

To: All Members of the Standing Advisory
Council on Religious Education
and other invited representatives

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Dear Member,

Agreed Syllabus Conference – Monday, 6 June 2005

I am writing to invite you to attend the Agreed Syllabus Conference at 2.30 p.m. on Monday 6th June 2005 to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon. Refreshments will be available from 2 p.m. in the Function Room and at 5 p.m.

Please find enclosed the draft version of the Revised Syllabus for Swindon. The main changes that you will find are:

- A revision of the levels of attainment to fit with the Non-Statutory National Framework for QCA.
- Guidance for those teaching pupils with special educational needs.
- Guidance about issues of inclusion and links with ICT and citizenship.
- Four curriculum maps to guide schools through the choices they might make for their particular school community at Key Stage 1 and 2.
- New programmes of study for Key Stage 1 and 2, which will aid teachers in planning and assessment.

You will note that there is no material for Key Stage 4. This is because the recommendation is that students will study a GCSE short or long course after Key Stage 3. For those schools wishing to have a school accredited course, a former set of Key Stage 4 material will be relevant. This will not need to be changed and so it is recommended that this be included as an Appendix to the main document.

After discussions at the teachers meeting this Wednesday, the secondary teachers have decided that they will rewrite the programmes of study for Key Stage 3, so that they are presented in the same format as the Key Stage 1 and 2 materials; however

the content will be exactly as set out in the revised syllabus attached. We hope to make this material available at the meeting on 6th June, together with a new unit of work on 'Islamaphobia' for the conference to consider.

The purpose of the conference will be to agree on the content and format of the new syllabus.

It is intended that the conference will be chaired by the Chair of the SACRE, and representatives will be asked to confirm this at the start of the meeting.

A list of the representatives who have been invited to attend the meeting is attached for information.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Lawrence
for Director of Law and Corporate Governance

Catherine Coster
Advisor to the SACRE

Attendees:

Councillors (Group A)

Councillor Andrew Bennett
Councillor Maurice Fanning
Councillor Raymond Fisher
Councillor Peter Greenhalgh
Councillor Fay Howard

Church of England (Group B)

Mrs Catherine Coster
Mrs Ann Ormston
Mrs Penny Summers
The Venerable Alan Hawker
Mr. Paul Noble

Teacher Organisations (Group C)

Mr Andrew Fleet
Ms Norma McKemey
Mrs Jan Criddle
Mrs Tracy Mason
Mr David Easter
Ms. Sarah Lashmar
Mrs Emma McCarthy
Mr Jonathan Young

Other Faiths (Group D)

Reverend David Howell, Swindon Evangelical Alliance
Mr. Jaswant Singh Grewal, Sikh Community
Reverend Paul Knight, Baptist
Mr M S Khan, Muslim Community
Mr Dinesh Patel, Hindu Community
Father Liam Slattery, Catholic Diocese
Mrs Helen Thomas, United Reformed Church
Mrs Wendy Tucker, Methodist Church

Other Representatives:

Dr Marilyn Tew
Ms Aleya Begum, Islamic Awareness Education Project
Mrs Margaret Griffiths, Swindon InterFaith Group
Mr Hassam Morrison, Islamic Awareness Education Project
Mr Kishan Agarwal, Hindu Community
Ms Val Meyer, Jewish Community