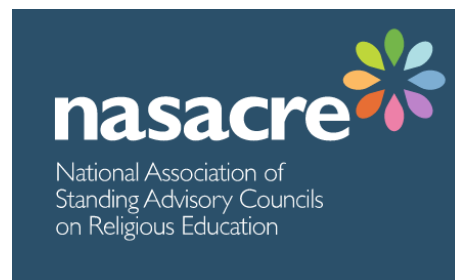


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ON
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BROMLEY SACRE
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21



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Introduction to the Annual Report 2020-21

Bromley Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Every Local Authority is required to have a SACRE which is made up of four groups; (A) Faith representatives, (B) The Church of England, (C) Teachers and (D) Councillors. The committee should reflect the faiths within the community.

SACREs have responsibility for advising a Local Authority (LA) on religious education and collective worship in its schools. SACREs have a duty to publish an annual report. The main purpose of the annual report is to hold the LA to account, by informing the Secretary of State and key partners what advice SACRE gave the LA during the year and how that was responded to; this includes advice on RE and Collective Worship in those schools for which the LA has responsibility.

This report covers the academic year 2020-2021, including the period of the Covid 19 pandemic, which had an impact on the work of SACRE.

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1 Introduction

1a. Chair's Introduction

I remain indebted to Joanne Partridge who, in her role of Clerk to SACRE, gives invaluable support to both the Committee and to me. Stacey Burman as our RE Adviser has worked hard, during what continues to be difficult times for everyone, to provide as much support as possible to schools. We are pleased that the revised Bromley Agreed Syllabus appears to have been well received and Stacey continues to provide support and resourcing to RE Teachers as they implement it within their schools.

I continue to be grateful also to Jared Nehra, Bromley Director of Education, and to Julia Andrew and Carol Arnfield, Bromley School Standards officers, who assist us to deliver a high level of support to Bromley's schools, and especially to those at the front line of delivering high quality RE and the experience of life enhancing collective worship for all.

As the world in which we live grows ever more complex and fragile, and ignorance and intolerance in respect of the place of religion in society continues to increase, I remain convinced that our role is vital.

Bromley SACRE seeks to encourage and support those who deliver RE and lead Collective Worship in Bromley's schools (whether maintained or not) in helping to ensure that children and young people are given every opportunity to discover for themselves the role of faith in everyday life for many people.

Rev. Roger Bristow.

1b. Overview of academic year 2020-21

Bromley SACRE met three times online during the academic year 2020-21. Each meeting was quorate.

All agendas and approved minutes of these meetings are saved regularly and made accessible to the public, with further information being made available online via the Borough's Education website: <https://www.bromleyeducationmatters.uk/Page/15522> The RE Advisor ensures all materials and minutes are updated regularly.

Agenda items for these meetings included (in no particular order):

- Training of primary teachers
- Support for Secondary teachers
- Updating primary Schemes of Learning and other Syllabus support materials
- Borough RE Calendar
- Accommodation for SACRE meetings and the move to online meetings
- Budget and Advisory support for SACRE
- Website access to SACRE information
- Attendance and membership to SACRE
- Agreed Syllabus Review- monitoring implementation in schools
- Determinations and Collective Worship Guidance
- SACRE self evaluation

- Creation of remote education support materials and resources promoting worldview learning in RE
- Application to funding to develop further interfaith dialogue resources for schools
- NASACRE AGM and conference

During the year the Chairman and Advisor have maintained their working relationships with national bodies including NASACRE. Whilst the Covid 19 pandemic continued to cause complications, the Advisor was still able to deliver training and CPD support to both primary and secondary schools via online sessions, held with support from the LA.

Bromley SACRE is strongly supported by the LA, with two senior members attending meetings. They have provided continuous support in a way that empowered leadership, management and governance, and allowed flexibility, independence and choice in the way SACRE carried out its work, therefore reflecting the 'Transforming Bromley' Priorities.

