

Minutes of the Swindon Agreed Syllabus Working Party

Thursday 21st January 2021 - Zoom

Those attending

Jo Backus, Tracy Mason , Dinesh Patel, Ruth Williams, Katy Staples,

Apologies

Lottie O'Brien, Councillor Imtiyaz Shaikh

Item	Outcome
1. To establish and agree the central purpose of this group and this meeting	<p>It was agreed that the purpose of this group was</p> <p>a) to reflect upon the needs of Teachers and pupils in Swindon in regards to the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education and</p> <p>b) to make Recommendations to the Agreed Syllabus Working Party</p>
2) To analyse the context and information re Swindon Schools and the Current Agreed Syllabus - <i>evidence base was the findings from the survey and feedback offered at the RE Hub meeting held on November 10th 2021</i>	<p>It was decided that there was no real appetite for change -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• due to the amount of change colleagues had dealt with under the Pandemic.• it is only 5 years since the last Agreed Syllabus was introduced and some schools may have only just fully implemented that.• The ramifications of the CoRE report have not yet settled and there are likely to be bigger changes ahead towards a "Religion and Worldviews" curriculum. So we wish to avoid unnecessary workload and confusion for teachers in changing the Agreed Syllabus twice in short succession.
3) The offer made by RE Today services for Relicensing the Agreed Syllabus :	<p>It was decided that :</p>

The cost to SACRE for relicensing the Swindon Agreed Syllabus from RE Today Services will be £4838 (This is a negotiated reduction from £5330 due to the Adviser's haggling)

For this sum the ASC will gain :

An additional booklet with updates and extra material, including:

1. Progression document (outlining how to use the syllabus to develop a coherent curriculum, reflecting Ofsted priorities of intent, implementation and impact). This will be updated as RE Today Services know more about Ofsted subject specialism groups etc
2. Updated EYFS outcomes
3. Assessment update
4. World religion guides
5. Intro to worldviews
6. Developing knowledge organisers plus sample KOs
7. Concrete advice on anti-racism
8. Visits, visitors and virtual visits

The offer from RE Today Services would cover most interim needs of teachers in Swindon Schools and Academies for whom the Locally Agreed Syllabus is an important point of reference.

It can be accompanied with a RE-launch training offering exemplars of best practice in Spring Term 2022

ASWP Recommendation to the Agreed Syllabus Conference

1. That we keep the same Swindon Agreed Syllabus for the next 5 years
2. That we accept the relicensing offer from RE Today Services for £4838
3. That we offer all schools a Re-launch training where we showcase examples of exemplary local practice and offer the new supplementary booklet with supporting briefing in Spring Term 2022