the above, the chair of SACRE and the local LA representative have arranged teacher CPD from an external supplier. The initial training, for all staff in schools, took place on the 22nd March 2017.

SACRE met with Rachael Neville, Senior Education Advisor from the LA to discuss training data and future networking opportunities.

Determinations

No determinations have been applied for.

Finance

Redcar & Cleveland SACRE has not been allocated a dedicated budget. However, financial support is provided from within the LA's central budget to meet the costs of supporting the group, such as clerking meetings, administrative support, subscription to NASACRE and expenses for members' attendance at relevant conferences and training.

REDCAR AND CLEVELAND
GCSE RESULTS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES. 2016 - 2017

2017	Subject	NOR	NOE	A*-C %	A*-G %	QCA Av Pts
Outwood Academy Bydales; Exam : GCSE Full Course	Religious Studies	155	149	74.5	98.7	4.9
Freebrough Academy; Exam : GCSE Full Course	Religious Studies	111	65	55.4	93.8	3.7
Hillsview Academy; Exam : GCSE Full Course	Religious Studies	137	10	90.0	100	4.9
Huntcliff; Exam : GCSE Short Course	Religious Studies	105	57	70.3	100	
Laurence Jackson; Exam : GCSE Full Course	Religious Studies	246	29	51.7	96.6	4.3
Nunthorpe Academy; Exam : GCSE	Religious Studies	274	21	66.7	100	3.9
Rye Hills; Exam : GCSE Full Course	Religious Studies	183	17	82.4	100.0	5.3
Sacred Heart RC; Exam : GCSE Full Course	Religious Studies	144	141	65.2	97.9	4.7
St Peter's R C; Exam : GCSE Full Course	Religious Studies	86	86	44.2	94.2	3.2
Freebrough Academy; Exam: GCSE Short Course	Religious Studies	111	1	0.0	100	
Sacred Heart RC; Exam : GCSE Short Course	Religious Studies	144	1	100	100	
Rye Hills; Exam : GCSE Short Course	Religious Studies	183	66	78.9	98.5	

REDCAR AND CLEVELAND ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Organisations to which the report has been sent:

- NASACRE
- The Secretary of State
- All schools and colleges with in Redcar and Cleveland;
- Copies available for public inspection at the main libraries and council public service points with in the Borough.

Appendix C

NAME	GROUPS REPRESENTED	TERM OF OFFICE		TELEPHONE
		FROM	TO	
COMMITTEE A:	Christian denominations and other religions and religious denominations			
Mrs D Ainsworth	Quaker	08.03.14 – 07.03.18		01642 484761
Mr A Momtazi	Baha'i	01.04.16 – 31.03..20		
Vacancy				
Mrs N Shaw	Judaism	20.05.14 – 19.05.18		(01325) 461630
	Humanist Representative			
Vacancy				
Vacancy				
Vacancy				
COMMITTEE B:	Church of England			
Dr J Dack	Diocese of York	08.03.14 – 07.03.18		
Jennyfer Whittle	Diocese of York	09.01.14 – 08.01.18		(01287) 203588
Vacancy				
COMMITTEE C:	Teacher Associations			
Vacancy	NAHT			
Vacancy	ASCL			
Vacancy	NEU (ATL)			
	Voice			
Ms B Hewison	NAS/UWT	07.06.16 – 06.06.20		01642 310561 ext. 126
Mr L Gardiner	NEU (NUT)	11.2.14 – 10.2.18		(01287) 624607

(Chair16-17 now retired)			
NAME	GROUPS REPRESENTED	TERM OF OFFICE	TELEPHONE
COMMITTEE D:	The Local Authority		
Councillor K King		01.08.16 – 31.07.17	(01642) 272823
Councillor Shelagh Holyoake		01.08.16 – 31.07.17	07825 274091
Councillor Ceri Cawley		01.08.16 – 31.07.17	01642 270214
Councillor Geraldine Williams		01.08.16 – 31.07.17	07789 922822
Vacancy	Special School Representative		
Ms M Fellows	Primary RE Teacher Representative (3 clusters)	01.04.14-31.03.18	(01642) 453157
Liz Longhorn			
LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICERS:			
Mrs P Jackson	Advisory Teacher	N/A	
Angela Livingstone	Clerk to the SACRE	N/A	(01642) 837753

Meetings: Main Issues Discussed

Tuesday 7th June 2016

- SACRE Membership and Constitution update
- Engaging with local schools
- Annual report
- Community Cohesion update
- REC Briefings
- NASACRE Briefing

18th October 2016

- Discussion on recruiting new members
- RE examination results
- Community Cohesion
- Education Guidance discussion regarding the teaching of Humanism
- Interfaith Week
- Training for SACRE members
- APPG report

7th February 2017

- SACRE Membership & Constitution Update
- Review of the Agreed Syllabus
- Guidance on GCSE Religious Education
- Tell Mama report
- Community Cohesion
- Religious Diversity in Primary Schools

Attendance at Meetings

- 7 June 2016 = 50%
- 18 October 2016 = 54%
- 7 February 2017 = 71.4%