



Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Monday, 26th April, 2021 at 10.00 am to be held as a Virtual Zoom Meeting

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The next scheduled meeting of the Lancashire SACRE will be held at 10.00am on Monday 5 July 2021.

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Agenda Item 2

Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 1st February, 2021 at 10.00 am in Zoom Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Attendees

Teachers Associations

The Chair, Mr Peter Martin (ASCL)
Julie Gordon (ATL)

Lancashire County Council

County Councillor Anne Cheetham
County Councillor Yousuf Motala
County Councillor Peter Steen
Francis Williams

Church of England

Mr John Wilson
Mrs Joan E O'Rourke
Mrs Helen Sage

Methodist

Professor Alan Gillies

Hinduism

Mrs Harsha Shukla
Mr Ishwer Tailor

Islam

Mufti Khalid Ibrahim

Buddhism

Kelsang Pagba

Judaism

Robert Ash

Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education

Ms Lisa Horobin

Higher Education Sector

Carolyn Reade

Co-optee Non-Voting

LASGB

Mrs Kathleen Cooper

Community Representatives

Burnley Building Bridges

Peter Lumsden

Observers

Bahá'i Faith

Dr Malcolm Craig

Humanists

Keith Pennington

Officers

Mrs Alison Lloyd – School Advisor, Lancashire County Council

Mrs Misbah Mahmood – Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council

Garth Harbison – Democratic Services Support Officer, Lancashire County Council

Members were informed that Sally Elton-Chalcraft, representing Higher Education University of Cumbria, had resigned from the Lancashire SACRE. The Chair thanked Sally for her support to the Lancashire SACRE and wished her well.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Azhar Ali, Sajda Majeed and Mrs Tibret Safraz.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 November 2020

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30 November 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Pupil Visits Policy Feedback

The draft Pupils Visit Policy had been circulated to all Lancashire SACRE members and was thought to be an excellent document. John Wilson and Malcolm Craig were thanked for leading on preparing the document.

The document had been suitably adopted from Enfield School Visits Policy. It was noted that wearing SACRE badges for school visits would not be suitable and DBS would not be required as SACRE members would be expected to be accompanied in schools.

Regarding the section on progress it was felt a paragraph on how the children were assessed and how their progress was recorded and tracked could be added.

It was also important to note that whenever a SACRE school visit took place it was within a normal school day.

It was suggested that a parallel document could be written slightly differently for schools. This document could be sent to the schools when they volunteered to have a SACRE visit so that they knew what to expect from the visit.

The use of the word assemblies was queried. It was important to differentiate between an act of collective worship and an assembly. An assembly was not necessarily for the purpose of collective worship.

The training and funding of RE staff and what their expectations were could be included in the document. It was also felt that the visits should be recorded by the schools and reported back to governors as the governing body was ultimately responsible for the curriculum in the school.

It was agreed members could email any other comments about the document to Misbah Mahmood to forward on to Alison Lloyd so the document could be finalised.

4. Agreed Syllabus Conference Feedback

Members were informed that an Agreed Syllabus Conference meeting had been held in December 2020.

The syllabus had to be revised every five years and it was stated that Alison Lloyd was doing a great job moving things forward with the syllabus. It had been agreed at the conference that it was really an update to the syllabus that was needed and not a complete refresh, in particular the first few pages of the syllabus needed updating with current thinking in RE. Alison would take suggestions away and do some work with them.

Alison had managed to do much of the background work with Joanne Harris. The language used in the introductory section needed to be updated and Alison was working with others regarding the exemplifications.

Since the meeting of Agreed Syllabus Conference Alison had met with Joanne and they had put a date in the diary to get all amendments completed by May, so it was hoped it would all be finished by June.

The date of the next Agreed Syllabus Conference had been arranged for 15 March 2021.

5. Collective Worship Group Feedback and Next Steps

At the last meeting of the Lancashire SACRE, County Councillor Anne Cheetham, Helen Sage, Kathleen Cooper and Ben McMullen volunteered to look at the Collective Worship materials on the Lancashire SACRE website.

Members were informed that the materials on the website were written in 2011 and it was felt not much would have to be changed.

It was decided to make the Collective Worship materials on the Lancashire SACRE website the focus of the next QSS meeting in March 2021. A number of Collective Worship guidelines from other SACREs that had been updated in 2020/21 had been collated and would be circulated to the four volunteers and SACRE Members so they could compare and feedback their views before the next QSS meeting.

