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FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# **WOLVERHAMPTON SACRE ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018**

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## **1 Introduction**

1.1 This Annual Report of Wolverhampton SACRE covers the academic year 2017-2018. The report briefly records the work of the Advisory Council in that period and looks forward to the challenges it may face in the future. This report is being sent to:

- National Standard Advisor Council for Religious Education
- Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of all Wolverhampton schools
- City Councillors
- Department for Education
- Free Church Federal Council
- Inter-Faith Network, UK
- Local relevant voluntary and statutory organisations

An electronic version of this report will also be made available to parents, teachers and other interested individuals and organisations.

## **2 SACRE'S role and function**

2.1 The SACRE has a statutory duty:

- To advise the Local Authority on Religious Education and Collective Worship in community schools
- To advise the LA on methods of teaching, choice of materials, teacher training in Religious Education, and on Collective Worship
- To provide an Annual Report

In addition to the above the SACRE can:

Require the LA to review its current agreed syllabus for Religious Education. Consider applications made by a Headteacher to release some or all of the pupils in a particular school from the requirement for Collective Worship which may be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character

## **3 How Wolverhampton SACRE works**

3.1 Members of Wolverhampton SACRE are appointed by their parent body for a term of five years, and:

- The SACRE appoints a Chair from amongst its members
- The current Chair was elected in 2014-15 and has been annually re-elected since
- Any voting on the SACRE takes place by the panels, each of which has a single vote
- Up to four additional members may be co-opted by the SACRE depending on prospective members' particular expertise and possible contribution to the work of SACRE
- Meetings are held three times a year
- All meetings are open to the public

3.2 The SACRE is composed of four panels as follows:

PANEL A: Christian denominations and other faiths active in Wolverhampton: ten members: Baptist, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, United Reformed, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh. Each member is nominated by his/her parent body.

PANEL B: The Church of England – five members: nominated by the Lichfield Diocese.

PANEL C: The Teachers' Professional Associations – five members: nominated by ATL, NASUWT, NUT, NAHT and WSH.

PANEL D: Local Authority – up to five members: nominated by City of Wolverhampton Council.

Details of the membership during 2016 – 2017 are shown in Section 8.

## **4 A review of the academic year 2017-2018**

4.1 The Local Authority continue to provide facilitation for the City's SACRE without requiring a contribution from the SACRE budget. Wolverhampton SACRE benefits from strong ongoing support from across the Local Authority.

### **4.2 Determinations**

During the 2017-2018 academic year SACRE received no applications from schools wanting to be completely or partially exempted from collective acts of worship which are wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.

### **4.3 Complaints**

As in the past, no formal complaints regarding the provision of collective worship in schools have been received by SACRE or the LA.

### **4.4 Links with Other Agencies**

National Association of SACRES (NASACRE): Wolverhampton SACRE has been affiliated to the NASACRE since its inception and considers it to be an important and valuable link. It welcomes the significant role played by NASACRE in providing us with a national voice on issues impacting on the future developments of Religious Education and Collective Worship in schools. Relevant NASACRE news is provided through RE Today and any relevant points discussed at meetings.

## **5 Monitoring**

### **5.1 Take-up of RE**

Entries and results for GCSE and A Levels RE exams for Summer 2017 were as follows:

School	GCSE Entries	A Level Entries
Aldersley High School	9	
Colton Hills Community School	29	6
Highfields School	202	10
North East Wolverhampton Academy	17	
Our Lady & St Chads Catholic Academy	111	1
St Peter's Church of England School	148	9
Smestow School	1	
St Edmunds Catholic Academy	145	3
The King's Church of England School	95	3
The Royal School	1	1
Wolverhampton Girls' High School	45	12

## 6. Local events and activities

- 6.1 'Respect for All' conference. Designed to promote tolerance and respect for diversity amongst YR4 and YR5 pupils. Hosted at The Way Youth Zone, a venue focused on providing community activities for the young people of Wolverhampton. Eight primary schools took part and over 80 children attended.
- 6.2 Inset Bus Tour. Event organised for Primary RE teaching staff as an introduction to four places of worship. Excellent feedback was received and further events will be organised in future years. Outcome to demonstrate places of worship as 'live' classrooms was very well received.
- 6.3 Art Competition. City wide competition for schools to enter pieces of art inspired by visits to places of worship. Aimed at all primary and secondary settings culminating in an exhibition at the Art Gallery, judged by the SACRE members and the Director of Education of City of Wolverhampton Council.
- 6.4 RE Subject Leader Network. With the support of SACRE, the City of Wolverhampton Council continues to provide a service level agreement to schools for subject leaders in RE. This consists of termly training sessions open to all schools, facilitated by RE Today.

