

Swindon SACRE Development Plan 2011 – 13

Area for Improvement: Increasing the effectiveness of SACRE in developing the standards of teaching and learning in Religious Education, and in advising about collective worship

Success criteria

A. Developing teaching and learning in RE

1. The quality of pupil's learning in RE is improved through the implementation of the advice and training offered in the programme to introduce the new Agreed Syllabus Update 2011
2. Strategies to inform schools about statutory legal duties and compliance will be developed.
3. The quality of teaching and learning at EYFS is reviewed and advice offered

B Ensuring adequate advice and training is given concerning effective Collective Worship

1. Advice offered about Collective worship is informative , current and helpful
2. All Schools have been offered training about Collective Worship that will help them ensure the impact and effectiveness of this element of school life

C. SACREs effective partnership with the LA and other key stakeholders

1. SACRE itself , Swindon LA and all schools are informed as to the work and function of Swindon SACRE
2. Members of SACRE visit schools and see RE happening

Monitoring How and When 4 SACRE meetings a year	Sarah Foulkes meetings with RE Adviser	Evaluation How and when	SACRE SACRE meetings
Lead Person	Katy Staples	Others involved	SACRE members

Area of development	Start	Finish	Resources needed	Link to Budget	Update / Progress
A. Teaching and Learning in RE 1. Introducing the Agreed Syllabus Update – offering advice and training	June 2011	June 2013	Through Network meetings and ½ day training for secondary and ½ day for primary schools	Launch Day – 16/06/2011 Training offered at Nythe at cost to schools (no SACRE budget consideration) Network meetings – 3 per year per phase – cost 3 days adviser time.	A successful launch day took place on 16/06/2011 and the Agreed Syllabus Documents are available via on Schools Online. Further training is to be made available for teachers. Network meetings have been arranged for 2011/12. It has been agreed that the Secondary Humanities Teaching and Learning Group RE meeting will merge with the existing network meeting, to better support RE teachers.

2. Strategies to ensure compliance with statutory duty	March 2011	July 2013	Letter to accompany the Annual report to ask Secondary Schools about their compliance particularly at KS4	Adviser time to write letter (1/2 hr - £25) and Electronic / paper distribution	
3. Reviewing the quality of provision offered for Early Years and Foundation Stage	January 2011	Spring 2012	Primary Network meeting January 2011 given for a discussion –and review (led by Mrs Penny Summers) –included in new AS Primary Network meeting Spring 2012 – sharing best practice.	Adviser support at Network meetings	<p>This letter was written in March 2011 and circulated in May 2011. Results from surveys of schools on provision to be reported back. Further feedback awaited.</p> <p>Discussion took place at January 2011 meeting. A link to the Solihull Foundation Stage material for purchase is available to teachers online alongside the updated Agreed Syllabus.</p>
B. Ensuring effective Collective worship 1. Reviewing the advice offered about Collective worship	Autumn 2011	June 2012	Review SACRE advice currently offered about Collective worship. Issue updated advice to schools	Adviser time to re-write / amend advice if necessary (£50 per hour - £200 per day) Electronic/ paper distribution of new	To be undertaken during 2011/12. This has yet to start.

2. Offer training to all schools in Swindon about Collective Worship	June 2012	June 2012	Venue , materials and Adviser time	advice Costs to be met by schools and training offered – one afternoon at Nythe	
C. Effective SACRE and partnership 1. Developing the role of SACRE and its partnership with the LA and stakeholders	March 2011	July 2013	LA officer attending SACRE meetings SACRE members raising issues in other forums (SAPH) SACRE annual report in a format which is more attractive to a wider readership- to be sent to all schools and Governors	Electronic/paper distribution of Annual Report to a greater readership.	Annual report was sent to teachers via Schools Online. Next Annual Report will be prepared early 2012.
2. SACRE members visiting and engaging in RE in schools	March 2011	June 2011 onwards	As part of Celebrating RE month SACRE members will visit schools who are celebrating their excellent RE with visits or special days etc. Final report presented June 2011 to SACRE	None – the goodwill and kindness of SACRE members	Successful Celebrating RE Month activities attended in March 2011 and reported to SACRE in March and June 2011. Consideration to be given to follow up activities in March 2012.

Budget Proposed Allocation to Support the Development Plan Implementation

The table below sets out the anticipated spend on the £5k support grant for the SACRE in 2011//12:

Activity	Development Plan Reference	Anticipated Total Costs
1. Advisor support for four SACRE Meetings a year	C	£928
2. Preparation of SACRE Annual Report	C	£700
3. Advisor support for RE Network Meetings	A	£1080
4. Invoice for March 2011 SACRE support activities	A, C	£1112
5. Preparation of Collective Worship Guidance.	B	£300
6. Repeat of Celebrating RE Month Activities (if agreed by SACRE Members at meeting in June 2011)	C2	£350
7. Subscription to NASACRE for national advice and support.	C	£100
8. Essential Training (if required)	A,B,C	£250
9. Contingency	A,B,C	£180
	Total:	£5000