2. Standards and quality of provision in RE

2a: School Support

Throughout 2020-21 the RE Adviser, with immense support from the LA, has been able to continue to run termly teacher networks for both primary and secondary schools. These continue to have increasing attendance and school engagement, including academies, Special schools and schools with specialist SEND/Autism units. During the period of Covid 19, these sessions were held online, and included discussion of effective pedagogy using enquiry, clarification of key Ofsted messages regarding curriculum and demonstration of how the Agreed Syllabus supports these, as well as specific advice relating to Recovery Education and understanding how pupils learn and remember more. For secondary schools during the last academic year these termly meetings have included bespoke sessions with an examination board.

Teachers in these networks have continued to work collaboratively with the Advisor on units of learning and curriculum maps/overviews. These reflect the latest Ofsted research and include examples of effective teaching strategies in support of the key requirements of the Agreed Syllabus, some of which have been uploaded onto the Bromley Education Matters website as supplementary materials for the Syllabus.

Opportunities for schools to enhance their teachers' substantive knowledge of key world religions and worldviews remains a priority for SACRE. Following feedback from teachers regarding the use of guest speakers in schools, SACRE has begun to devise support materials and resources promoting worldview learning in RE which will be included in these support materials. Firstly, with the development of support materials and resources promoting worldview learning in RE in the form of short video clips. The RE Advisor has prepared guidance and will support the editing, publication and responsible promotion of these, and support teachers in their effective deployment in the classroom. Volunteer members of SACRE will record their own responses to four key enquiry questions which appear in the primary units of work and refer to ultimate issues that are included in GCSE specifications.

Furthermore, the units of learning being devised by volunteer teachers include reputable external resources that teachers can use in the classroom, plus additional teacher reference materials to build teachers' own understanding prior to delivery.

Teacher evaluations of these have been very positive, with much appreciation shown for the teaching strategies and resources that have been shared.

Bromley SACRE is aware that CoE and RC schools in the Borough run their own networks and training sessions for RE. CoE schools are provided with materials for teaching Christianity by the Education Office of the Church of England, and whilst advised to teach other religions and world views as per their locally agreed syllabus, they have also been provided with some additional resources from the Diocesan Adviser. Bromley SACRE wishes to develop further and stronger links with these schools, and support and encourage the sharing of teaching materials between all Bromley schools. Efforts have been, and will continue to be made by SACRE to ensure relevant representation on its Council, the promotion of these teacher networks and the use of approved materials via these representatives.

The RE Adviser has also continued working with Bromley LA to populate the new SACRE page on the Bromley Education Matters website, which is being increasingly accessed by schools and has attracted further attendance to the RE networks being held. The Revised Locally Agreed Syllabus has been uploaded onto this, along with other previously approved guidance and policy documents already made available, including the Ramadan Guidance previously published. Additional materials, currently being developed with teachers by the Advisor will also be added as they become available.

2b. School Provision, Attainment and Quality of Religious Education

The Bromley Agreed Syllabus 2020 recommends that 5% of curriculum time is dedicated to RE, and that this should equate to approximately: 36 hours per year for KS1; 45 hours for KS2; 45 hours for KS3 and 40-48 hours for KS4. This excludes time allocated for collective worship. Religious education remains statutory for all students and Bromley expects schools to provide all students with their entitlement to study the subject, including at KS4 when they should preferably be entered for GCSE RS. While requirements for some academies may differ, their funding arrangements ensure that they make provision for all pupils in RE. Further informal consultation with schools has been carried out by the RE Advisor throughout the academic year 2020-21.

Through the RE Teacher networks (see above) a wider spreading and more accurate knowledge of school provision has been attained. All the primary schools engaging with SACRE through these networks are delivering religious education in accordance to the current Bromley Agreed Syllabus (2020). Up to 25 schools are now regularly engaging with these networks.

'Drop down days' or 'off timetable'/focus days in RE are rare, with most now schools opting for regular teaching of religious education by the usual class teacher as part of the permanent wider school curriculum. We are aware of one school that also runs a weekly lunchtime optional RE club, and this academic year the number of primary schools engaged in the SACRE's RE calendar annual artwork competition has continued to increase.

