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Visits to schools

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Why visit schools

This includes:

- To promote positive relationships
- To promote the value of RE / Collective Worship
- To find out how helpful the Agreed Syllabus is
- To find out how SACRE can help make provision better
- To listen to the views of staff and pupils about RE

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Setting up visits to schools

- Agree the purpose
- Agree details of the visit
- Agree the follow up

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Agree the purpose of the visit with the school prior to the visit.

- Agree the arrangements with the school: time of arrival, where to report.
- Agree the length of the visit(s) / be aware of time pressures.
- Confirm who is visiting.
- Explain your role (are you going to participate actively, how do you wish to be introduced?).
- Share something of yourself

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- Have the arrangements for the visit (date, time, approximate length) agreed by the Headteacher.
- Confirm the arrangements in writing (sample letter with SACRE information).
- Send a letter of thanks to the school which also acts as an agreed note of the visit.

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In order to make visits successful the following guidance is offered:

- Be aware of body language (smile!).
- Know something about the school.
- Check ground rules re Child Protection
- Talk to the teacher first.
- Do not be judgemental.
- Do not make notes.
- Ask open questions.
- Offer constructive feedback
- Offer to discuss how SACRE does/might offer support
- Agree any points with the Headteacher / teacher before leaving the school
- Maintain confidentiality about the visit