



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>
Date and Time	<b>WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2022 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>THE AUDITORIUM, CHRIST THE KING COLLEGE, WELLINGTON ROAD, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Committee A Members representing the Roman Catholic Church Sister Stella  Members representing non-Christian faiths Dr Lionel Alexander Mrs Anne Sechiari Mrs Norma Corney Mr Nick Wilde  Committee B Members representing the Church of England Mr Harry Kirby  Committee C Members representing the teachers of the Isle of Wight Ms Claire Slade-Carter Mr Stuart Brenchley  Committee D Members representing the local authority Cllr Debbie Andre
Officers Present	Justine Ball, Sarah Philipsborn

## 22. **Reflection**

Cllr Debbie Andre read out a prayer about the war in Ukraine for reflection

## 23. **Apologies for Absence**

Beth Feltham, Cllr Claire Critchison, Simon Bligh, Ben Britten, Alison Burt, Liane Chalmers, Beryl Miller

24. **Declarations of Interest**

None were received at this stage

25. **Minutes**

1. THAT the minutes of the 5 October be amended.

Page 2, Item 6. Monitoring Report, paragraph 2 to read- it was asked if it could be recorded that Beth from The Bay was noted by AQA

Thanks were also given to Ryde

Page 2, Item 6. Monitoring Report, paragraph 3 to read- The committee were advised that on the Ofqual website

THAT the minutes of the 5 October 2021 be approved with the above changes.

2. Discussion arising from actions from the minutes to include;

THAT a verbal report was given to the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills, by Sacre on 9 December 2021 be noted.

26. **Membership Update**

The Committee were advised that Nikki Mobley had resigned for personal reasons, Ben Britten had joined representing the Free Church following Sue Cox's last meeting in October 2021.

It was stated that the committee needed a representative from the Hindu religion and a new member to represent Primary Heads. It was also queried whether any members of the committee knew any replacements for these positions and for a further member of the Church of England.

It was suggested that a list of all the vacancies be populated and circulated.

RESOLVED:

THAT the membership of the SACRE be circulated.

THAT any members who knew contact details for people wishing to join would be provided to the clerk.

27. **Living Difference IV**

The Hampshire Advisor presented a report to inform SACRE of events that had taken place regarding the launch of Living Difference IV, and of training and developments around the launch of the syllabus.

It was stated that full day conferences had taken place in November 2021 and January 2022, with a further half day event scheduled on 14 June 2022 for those who were unable to attend previously. These events were deemed a success, and the work relating to the meetings and workshops, was able to be viewed on the R.E moodle. Committee members could access the link by contacting the RE adviser for further information.

A part of the meeting's focus was on 'pondering time' which was introduced so that young people could pursue topics that were of interest and focus their studies around these topics for one unit of RE. This had been trialled in secondary schools and special schools where it had been well received, as was the case with Early Years. The chair of the Island SACRE had also undertaken a lot of work on pondering time and placed her work on the RE moodle for other teachers to view. As more examples were produced, they would be placed on the RE moodle for teachers to access.

The SACRE discussed the teaching and understanding of different faiths and the focus in the syllabus for learning about a religion in depth, while also providing an opportunity for an overview study. It was raised that the main difficulty schools faced was the lack of time.

It was mentioned that there was a talk on-line by Michael Rosen with the Parks Institute, on how the Holocaust should be written about for young readers, which might be of interest to SACRE members, and was accessible by using the link below; <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/parkes/news/events/2022/06/parkes-lecture-2022.page>

Regarding the issue of the syllabus, it was explained that a small adjustment had been made with the text which removed the words 'The Office for Standards in Education 9 (Ofsted)' from the third line of the third paragraph.

It was also mentioned that further training was available to teachers through network meetings and events, and that virtual meetings had encouraged many more people to participate.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be approved.

## 28. **Monitoring Report**

The Hampshire Primary RE Inspector reported on the activities of the SACRE Monitoring Group.

It was explained that the Monitoring Group fulfilled the statutory requirement of SACRE to monitor the effectiveness of the agreed syllabus and the group comprising of 3 members met on the 31 January 2022.

Discussions took place around GCSE 2022 examinations and the difficulties schools had faced during the past 2 years due to covid and how students were impacted.

Collective Worship was highlighted as being an area that the SACRE would focus on this year as well as the monitoring of RE. The Monitoring Group looked to share best practise in both primary and secondary schools. It was explained that there was a range of training available for the development of Collective Worship and that Collective Worship could be done in a variety of ways.

It was stated that the Withdrawal Survey 2021 showed that 26 Island Schools completed the survey, and the numbers of children that were withdrawn from all or parts of RE and collective worship, were very few.

It was confirmed to the committee that face-to-face SACRE monitoring visits had begun again, and that the planning and date setting of future visits were underway. Suggestions were made about circulating a calendar of proposed visits, so that committee members could attend if they wished. The feedback, resulting from the SACRE monitoring visits, was seen as highly beneficial as it concentrated, not only on successes, but also on the sharing of new ideas that were best practice.

It was stated that SACRE monitoring group would review the ways it should monitor and support RE and Collective Worship in the year ahead and discuss ways to do this with the SACRE advisor. Cllr Debbie Andre declared a financial interest as Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills if there were discussions around budget.

The idea of a newsletter that came out every term was discussed. Suggestions were made about including photos and the names and faiths of SACRE members to help teachers know who might be available to come into school and talk about their faith or belief. Topics of interest coming out of SACRE meetings could also be included.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Monitoring Report be noted with thanks.

THAT if any one thought of anything to include in the newsletter to contact Justine Ball

29. **Activities of National and Regional RE bodies including South Central SACRE Hub meetings**

It was explained that the South Central SACRE hub comprised of any individual members of the various SACREs in the defined region. The hub was a forum to discuss relevant issues and that the next meeting was on 26 April on Microsoft Teams.

THAT the above be noted.

30. **Brief updates or notifications of items to be brought to future meetings**

It was reminded that SACRE needed to organise a sub-group for looking at the SACRE constitution. This was deemed as needing 4 members and had to go to the

local authority. It was suggested that one member from each Committee section would be helpful.

THAT this be taken away as an action point.

31. **Date and venue of the next meeting**

27 June 2022 at 16:00 – Venue to be confirmed at a later date.

CHAIRMAN