

SACRE Development Plan review October 2012

Priority 1: Standards and Quality of Provision of RE

Target: Develop partnership with CYP to monitor and evaluate the quality of provision for RE and CW in schools. Develop strategies to improve standards and quality of RE provision

Intended impact: Issues for Locally Agreed Syllabus for RE are identified in county schools through working with CYP to develop effective monitoring and support for RE and Collective Worship

Action to date

- An article written by the Chair of SACRE has appeared in the "Lancashire Governor" newsletter to highlight and promote the value of RE in the curriculum
- An item on the implementation of the revised Agreed Syllabus has been included in the Core Agenda for relevant governing bodies
- The training for governors on the Curriculum will include information on the revised Agreed Syllabus
- OfSTED inspections are monitored for any key issues relating to RE in Community and Voluntary Controlled schools with none identified up to 26th October 2012. The inspection reports are, however, very brief and do not comment specifically on most areas of the curriculum.
- The primary RE conference is booked for Spring Term 2013.

Status : on track

Priority 2: Management of Lancashire SACRE and Partnership with the LA and other Key Stakeholders

Target: Ensure SACRE is truly representative of Lancashire by working with reference to the priorities of the Local Authority, young people and parents

Intended impact: Lancashire's RE provision is relevant and supportive of local issues and needs

Action to date:

- The importance of including RE in the training for the new primary curriculum has been raised with the trainers but the implementation of the curriculum has been delayed until 2014
- The most recent Youth Voice session gathered the views of young people on a number of key questions including the value of RE in the curriculum and the key elements of future RE conferences for Young People.

- The primary AST is continuing to organise network meetings with primary schools.
- The possibility of creating a parents' page as part of the SACRE website is currently under consideration by LCC officers. This has also been an area of focus for Youth Voice with findings shared with SACRE.

Status : on track

Priority 3: The Effectiveness of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for RE

Target: To make arrangements for the 2011 review, creation and dissemination of the Lancashire Syllabus for RE in partnership with CYP and National RE organisations/guidance

Intended impact: Locally Agreed Syllabus for RE is created in a way that is appropriate and effective in relation to local needs and national guidance

Action to date

- Primary network meetings have been organised to support the teaching and learning of RE including the implementation of the revised Agreed Syllabus. The impact of these meetings will be reviewed in Spring 2013.
- Exemplification materials have been developed in both the primary and secondary phases.
- Schools that have gained the RE Quality Mark are being highlighted on the RE website so that other schools can share their good practice
- A leading teacher model for RE is being developed and will be shared with schools.

Status: on track

Priority 4: Collective Worship

Target: Raise awareness of and support for the Lancashire Guidance for Collective Worship

Intended impact: Schools deliver appropriate acts of Collective Worship that have a positive impact on pupils' spiritual development

Action to date

- A protocol to support SACRE members in visiting schools to share in Collective Worship has been established.
- Training on Collective Worship has been offered to schools but there has been little take-up to date.

- Training has been provided for SACRE on the Mirrors and Doors material to support Collective Worship in schools
- Schools have been informed about the availability of Mirrors and Doors

Status : not on track

Priority 5: Contribution of SACRE to the Social and Racial Harmony Agenda

Targets: Greater understanding and contact between schools and faith communities

Intended impact: Effective use of visits and visitors from local faith communities to develop Syllabus attitudes of open mindedness, respect for all and self awareness

Action to date

- SACRE membership has been monitored to inform discussions relating to the make-up of SACRE
- The DIFA website has been reviewed and a strategy to strengthen support for visits to places of worship and visitors to schools from faith communities is being proposed.
- SACRE meetings and Youth Voice meetings have been held in places of worship across Lancashire
- The proposed Youth Conference for 2013 is being held in a place of worship
- Feedback suggests that the Youth Voice has informed members of faith communities about the nature, purpose and impact of RE by engaging directly with faith leaders.
- The "Faith Shorts" winner of their category in the Tony Blair Foundation film competition was the Hollins Secondary School in Accrington. Their winning entry "Mohammed in Accrington-Inspiring me" was presented to a range of audiences including SACRE and the Youth Conference.

Status : on track