In Bromley secondary schools the picture is more varied, whilst 13 schools are now regularly engaging with these networks and/or communicating with the Advisor, some schools admit that the RE curriculum time is below the 5% recommended in the Bromley Agreed Syllabus, and in one school it is limited to just 50 minutes every third week. The RE Adviser is working with these schools via the networks to support streamlined curriculum development, so that at least pupils in these schools can attain a foundation of religious literacy. However, in another school, the provision for RE has doubled through support of the Advisor and network. They have now also been able to develop their KS3 curriculum to be fully aligned with the Syllabus, and are now focussed on the implementation of this syllabus.

During the year there was one parental complaint about religious education referred to SACRE. This involved a secondary school in the borough and their teaching of Hinduism. The RE Advisor worked individually with this school to review and enhance their curriculum materials relating to the specific aspect of Hinduism raised as a concern, develop the subject leaders' substantive knowledge of Hinduism and raise awareness of common misconceptions. Subsequently, the subject lead and the parent concerned have confirmed they were pleased with the support provided.

2c. The Agreed Syllabus

The Syllabus was unanimously agreed and positively received by schools when it had a soft launch in 2019 and is available on the SACRE webpage provided by the Local Authority.

Evidence gleaned by the RE Advisor in conversations, visits and reports from schools demonstrates that most primary and secondary schools are following the syllabus. This includes academies, faith schools and community schools. A further survey will be sent to schools this academic year as part of a deeper review process, with a more in-depth monitoring and analysis of schools' adherence to the syllabus to be carried out in due course.

We are confident that our syllabus reflects the best practices as outlined in various reports/reviews and documents recently published, including REC research into a worldviews approach in RE. Early reports show that pupils and teachers are engaging well with the enquiry approach and pedagogy set out in the syllabus, and the RE Advisor has supported individual primary and secondary schools in the implementation of the syllabus in their school curriculum beyond the teacher meetings upon request.

In addition, Bromley SACRE continues to support both the creation of new and the revision of previous aforementioned primary schemes of learning in collaboration with volunteer schools overseen by the RE Advisor. These schemes not only compliment the syllabus and reflect key Ofsted expectations, but have been structured in a way that pupils' critical thinking and analytical skills are developed further and they are increasingly engaged in philosophical and ethical discussion and are exposed to a wider range of content. The schemes continue to be developed to allow all pupils from all backgrounds to engage with the subject, and are updated regularly using feedback and contributions from a large spectrum of Bromley schools.

2d. Standards and Quality of Provision of RE 2018 - Public Examinations

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, pupils did not sit formal examinations for the academic year of 2020-21. Pupils were instead graded through internal assessment, and therefore no official/verified data was provided. The following text and tables detail the received data for the previous years, where the public examination results give SACRE information on standards and are provided for SACRE by the LA for all 31 secondary schools, including Academies and Special Schools.

GCSE Full Course in Religious Studies 2013-2019

Year	No. Bromley schools	No. Bromley Entries	Bromley % A* - C	National % A* - C		
2018	16	1,526	Bromley % 9-5	National % 9-5	Bromley % 9-4	National % 9-4
			57%	60%	69%	72%
2019	14	1524	64%	61%	75%	72%
2020	No data provided					

Although comparisons of attainment with previous years is more complicated due to these changes, Bromley schools appear to be performing just above with the national average.

School	No. entries: 2017	No. entries: 2018	No. entries: 2019
Bishop Justus	175	172	172
Bullers Wood	35	32	185
Charles Darwin	1	1	0
Chislehurst School for Girls	180	149	187
Coopers	5	47	-
Darrick Wood	237	232	230
Harris Academy Beckenham	88	53	58
Harris Girls' Academy Bromley	106	0	1
Harris Academy Orpington	163	145	40
Hayes School	215	205	213
Kemnal Technology College	12	-	-
Langley Park School for Boys	62	30	28
Langley Park School for Girls	79	44	29
Newstead Wood	135	157	152
Ravenswood	22	47	23
St Olave's & St Saviour's	9	1	1
The Ravensbourne	194	210	205

The number of pupils being entered for the GCSE Full Course examination has reduced by approximately 200 pupils. Several Bromley schools have remained consistent in the proportion of pupils in a cohort (year group) being entered, but Harris Academy Bromley again entered only 1 pupil where in previous years they entered 100. More optimistically, Bullers Wood has seemingly moved from an option group of about 30 to enter the whole cohort. Meanwhile, Harris Girls' Academy Bromley and Harris Academy Orpington continue to have a large reduction in pupil numbers, with the former drastically reducing from approx.100 in 2017 to only 1 in 2018.

