

Update on Network Meetings

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 7th December 2010

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To update the SACRE on the Network Meetings for RE Teachers and Co-ordinators in Swindon

Recommendation

SACRE is requested -

- To note the report.
- To consider any actions arising for the SACRE from the Network Meetings.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 The SACRE has a duty to help schools fulfil their statutory obligations with regard to religious education.
- 1.2 It is important that the SACRE be kept informed about the provision for religious education and collective worship in schools in the Borough and the support being provided to schools.

2. Detail

- 2.1 The SACRE Adviser meets with teachers of religious education in both primary and secondary schools through regular network meetings.
- 2.2 Since the last meeting of the SACRE, the Secondary Network teachers met on 14th October 2010 at Ridgeway School with regard to 'The Best Unit of Work we Teach'. This was a very successful session, with good practice shared with those present. The SACRE Adviser will highlight any key outcomes from the meeting and any actions that the SACRE might wish to consider as a result. Teachers present are also invited to provide their feedback.
- 2.3 The next meeting of the Primary Network will be held on 20 January 2011 at Oliver Tomkins Infant School, and will be exploring the topic 'The foundation stage – a review of the Solihull material and new ideas'.

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Katy Staples on 0117 927 7454 or katy.staples@bristoldiocese.org or from Sarah Lawrence on 01793 463603, Email slawrence@swindon.gov.uk.

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Alternative Options

- None

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- The costs for the SACRE Advisor meeting with the secondary and primary network meetings is met from within the SACRE budget, which is £5000 per annum.

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 Council's aims to improve the opportunities for children and young people, and to support local communities by empowering people to participate in local decision-making and overcoming social exclusion.

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
- Sarah Foulkes, Primary Link Adviser

Background Papers and Appendices

- None