6. LA Officer Verbal Report and Newsletter

Issue 7 (Spring 2021) had been circulated to Lancashire SACRE members.

Members were informed that Joanne Harris had agreed to do some free training for schools on 9 February, 32 people had registered for this training with 18 people on the waiting list which was good news.

It was presumed that all statutory assessments would be cancelled this year so schools would not be asked for their attainment data. However, this would need to be confirmed with all the schools in Lancashire.

Praise was given to Joanne Harris for her involvement, from the SACRE's point of view, in what was going on behind the scenes in what was being offered to staff in schools in terms of training.

7. Lancashire Youth Voice

There was nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9. Members' News

Peter Lumsden informed members that on Thursday 4 February there was a webinar on Covid, Faith and Public Health. Two of the Directors of Public Health in Lancashire would be attending as well as a crossover of faith people from medicine, religion and science. So far 80 people had signed up for the webinar. The background of the webinar was about dispelling myths about vaccinations.

Regarding vaccinations, from an Islam point of view there had been a lot of verdicts issued around permissibility. There should be no reason for individuals who were fasting not to be vaccinated.

Malcolm Craig pointed out that the first week of February was World Interfaith Harmony Week.

10. Observers' Contributions

There were none.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SACRE would be held at 10:00am on Monday 26 April 2021.

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Lancashire SACRE Development Plan 2018-2020

Evaluation and Next Steps

This Development Plan sets out SACRE's key priorities for improvement over the two years from 2018-2020

Progress in implementing the plan is evaluated on an ongoing basis so that priorities can be adjusted and revised as needed.

Next steps will form the basis of the new 2021-2023 development plan.

Key Priority 1	To raise standards by improving the quality of teaching, learning and assessment in Religious Education.
	Relevant columns should be RAG rated at the end of each term to indicate what has been achieved, what is ongoing or has been started but not yet embedded and what has not yet been achieved.
Measures of success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The paper syllabus is re designed so that it is more accessible and user friendly for teachers. • A system of school to school support is established so that good practice can be shared. • A new assessment system is implemented which results in reliable judgements about pupil achievement. • Schools have the tools available to self-evaluate their own practice and set internal targets for improvement. • Effective systems are introduced to evaluate the quality and response to ongoing training and consultancy.
Success evaluated by:	An annual report and monitoring report are shared with all Lancashire schools and published on the Lancashire RE/ SACRE website and NASACRE site annually. The impact of the action plan is evaluated once/ term by the full SACRE.

Objectives	Action / tasks	Start date	Lead	Monitoring/ Quality assurance	Milestone/Success criteria	Evaluation
1.1 The paper syllabus is re designed so that it is more accessible and user friendly for teachers	-Associate consultants, QSS and LA officer evaluate the design of agreed syllabuses from other authorities. - The syllabus is redesigned and relaunched. It is sent to all qualifying schools and uploaded to the website. The content of the Field of Enquiry will not be altered.	Completed by December 18	AL	The first draft of the re designed syllabus is shared with the full SACRE. This will be at the first meeting in Autumn 2021.	The paper copy of the Agreed Syllabus provides effective support and guidance to teachers. Expectations of the syllabus and the Field of Enquiry are clear to all.	<i>The Revised Syllabus is nearly completed and will be sent to the publishers on 11th June following the final ASC meeting. The syllabus will be re launched in the Autumn. There are significant changes to KS3 recommendations.</i>
1.2 A system of school to school support is established so that good	-Monitoring reports continue to identify good practice and inform school SACRE visits. These are celebrated via the newsletter. -A system of primary RE Leading Teachers is established and uploaded to the website so that schools can independently arrange their	By July 2019	AL	Visits are reported to the full SACRE meeting each term. The RE LST website is shared with the full SACRE.	School to school support for RE is established and participation increases.	<i>A working party of 3 consultants is now formed. School to school support is provided informally. A more formal system of RE lead teachers and school to</i>