GCSE Short Course in Religious Studies 2019

Year	No. Bromley Schools	No. Bromley Candidates	Bromley % 9-5	National % 9-5	Bromley % 9-4	National % 9-4
2019	6	135	94%	48%	96%	59%
2020	No data provided					

School	No. entries: 2019
Bishop Justus	1
Charles Darwin	1
Harris Academy Orpington	1
Hayes School	6
Langley Park School for Girls	1
St Olave's & St Saviour's	125

Please Note: No figures for 2018 Short Course were provided.

There only appears to be one school in Bromley which continues to enter a whole cohort for the Short Course, despite Bromley results being far superior to national figures for the percentage of pupils achieving both 'strong' and 'standard' passes.

A Level in Religious Studies 2013-2019

Exam Year	No. Bromley schools	No. of Bromley entrants	Bromley % A*-A grades	National % A*-A grades	Bromley % A*-B grades	National % A*-B grades	Bromley % A-E grades	National % A-E grades
2013	13	138	30%	22%	62%	51%	99%	99%
2014	13	137	30%	21%	57%	49%	100%	98%
2015	14	156	27%	21%	56%	50%	98%	99%
2016	13	177	26%	20%	64%	51%	100%	100%
2017	13	142	31%	24%	59%	51%	100%	99%
2018	13	149	25%	20%	54%	49%	99%	98%
2019	14	178	16%	22%	39%	50%	96%	98%
2020	No data provided							

School	No. entries: 2017	No. entries: 2018	No. entries: 2019
Bishop Justus	12	22	8
Bullers Wood	16	10	11
Chislehurst School for Girls	11	7	19
Darrick Wood	4	6	17
Harris Academy Beckenham	-	2	-
Harris Girls' Academy Bromley	5	12	25
Harris Academy Orpington	4	0	4
Hayes School	16	12	14
Kemnal Technology College	-	-	2
Langley Park School for Boys	10	11	21
Langley Park School for Girls	12	13	6
Newstead Wood	11	11	9
Ravenswood	10	11	7
St Olave's & St Saviour's	15	11	13
The Ravensbourne	16	21	22

The Number of entrants for A Level examinations dropped by more than half in two schools in 2018, Bishop Justus and Langley Park School for Girls. However, four schools doubled the number of pupils they entered for A Level, these being Chislehurst School for Girls, Darrick Wood, Harris Girls Academy Beckenham and Langley Park School for Boys. The number of entrants in the other schools/colleges remains similar to the previous year.

For the first time in over five years, Bromley’s attainment in the A Level examinations fell below the national figures. There may be some correlation between the lower % A*-B grades being achieved in schools with larger numbers of entrants, if pupils were taught in only one group/class. However, there is no way to discern this without individual school attainment figures.

AS Level in Religious Studies 2018-2019

Exam Year	No. Bromley schools	No. of Bromley entrants	Bromley % A-B grades	National % A-B grades	Bromley % A-E grades	National % A-E grades
2018	13	189	36%	36%	89%	86%
2019	8	119	48%	36%	90%	88%
2020	No data provided					

School	No. entries: 2019
Bishop Justus	4
Bullers Wood	17
Darrick Wood	1
Harris Girls' Academy Bromley	3
Langley Park School for Boys	1
Newstead Wood	6
St Olave's & St Saviour's	34
The Ravensbourne	53

Please Note: No figures for 2018 AS Level were provided.

The number of examination entrants and attainment seems solid in Bromley schools and colleges. In particular, there are large numbers of entrants in St Olave’s & St Saviour’s and The Ravensbourne, and attainment of both % A-B grades and % A-E grades has increased and are now above the national figures.

