



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF  
KENSINGTON  
AND CHELSEA

## Update from the RBKC Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

- The Royal Borough's SACRE strongly encourages a curriculum which makes full use of study visits and field work to enhance teaching and learning for all children and young people in Religious Education. SACRE members are therefore preparing to draw up a list of suitable sites to visit within and close to the RBKC. This will include places of worship, art galleries, museums and other locations which offer real potential within our subject. If you have any 'favourites' you would like to recommend to other schools, please contact us via the clerk to the SACRE. Advice and guidance about arranging visits can be found in a very helpful pamphlet created by the National Association of Teachers of RE and available via this link:  
[https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Guidance%20on%20Resources/7\)%20Visits%20and%20visitors/\(8.2\)%20Checklist.pdf](https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Guidance%20on%20Resources/7)%20Visits%20and%20visitors/(8.2)%20Checklist.pdf)
- The Chair of SACRE Javid Djalili recently attended the **Annual Conference of the National Association of SACREs**, of which the RBKC is a longstanding member. Keynote speakers included Dr Vanessa Ogden, CEO of the Mulberry Schools' Trust (and a trained RE teacher) and the Rt Hon Charles Clarke, former Secretary of State for Education. Their speeches can be found at: <http://www.nasacre.org.uk/conference-and-agm/2018/2018-papers> They include some useful updates about the current place of RE in today's curriculum and reinforce the important contributions it makes to the development of all pupils.
- **RE Coordinators in Primary Schools** are reminded that the next network meeting for them takes place in conjunction with colleagues from the LB of Hammersmith and Fulham and the City of Westminster on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 4.30pm to 6pm at Lilla Huset in Hammersmith. Colleagues from both Church and Community schools are welcome to attend this event. The theme will be assessment in RE. Please follow this link to the website to register and to find out further details: <https://www.thelillahuset.com/>
- The Commission on Religious Education has been established to review the legal, education, and policy frameworks for religious education (RE). This independent body has been engaged in a wide-ranging, inclusive and evidence-based process designed to inform policy makers. The ultimate aim will be to improve the quality and rigour of religious education and its capacity to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain. The final report will be published on

12<sup>th</sup> September, with some press coverage likely on 9<sup>th</sup> September. It will be a key item for discussion at the next meeting of the RBKC SACRE on 27<sup>th</sup> September. More details about the Commission can be found at: <http://www.commissiononre.org.uk> The final report will also be available on this site.

- Another event which will be of interest to teachers of RE in all phases of education is: **20:20 RE - Practice, Policy and Powerful Knowledge**, a conference for professionals in the subject. NASACRE along with three other RE professional associations (AULRE, AREIAC and NATRE) is collaborating to produce an exciting conference on Religious Education. There will be forty top quality breakout sessions to choose from with a balance between policy, theory and practice including some sessions aimed particularly at primary and some at secondary, with others relevant to all. The conference will be held Saturday 13 October – Sunday 14 October 2018 in Crewe. Book via this link: <https://www.natre.org.uk/courses-events/20-20-re/> and you may also wish to follow @20\_20RE on Twitter for the latest information.

### **SACRE information**

Further information about the SACRE and its membership can be found on the Royal Borough's website.

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/children-and-education/schools/school/sacre>

### **RE Contact details**

If a school requires more information or bespoke work concerning their RE curriculum please contact your School Link Adviser, or Lucy Nutt, [lucy.nutt@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.nutt@rbkc.gov.uk) tel no: 07739 314614

### **SACRE Membership Request**

The Royal Borough's SACRE meets three times a year.

If any member of the teaching staff member with an interest in RE would like to consider becoming a SACRE member, please contact Julie Farmer - Governor Support Officer.

Also contact Julie Farmer if you wish to be put in contact with a SACRE member who may be able to arrange a visit to a local place of worship.

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SACRE members and staff following a tour of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, SW3 2QT

**Information about the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) and how it works.**

Every Local Education Authority (LEA) is required by law to have a SACRE. Its origins go back to the Education Act of 1944, but the Education Reform Act 1988 and the Education Act 1996 strengthened its place in an LEA. The responsibilities of SACRE are:

- to provide advice to the LEA on all aspects of its provision for Religious Education (RE) in its schools (this does not include Voluntary Aided Schools)
- to decide whether the LEA's Agreed Syllabus for RE needs to be reviewed and to require the LEA does so
- to provide advice to the LEA on Collective Worship in its schools (this does not include Voluntary Aided or Voluntary Controlled Schools)
- to consider any requests from Head teachers to hold Collective Worship that is not of a broadly Christian character
- to advise on matters relating to training for teachers in RE and Collective Worship
- to publish an annual report of its work

A SACRE is made up of four committees:

1. representatives of Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations which reflect the principal religious traditions of the borough
2. representatives of the Church of England
3. representatives of the teaching profession
4. representatives from the LEA, including Councillors and RE advisors

The LEA provides a clerk to the SACRE and a small budget for general running expenses, this budget rises in the years when a review of the syllabus is due. It is the duty of the SACRE to ensure that a revision of the locally agreed syllabus takes place every five years.

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A SACRE is quorate (has enough members present) if at least one member of each committee is present. Each committee has equal voting rights, one vote per committee vote.

Schools are required by law to provide a daily act of collective worship which 'shall be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character', one of the duties of a SACRE is to offer advice to head teachers and governing bodies and disseminate good practice. A SACRE should also discuss any determinations (exceptions from broadly Christian collective worship). However, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea has never had any applications for such a determination.