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practice can be shared.	own support. Principles are agreed and also uploaded to the website (e.g. methods of communication, payment etc.)			Uptake is monitored and reported to the SACRE		school support has not yet been initiated.
1.3 A new assessment system is implemented which results in reliable judgements about pupil achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An assessment procedure is shared with schools. Standards files are created to model different expectations along the line of progression. Network meetings sessions are provided where standards can be moderated between schools/ within schools. Cross county moderation sessions are established. Assessment data is collected and analysed June 2019 and 2020. 	by July 2019.	RECs /AL	<p>Standards files and assessment procedures are shared with SACRE.</p> <p>Attainment data is reported to the SACRE and Lancashire schools.</p>	<p>Increasing proportions of teachers are confident in assessing achievement in RE.</p> <p>Assessment judgements are more reliably reported.</p>	<p>Teachers like the new progression overviews of knowledge, concepts and skills.</p> <p>Teachers are less confident in designing assessment tasks.</p> <p>Examples and standards files need to be provided.</p>
1.4 Schools have the tools available to self-evaluate their own practice and set internal targets for improvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RECs/LA Officer and QSS create a RE audit tool to inform school based improvement in the quality of teaching, learning and assessment in RE Audit tool to be trialled during network meeting sessions. Sample action planning formats to be uploaded to the RE website to show how self-evaluation informs school improvement. 	Completed by March 2020	AL/ QSS/ RECs	RE self-evaluation tool to be shared and ratified by full SACRE.	Schools are provided with clear benchmarks to self-evaluate the quality of teaching, learning and assessment in RE. This informs ongoing plans for improvement.	A suite of materials to support RE leads in monitoring and evaluating RE provision now needs to be produced and shared with teachers.
1.5 Effective systems are introduced to evaluate the quality and response to ongoing training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation forms are distributed at all training, conferences and on the release of new materials. Consultation continues once/ year. 	Starting May 2018	AL/ RECS	Evaluation analyses and consultation responses are reported to the full SACRE and lessons are learnt for the future.	An effective and simple method is in place to ensure that the quality of support materials and training is constantly evaluated and reviewed.	An evaluation system is now established for all training courses. Feedback has been uniformly positive.

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Measures of success to be included in the new development plan.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leaders are clear about the standards and expectations within the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2021. They use this knowledge to construct a balanced and progressively structured curriculum at school level. 2. Teachers have the subject knowledge needed to effectively implement the RE curriculum following the Field of Enquiry methodology. A more formal method of school to school support is established. 3. Teachers make reliable assessment judgements at the end of each key stage prior to submission to the Local Authority. 4. RE leads have the skills needed to continuously evaluate the quality of education in Religious Education and take action to address priorities for improvement. 5. The Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education is fully inclusive and meets the needs of vulnerable pupils and those with SEND. 6. The effectiveness of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus is evaluated annually by gathering the views of pupils (youth voice) and teachers.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather views from pupils and analyse findings via the use of the Pupil Attitude Questionnaire (PAQ) • Gather feedback from pupils via Youth Voice events • Gather views from teachers during training and meetings. • Monitor and respond to any complaints re RE/CW 					

Measures of success 2021-2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The SACRE has robust processes in place to analyse standards at all key stages as well as examination entries in secondary schools. 2. The SACRE monitors the quality of provision in RE through undertaking school visits across a range of schools and key stages. 3. Youth voice events gather the views of pupils across all key stages. 4. The SACRE has an agreed response in place when a school is identified to be not meeting its statutory responsibilities.
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Key Priority 3 To improve the provision of Collective Worship

Relevant columns should be RAG rated at the end of each term to indicate what has been achieved, what has been started but not yet embedded and what has not yet been achieved.

Measures of success.

- Good quality support and guidance is available to support schools in fulfilling their statutory duties with regards to the provision of Collective Worship.
- The SACRE has a clear procedure established to ensure an efficient response to requests for disapplication.

Success evaluated by: An annual report and monitoring report is shared with all Lancashire schools and published on the NASACRE site annually. The impact of the action plan is evaluated once/ term by the full SACRE.