3. Collective worship

Bromley SACRE supports an inclusive approach to collective worship that promotes spiritual development and contributes to community cohesion. SACRE have previously provided resources for use in school assemblies including guidance on Collective Worship with ideas and suggestions for quality collective worship is on the Bromley Education Matters website. A review of policies and school application materials has been completed following a robust discussions held in 2019 in how we might respond to a request for a determination and we believe we are ready should one arise.

There have been no determinations regarding Collective Worship this year.

4. SACRE work with other agencies

Bromley SACRE supports RE that meets the needs of all students with or without religious beliefs, and promotes inclusion and religious, non-religious and racial harmony. We believe that RE promotes understanding and respect for all communities and it is even more vital now that we continue to do this, with the rise of fundamentalism and extremism in the UK and worldwide and examples of conflict within our own local community. Through the teaching of RE, negative stereotypes and prejudices can and should be tackled and we should generate understanding, overcome barriers, and promote community cohesion.

We are members of NASACRE and both the Advisor and the Chair of SACRE have attended the annual conference. Our Advisor continues to access the latest research and resources through her continued membership with AREIAC with thanks to the Local Authority. Over the past year, she has worked in collaboration with national examination boards as well as establishing links with Ofsted and a national Hindu Education Board to provide training and support for Bromley secondary teachers.

5. Community Cohesion

Following concerted efforts and approaches to various national organisations, SACRE now has membership which better reflects the religious and non-religious diversity of the local community, having recently welcomed Orthodox Jewish and Humanist member representation. We now also present attendance to SACRE for each group/committee in the Annual Report, making it easier to identify additional/alternative members to be invited to join SACRE.

The revised Agreed Syllabus of 2020 contains information about how RE should support the development of SMSC and British values, and efforts have been made to increase references to a wider range of religious and non-religious beliefs that are represented in our community. The syllabus aims to better support pupils' understanding of both the religious and non-religious by encouraging the investigation of responses to ultimate questions and ethical issues. This should therefore encourage a much deeper understanding of all religions, and hopefully lead to improved cohesion.

Interfaith activities and exchanges were planned for the launch of the syllabus last year, but had to be cancelled due to Covid 19. However, to help promote and celebrate religious, cultural and ethnic diversity in the borough and beyond, we continue to engage pupils in creating artwork for an interfaith calendar, which promotes and shares dates of religious and secular celebrations. This calendar was sent to every school in the Borough. We have also published Ramadan Guidance in previous years as a learning resource to further support schools in providing for their Muslim pupils.

Further to this, SACRE are in the process of developing further support materials and resources promoting worldview learning in RE in the form of short video clips. This will engage SACRE members in making and sharing videos of responses to key religious questions. These 'REal Resources' will be made available to all teachers and referenced in the collaborative units of learning mentioned previously.

In addition, SACRE members are now encouraged – and have been- advertising relevant initiatives and activities in their local communities during our meetings.

6. Management of SACRE

The Chair of Bromley SACRE remains Rev. Roger Bristow from the Church of England representative Group B. The Vice Chair is currently Councillor Kennedy-Brooks, from Group D.

A detailed action/development plan is produced for SACRE each year aligned with the financial year of the council and is regularly updated by the RE Adviser and revisited by SACRE in meetings.

SACRE completes a detailed self evaluation (Appendix 1) annually for the preceding academic year, and the RE Adviser provides recommendations from this, from which the following year's action plan is derived.

The LA continues to support the work of our SACRE by providing an RE Specialist to advise SACRE, deliver teacher training and support, and lead the review of the Agreed Syllabus. SACRE is also always fully supported with attendance and contributions from two senior members of the LA's School Standards Team.

Membership of SACRE is reviewed in all meetings, and members are reminded that they should provide a representative in their absence or introduce a replacement when they resign the SACRE committee. Recently Orthodox Jewish and Humanist members have joined, but, despite concerted efforts, regular attendance by a representative from Buddhism remains an action point. However, two further teacher members were appointed, broadening the spectrum of experience across primary and Early Years and includes a representative from a Bromley Special school.