## 7. SACRE Action Plan 2018-2019

Area for Development	Actions	Personnel	Timescale	Progress to Date
<b>Evaluate the impact of the primary network meetings</b>	<p>Evaluation forms to be completed at the end of each meeting by attendees and analysed at the end of the academic year.</p> <p>Further liaison with schools purchasing the SLA to collect feedback and suggestions as to what should be included in future subject leader networks.</p>	Charlotte Harding/ SACRE members	2018/2019	
<b>Membership</b>	Actively market and engage with religious communities to fill vacancies.	Charlotte Harding/ SACRE members	Oct. 2018	
<b>Ensure all schools have access to the RE Syllabus</b>	<p>Publish access to the full RE Syllabus online via CloudW.</p> <p>Advertise link via Headteachers Bulletin and RE Subject Lead Bulletin.</p>	Charlotte Harding/ SACRE members	Sept. 2018	
<b>Support schools with their statutory duty to provide assemblies</b>	<p>Provide guidance on school worship and assembly for all Wolverhampton schools.</p> <p>A CPD day for staff who teach/lead on RE followed by a publication for all Wolverhampton schools.</p>	Charlotte Harding/ RE Today	2018	

<b>Primary school pupil conference</b>	One-day pupil conference available for YR5 pupils for approximately 80 pupils.	Charlotte Harding/ RE Today	2018/2019	
<b>Secondary school pupil conference</b>	One-day pupil conference for secondary school pupils focusing on science and belief.	Charlotte Harding/ RE Today	2018/2019	
<b>Facilitation of a city-wide art competition</b>	Repeat of the art competition for 2018-2019 from launch at the Leadership Briefing to prize giving ceremony.  Full exhibition at Wolverhampton Art Gallery to show all entries.	Charlotte Harding	2018/2019	
<b>Policy for all Wolverhampton schools on the wearing of Kirpans</b>	Work with the Sikh community to provide a policy for all schools to adopt should they wish on the wearing of Kirpans in educational settings.	Charlotte Harding/ Jaswinder Chagger	Oct. 2018	
<b>City wide celebration of Inter-Faith week for Wolverhampton pupils</b>	Organisation and facilitation of a multi-faith story telling theatre event for primary age school children.	Charlotte Harding/ Inter Faith	Nov. 2018	
<b>Development of relationship between SACRE and Wolverhampton Inter Faith</b>	Regular meetings with Inter Faith and invitation to SACRE.	Charlotte Harding/ Inter Faith	Sept. 2018	

8. **SACRE MEMBERSHIP 2017-2018**  
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<b>PANEL A</b>	
<b>Body</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
Baptist Representative	Stephen Jackson
Methodist Representative	Vacancy
Roman Catholic Representative	Craig Fullard
Buddhist Representative	Bante Tejwant
United Reformed Representative	Rebecca Wood
Pentecostal Representative	Daniel Lee
Hindi Representative	Satya Pal Sharma
Sikh Representative	Jaswinder Singh Chagger
Jewish Representative	Martin Gomberg (Chair)
Islam Representative	Akeel Ahmed
<b>Panel B</b>	
<b>Body</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
Church of England Representative	Sue Blackmore
Church of England Representative	Mark Cooper
Church of England Representative	Vacancy
<b>Panel C</b>	
<b>Body</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
NEU	Kay Cresswell-Green
NEU	Vacancy
NAHT	Vacancy
NAS/UWT	Yvonne Fegan
<b>Panel D</b>	
<b>Body</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
Wolverhampton City Council	Charlotte Harding
Elected member	Cllr Lynne Moran
<b>Co-options</b>	
<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
Uplands Junior School	Ourmala Devi

8.2 Meetings for 2018-2019 have been agreed as follows:

- 22 October 2018
- 28 February 2019
- 23 May 2019

9. **Further information**

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