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3.1 Good quality support and guidance is available to support schools in fulfilling their statutory duties with regards to the provision of Collective Worship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the current 'Mirrors and Doors' materials. • Survey RE subject leaders and Leadership teams – what advice is needed? Are existing materials fit for purpose? • Clarify statutory duties for Collective Worship. • Review national guidance and that provided by other SACREs. • Amend the existing materials and signpost to useful websites for collective worship ideas. • Provide advice for schools that feed communities that are not broadly Christian in nature. 	July 2019 – completed by July 2020.	AL, QSS and RECs.	New CW materials and resources are shared and ratified by the full SACRE.	Lancashire schools are fulfilling their statutory responsibilities for the provision of collective worship. Schools are provided with good quality advice and guidance via the website.	Following the QSS meeting in March 21, the Mirrors and Doors materials are being revised and will be shared with schools in the autumn term 2021. It is hoped to include examples of good practice from other schools.
3.2 The SACRE has a clear procedure established to ensure an efficient response to requests for disapplication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QSS members to agree a protocol for dealing with any requests for disapplication and the granting of a determination. Advice taken from Democratic Services /national guidance and ratified by the full SACRE 	Dec 2018	PM	Chair to report protocol to full SACRE	Clear protocols are followed if a HT requests disapplication.	The protocol for dealing with a determination is included in the model collective Worship policy uploaded to the website.

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3.3 The SACRE provides schools with clear advice on how to respond to parental requests for withdrawal from RE and Collective Worship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple, clear advice is uploaded to the RE website. • Schools are signposted to more detailed guidance from NASACRE and NATRE. • Verbal advice is given from the LA officer on request. • The number of requests for parental withdrawn is monitored annually. 	Autumn 2018	JW	Advice is shared with the SACRE prior to publications. Number/ nature of requests for withdrawal is reported annually to the full SACRE meeting	Headteachers are provided with clear guidance to support them when dealing with a parental request for withdrawal	

Measure of success 2021 - 2023

1. The revised Mirrors and Doors materials are shared with schools. These include exemplar good practice materials.

Key Priority 4 To ensure that the SACRE is effectively managed and works in close cooperation with the LA and other key stakeholders.

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Measures of success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SACRE meetings are purposeful and well represented. • Consideration is given to how SACRE can build a positive relationship with academies across Lancashire. • The SACRE works positively in partnership with key local and national stakeholders. • Children and Young people are provided with opportunities to participate in the development of RE • The SACRE builds positive relationships with local teacher training organisations.
Success evaluated by:	An annual report and monitoring report is shared with all Lancashire schools and published on the NASACRE site annually. The impact of the action plan is evaluated once/ term by the full SACRE.

Objectives	Action / tasks	Start date	Lead	Monitoring/ Quality assurance	Milestone/Success criteria	
4.1 SACRE meetings are purposeful and well represented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review membership of the SACRE to ensure that all major local religious communities are represented e.g. Buddhism, Sikhism, Methodism and Judaism. Monitor attendance. • Agree procedures for frequent non-attendance. • Adjust agendas to ensure that all members have opportunity to fully contribute, engage with issues and offer views. • Vary meeting venue e/g using places of worship or schools. 	Ongoing	Democratic Services/ Chair	<p>Annual feedback and consultation with SACRE members – views gathered and analysed</p> <p>Attendance of members is monitored and analysed.</p>	SACRE meetings are representative, engaging, & productive All members feel included and that their views are considered and respected.	
4.2 Consideration is given to how SACRE can build a positive relationship with academies across Lancashire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lancashire Agreed Syllabus will be promoted in all academies – e.g. flier/newsletter/ order form. • Data base kept of all academies who already buy into the Agreed Syllabus and website resources – further training opportunities to be circulated. • The views of academies who buy into the syllabus will be gathered on an annual basis – so that they can regard themselves as stakeholders and partners with the SACRE. 	June 2018	AL/ PM	<p>Academies data base shared with the full SACRE.</p> <p>Views analysed and feedback to the full SACRE.</p>	<p>The SACRE develops a positive partnership with local academies.</p> <p>Increasing proportions of academies buy into the syllabus and see</p>	