The LA receives all the SACRE funding, and in 2020-21 used this to provide/support:

- CPD and support materials for staff in Bromley Schools on RE teaching and learning
- Administrative support for the delivery of teachers' termly CPD/networks
- Administrative Clerking support for the SACRE from Governor Services
- SACRE and Religious Education web site development and maintenance
- Networking and training opportunities for SACRE Advisor and members (NASACRE conference)
- Design and publishing costs for the Bromley RE Calendar

8. Summary

Support for primary schools continues with the collaborative development of curriculum materials which are in line with the Agreed Syllabus and reflect key Ofsted messages regarding strong RE pedagogy. Engagement with schools remains positive with strong relationships being developed with the RE Advisor in an increasing number of Bromley schools, including academies, special and community schools.

In the next academic year we are keen to further our focus on developing support materials specifically promoting and developing teacher confidence in interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue, in addition to the production of a further RE Calendar.

However, we remain constrained to focus our work mostly within the termly teachers' network sessions, for which we are grateful to the LA and their School Standards Team in continuing to support.

Appendix 1 Membership of Bromley SACRE during 2020-21

A - Other Faith representatives					
Mr Daniel Coleman	<i>Catholic</i>	Mr Sanjay Gupta	<i>Hindu</i>	Dr Omar Taha	<i>Muslim</i>
Mrs Donna Gold	<i>Jewish</i>	Mr Saiyed Mahmood	<i>Muslim</i>	Mrs Edlene Whitman	<i>Free Church</i> (until November 2020)
Mrs Dorothy Lampert	<i>Orthodox Jewish</i> (from July 2021)	Mr Arvinder Nandra	<i>Sikh</i>	Ms Deborah Corcoran	<i>Humanist</i> (from July 2021)

B – Church of England representatives	
Rev. Roger Bristow	<i>(Chair)</i>
Ms Jan Thompson	Mr Christopher Town
	Rev. R Archer

C – Teachers representatives	
Mrs Denise Angell	<i>Primary</i>
Ms Hannah Arnold	<i>Primary</i>
Mrs Caroline Ringham	<i>Primary</i>
Mr Lee Kings	<i>Secondary</i>
Ms Stella Odusola	<i>Secondary</i>

D – Councillor representatives		
Councillor Kevin Kennedy-Brooks	Councillor David Jefferys	Councillor Keith Onslow (until May 2021)
Councillor Robert Evans	Councillor Kate Lymer	Councillor Chris Pierce (until May 2021)
Councillor Kim Botting (from May 2021)	Councillor Mike Botting (from May 2021)	Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe (from May 2021)

Officers

Mrs Carol Arnfield	Head of Service - Early Years, School Standards and Adult Education
Mrs Julia Andrew	Head of School Standards
Mrs Jo Partridge	Clerk

Attendance of Bromley SACRE during 2020-21

Wednesday 11 th November 2020				
A	B	C	D	Apologies
Mrs D Gold Dr O Taha Mrs E Whitman	Rev R Archer Rev R Bristow (Chair) Ms J Thompson Mr C Town	Mrs D Angell Mr L Kings Mrs C Ringham	Cllrs: Kevin Kennedy-Brooks Robert Evans David Jefferys Kate Lymer Keith Onslow Chris Pierce	Mr D Coleman Mr A Nandra

Wednesday 3 rd March 2021				
A	B	C	D	Apologies
Mr D Coleman Mrs D Gold Mr A Nandra Dr O Taha	Rev R Archer Rev R Bristow (Chair) Ms J Thompson Mr C Town	Mrs D Angell Ms H Arnold Mr L Kings Ms S Odusola	Cllrs: Kevin Kennedy-Brooks David Jefferys Kate Lymer Keith Onslow Chris Pierce	Cllr Robert Evans

Wednesday 7 th July 2021				
A	B	C	D	Apologies
Ms D Corcoran Mrs D Gold Mrs D Lampert Mr S Mahmood Dr O Taha	Rev R Bristow (Chair) Ms J Thompson Mr C Town	Mrs D Angell Ms H Arnold Mr L Kings Mrs C Ringham	Cllrs: Kevin Kennedy-Brooks Kim Botting Mike Botting Robert Evans David Jefferys Kate Lymer Pauline Tunnicliffe	Rev R Archer Mr D Coleman Mr A Nandra

Section 1: Management of SACRE and partnership with LA and other key stakeholders	
How well supported and resources is SACRE?	<u>Advanced</u> : SACRE is supported by an RE Specialist as Advisor and senior LA representatives regularly attend and contribute to meetings and in the completion of agreed actions. SACRE is supported with sufficient funding/resourcing, used to support a lot of SACRE activity, including attendance to conferences by multiple members, as well as production of the calendar, now a biannual newsletter, plus the promotion and administration of all teacher networks which are provided at no cost to schools. Further additional funds were achieved in 2021 through successful application of a bid.
How purposeful, inclusive, representative and effective are SACRE meetings?	<u>Advanced</u> : Meetings are well organised with the support of a dedicated clerk. They are well attended with SACRE members from all 4 groups/committees sharing experiences, ideas and suggestions in meetings to support agreed priorities and actions.
To what extent is the membership of SACRE able to fulfil SACRE’s purpose?	<u>Established</u> : Membership reflects the diversity of the local community, and all SACRE members are invited be involved in and/or attend training opportunities. Most faith members are active in contributing to SACRE projects, including REal Resources and the Interfaith Dialogue Project. Further, several members are keen to support schools with visits. There is room to expand SACRE membership further to perhaps include Higher Education (HE) representatives.
How effective are the priorities and actions identified by SACRE in improving the experience of pupils in schools?	<u>Advanced</u> : Action plan is derived from findings in the self evaluation which is completed by all members of SACRE. The action plan is detailed with resourcing at each step, and is linked to key SACRE objectives and in line with some of the LA priorities (e.g. building links with schools) and is updated at every SACRE meeting. Over the past few years, nearly all the actions have gone beyond the statutory requirements of SACRE and have been met. This shows that we are a heavily proactive SACRE.
How well informed is SACRE in order to be able to advise the LA appropriately?	<u>Advanced</u> : SACRE has an excellent relationship with the LA, working in unison to improve the quality and provision of RE in schools. SACRE is a member of NASACRE, and the LA supports/funds the Advisor, Chair and members to attend conferences and relevant CPD, and information from these is always shared at SACRE meetings, or used to inform the work of the Advisor in supporting the action plan. The LA is supportive and forthcoming with school data, including performance in examinations and via Ofsted reports when they are operating (pre and post Covid restrictions).
What partnerships does SACRE have with key local and national stakeholders?	<u>Established</u> : SACRE is building and strengthening links with local networks, including academy and local faith communities and teacher training organisations. SACRE Advisor and Chair have also attended national conferences including NASACRE. Advisor is a member of AREIAC, and has recently made links with the Hindu Education board to compliment the relationships already established with examination boards, Ofsted and national organisations such as Faith Belief Forum, which all inform her support of SACRE. More contact with further interfaith and HE groups would ‘boost’ our work.
How effectively is SACRE encouraging academies etc to see themselves as stakeholders in their local area, specifically devising ways in which their presence is incorporated into SACRE itself?	<u>Advanced</u> : Academies are already attending and contributing to teacher network meetings and SACRE also has a representative from one of the larger academies as a member. Academies have offered, and continue, to host the teacher network meetings and contribute to the ASC.
<u>Recommendations:</u>	
a. Build links with other inter faith and higher education organisations that could contribute to SACRE	

