

Lancashire SACRE
Meeting to be held on 4 March 2013

Common Ground - Pupil Attitude Questionnaire

Following the recent report to SACRE on exhibitions in Lancashire which were created as part of Interfaith Week to help explore the diversity of faith found in Lancashire and the common ground that exists between them, it was agreed that it would be useful to monitor the views of pupils in Lancashire on a range of issues related to this programme.

In order to do this an initial review of pupil responses to the Lancashire Pupil Attitude Questionnaire (PAQ) has been carried out focussing on the following areas:

- Feeling left out of things
- Racist behaviour
- Understanding and caring about other people
- Understanding people from other cultures

Findings

Feeling left out of things

- The great majority of pupils 80-88% are very positive about being included in their school community
- The responses are generally more positive for pupils at secondary school than at primary school
- Preston, Pendle, Hyndburn and Pendle responses are all close to the average in most year groups (Y6,7,9 and 11) but the results for Pendle are particularly low in Y4, a drop on 2011 results

Racist behaviour

- The proportion of positive responses re Racist Incidents ranges from 82% to 94% with primary aged pupils giving the most positive responses.
- For pupils in Y9 and Y11 there is a noticeable difference between Burnley, Pendle, Hyndburn and the Lancashire average with responses here being less positive.

Understanding and caring about other people

- The overall proportion of positive responses from primary pupils about understanding and caring for other people is very high at 94% with the lowest score being in Preston in Y6 (89%) and Hyndburn in Y4 (85%)

Understanding people from other cultures

- The overall proportion of positive responses from secondary school pupils about understanding people from other cultures falls from Y7 (86%) to Y11 (69%).
- The responses in Pendle are below the Lancashire average in Y9 and Y11 but Hyndburn, Preston and Burnley's responses are broadly in line with or above average in Y11