

Discussion prompts for Agenda item 8

Ofsted : Realising the Potential

<p>Disagree - not helpful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weakness – Leadership and management – but no direct recommendation on that • Don't believe that the recommendations will have the desired outcome • Ofsted framework not including RE • Pg 9 Item 4 – teaching of Christianity is the weakest aspect • Cluster meetings are very helpful • Over emphasis on enquiry • Not enough about academies 	<p>Agree - good point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the relationship between LA's and SACRE • Review • Sufficient Resources • Partnering • Confusion about the purpose of RE • Confusion about EBacc • EBacc leading to a decline in RE provision • Pg 6 – last bullet point - Lack of Commitment by DfE to RE has resulted in a lower commitment by schools • DfE should work with professional associations • Not enough training for teachers RE needs some specialist teaching – not just left to TAs • Key weaknesses picked out well
<p>Actions for Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all principles of improvement are included with School Improvement Plans • Weakness in teachers understanding raising the profile and importance of School Improvement Plans • Unclear about teaching RE • Assessment in RE is inadequate • Unclear how to proceed • Linking in with rest of the curriculum 	<p>Actions for SACRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write to school leaders to highlight Ofsted report and suggest it goes on the School Improvement Plans • Support we give continues e.g. cluster meetings • Raise profile and importance of RE for development • SACRE to use report to argue for greater support by LA to RE (in maintained schools) especially support for Cluster Groups

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use RE for developing cross-curricula learning skills • RE has been diluted • No specialist teachers – need investment in teachers • Continue with GCSE syllabus and give more time to teach RE • Subject expertise at primary • Better lesson planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby parliament for a national curriculum • Provide more examples of leitled work for assessment • Swindon RE conference • Put more pressure for schools key stage 4 • Sufficient resources?
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