Section 2: Standards and quality of provision of RE

<p>How effectively does the SACRE gain information about RE provision in schools and put in place strategies to support delivery of pupil entitlement?</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: Having set up teacher networks SACRE now has a picture of what some schools are delivering. The network sessions now attracts approximately half of all schools, including Special schools and academies. All members are notified of attending schools at SACRE meetings. Not all schools have engaged in these networks, so schools are regularly being contacted to provide correct details of subject leader to ensure all SACRE/LA opportunities are being disseminated. All information received is shared with SACRE via the annual report as well as in meetings where issues arise. Actions have also been taken to develop and share materials via a school-friendly LA website, with further plans next year to devise and publish a newsletter for all schools, advertising the free networks led by the Advisor. This will hopefully further boost school engagement enabling further information to be gleaned. Further to this, plans in the future will include a wider scale survey of all schools in the borough to ascertain RE provision.</p>
<p>How does SACRE use information about standards and examinations to target support and training for schools?</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: LA provides examination data when available so the presentation of GCSE results can be amended in the Annual Report so that a clearer picture of school standards and provision can be defined. However, this is not the case for the 2020. In addition, a cross phase assessment tool has been included in the new Agreed Syllabus and shared with subject leaders. Further work is being carried to work towards Borough moderation in the hope of consistent reporting of progression in the subject.</p>
<p>How well does SACRE use knowledge of quality of learning to target support appropriately?</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: teacher networks have been set up where schools have been able to identify areas of concern and training has been delivered to address these specified needs. Several schools are also involved in co-writing curriculum planning materials with the Advisor to support the new Syllabus, and work here is quality assured and will be made available to Bromley schools in due course. SACRE has also been informed where concerns have been raised by schools or parents, and the RE Advisor has been actively supporting 3 secondary schools beyond the teacher networks in these instances.</p>
<p>To what extent does SACRE have and pass on information that supports high quality RE in schools?</p>	<p><u>Advanced</u>: SACRE are able to identify schools where SLT support is given as identified by Subject Leaders (middle managers) attending teacher networks. The LA provides information and support to ensure effective communication to schools via the website, teacher networks and from next year, a dedicated newsletter. The Clerk and Advisor are effective in sharing information regarding events and contact details to schools in support of RE provision. SACRE are well informed about developments in RE pedagogy, which has fed into the Syllabus and continues to be included on the agenda in response to relevant papers and report publications e.g. Ofsted Subject Reviews. The LA supports SACRE in continuing to provide networks for teachers which include the collaborative sharing and development of high quality resources and curriculum materials, as well as the creation of a variety of resources</p>
<p>To what extent has SACRE developed a pro-active strategy in relation to academies and other non-LA maintained schools in its area?</p>	<p><u>Advanced</u>: Engagement with non LA maintained schools remains strong, with regular attendance to teacher networks, input to and sharing of collaborative projects as well as engagement in the Borough RE calendar artwork competition. The teacher networks remain available for all Bromley schools to attend at no cost to them, no matter their status. SACRE has also invited academies etc to join its membership and continues to provide information, resources and updates to all schools beyond these networks through email communication, an accessible website and from next year, a regular newsletter.</p>

Recommendations:

- b. Creating a school newsletter to encourage further engagement with the teacher networks and wider sharing of good practice
- c. Develop a wider scale survey for schools to ascertain information about RE provision beyond the teacher networks

Section 3: effectiveness of the Locally Agreed Syllabus

<p>How does SACRE review the success of the existing Agreed Syllabus?</p>	<p><u>Advanced:</u> The new syllabus was launched in 2020, and includes contributions from teachers and members from all 4 SACRE committees. It was unanimously and enthusiastically Agreed and is now available on the SACRE website. Schools are already adopting the Syllabus, and Advisor is gleaning informal feedback through well attended teaching networks, as well as through email communication direct from schools.</p> <p>Several schools are also involved in co-writing curriculum planning materials with the Advisor to support the new Syllabus, and work here is quality assured. Further support materials are being devised by SACRE to support and encourage effective delivery of RE through enquiry, including REal Resources in response to teacher feedback.</p>
<p>How well does the Agreed Syllabus promote effective teaching and learning in RE?</p>	<p><u>Advanced:</u> The syllabus that now includes contemporary pedagogy at its core, and clarifies expectations of pupils and teachers in line with the latest Ofsted guidelines which prepares pupils for the further study of RE in Key Stage 4.</p>
<p>How well does SACRE promote the Agreed Syllabus and provide training to prepare teachers to use it effectively?</p>	<p><u>Advanced:</u> Teachers continue receiving training via local teacher networks led by Advisor, and LA have updated their website provision so that SACRE has its own page and the Syllabus is available via this. