

SACRE Surveys Feedback

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 1st December 2009

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To consider the responses to the surveys issued to Schools on Religious Education and Collective Worship and implications for the SACRE's next Development Plan.

Recommendation

- That the SACRE considers the responses to the surveys issued to Schools on Religious Education and Collective Worship and implications for the SACRE's next Development Plan.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 It is part of the SACRE's role to advise the Council on the delivery of religious worship and the agreed syllabus in schools. In order to carry out this function, the SACRE needs to collect information and monitor the delivery of religious education and collective worship in Schools.

2. Detail

- 2.1 When the SACRE agreed its Development Plan for the April 2009 to March 2010 period at its meeting in March 2009, it was highlighted that there was a need for better intelligence in relation to the resources and teaching of RE in Schools, and on the delivery of collective worship.
- 2.2 At its meetings in March and September, SACRE agreed survey forms to go out to all Primary and Secondary Schools to assess these elements.
- 2.3 The forms were sent to all schools, and attached at Appendix '1' is a summary of the feedback received to date. The SACRE Advisor will report back at the meeting on any further outcomes of the surveys.
- 2.4 It is hoped that the outcomes from the questionnaires will enable the SACRE to establish a picture of provision, to assist it to better support effective religious education and better fulfil its statutory role, and these will feed into its review of the year at the next meeting and the next development plan.

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Sarah Lawrence on 01793 463603, Email slawrence@swindon.gov.uk

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2.5 The SACRE is asked to consider the following questions:

- What picture of collective worship in our schools do these surveys offer SACRE in Primary, Secondary and in Special Schools?
- What picture of RE do these surveys offer SACRE in Primary, Secondary and in Special Schools?
- Do the findings of these surveys indicate any actions needed to be taken in the new development plan?
- Do the findings of these surveys need to be shared? If so to whom and by what method?

Alternative Options

- The SACRE may wish to identify further questions or priorities in the light of the feedback.

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal / Human Rights Implications

- This report has no specific legal or human rights implications.

Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)

- The work of the SACRE contributes to the Corporate Plan aims to improve the opportunities for children and young people.

Consultees

- The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted on all reports.
- Director of Schools and Learning
- Gill Illic, Principal Advisor

Background Papers and Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Summary of the School Surveys.