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					themselves as key stakeholders.	
<p>4.3 The SACRE works positively in partnership with key local and national stakeholders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to foster positive links with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NNWHub - Faith belief contacts for visits/ visitor resourcing. - NASACRE <p>Access regular information from the RE council/ Ofsted/ NATRE/ AREIAC</p> <p>Keep up to date with national development in RE and share with the full SACRE.</p> <p>Ensure that Lancashire SACRE is represented at all national conferences.</p> <p>Arrange a programme of speakers to share insights/ experiences with the full SACRE e.g. Invite the new Chair of NATRE to speak at a SACRE meeting.</p>	<p>NNWHub meetings 1/term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	AL/PM/	Regular updates/ feedback are provided to the full SACRE as a standing agenda item.	<p>Provision for RE is enriched through links with different faiths, beliefs and traditions.</p> <p>SACRE is well informed keeps abreast of national development in RE</p>	
<p>4.4 Children and Young people are provided with opportunities to participate in the development of RE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the role of Youth voice. Provide opportunities for young people to participate in national/ local debates e.g. plan for another Youth conference to be held at County Hall. • Provide opportunities for primary pupils to participate in Youth Voice events e.g. Lat Blaylock's Y5 conference in Feb 2019. 	<p>Autumn 18</p> <p>Feb 2019</p>	REcs	Youth Voice is a standing item on all full SACRE agendas.	<p>Pupils have a voice in informing the development plan and setting the direction for improvement for RE in Lancashire.</p> <p>Pupils have ongoing</p>	

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					opportunities to debate questions relating to RE with their peers.	
4.5 The SACRE builds positive relationships with local teacher training organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The QSS invites representatives from the University of Cumbria, Lancaster and Edge Hill to discuss stronger links moving forward. • How can local universities familiarise students with the Field of Enquiry prior to taking up positions in Lancashire and other authorities? • How can local schools access events and training opportunities being hosted by local teacher training organisations, universities? How can these be advertised more widely? 	Autumn agenda 18	QSS	Report provided to the full SACRE by SACRE members representing local Higher Education institutes	A positive mutual beneficial partnership is created with local teacher training institutions and universities.	

Measures of success 2021-2023	
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Key Priority 5	To develop the contribution of RE to Community Cohesion
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Measures of success.	Further develop links with people of different faiths, beliefs and traditions through training of Faith Leaders / volunteers Make resources available to download (if applicable) Engage more schools in the SLA to make the service full cost recovery Develop a sustainable Primary/Secondary School linking Programme to promote community cohesion and tackle controversial issues.
Success evaluated by:	An annual report and monitoring report is shared with all Lancashire schools and published on the NASACRE site annually. The impact of the action plan is evaluated once/ term by the full SACRE.

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Further develop links with people of different faiths, beliefs and traditions through training of Faith Leaders / volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify community/faith leaders to support delivery of Interfaith programme for schools Provide appropriate training for leaders/volunteers to enable them to confidently deliver in school setting Devise an induction programme to ensure minimum requirements are met in line with SACRE/LCC policies (Safeguarding, DBS, risk Assessments) 	July 18	AA	<p>Project Manager to provide written/verbal updates at Full SACRE Meeting</p> <p>A recruitment campaign was successfully undertaken to recruit additional faith leaders/volunteers.</p> <p>An induction/training plan was devised in partnership with Lancashire Forum of Faiths</p> <p>A three day training course was delivered to faith volunteers/speakers in March 2019.at The Burnley & pendle faith centre. The training included safeguarding/DBS/and support with lesson plans</p> <p>A second training course is planned to be delivered in the Autumn term.at a venue in Preston.</p>	<p>Volunteers/Leaders are increasingly confident when delivering in school setting</p> <p>Three quality training sessions are delivered across the county</p> <p>Policies and procedures in place</p>

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Make resources available to download (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the Prevent for Schools Website and encourage schools to have a link on their websites Work with LCC partners to develop and update the online resources available on Prevent for Schools Provide links and guidance to promote Fundamental British Values, supporting SMSC development as defined in the Ofsted Inspection Handbook. 	Ongoing	AA	New materials to be shared with Full SACRE group	<p>Strategies/resources are easily accessible</p> <p>Increase in the number of schools accessing Prevent for Schools website</p>
Engage more schools in the SLA to make the service full cost recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to promote the work of the Faith Coordinator through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCC Advisory Service Encounters with Faith Hosting events and training for teachers/community 	Sept 18	AA	Community Team Leader to provide written updates at Full SACRE Meeting	The role of the Faith Coordinator is fully traded
Develop a sustainable Primary/Secondary School linking Programme to promote community cohesion and tackle controversial issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further develop the primary School linking programme engaging schools from across Lancashire Work with partners to develop and promote the 'All Together Now' project Access funding to promote and deliver the 'We Stand Together' project with two new secondary schools 	Sept 18	AA	Community Team Leader to provide written updates at Full SACRE Meeting	<p>A number of projects (primary & secondary) delivered across county</p> <p>Ofsted reports acknowledge whole schools impact of the project</p>

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