

Proposals for the future of SACREs, ASCs, RE and collective worship

2015 saw the publication of a number of significant reports for religious education, collective worship, SACREs and ASCs. This detailed paper written by Chair of NASACRE, David Hampshire, brings together proposals from three reports and the judgement of Mr Justice Warby in relation to the Secretary of State's position regarding non-religious worldviews as part of GCSE Religious Studies. The reports do not cover the same themes, but there is significant overlap between them. The table below sets out the areas covered by the reports and the High Court judgement.

	SACREs	ASCs	RE	Collective worship
A New Settlement: Religion and Belief in schools	SACREs would remain to support RE locally	Abolished	Nationally determined	To remove the requirement for collective worship but to have inclusive assemblies
LIVING WITH DIFFERENCE community, diversity and the common good	No comment is made on SACREs	Not mentioned in the report but to be abolished in light of national determination	Nationally determined	To remove the requirement for collective worship but to have inclusive assemblies
REforREal	The need to review their purpose and remit	Abolished in light of the recommendation for a national curriculum framework for RE	Nationally determined	Mentioned in relation to learning in RE
Mr Justice Warby	Not a concern for this report	Religious education is different from religious studies and should include non-religious belief systems	Not a concern for this report	Not a concern for this report

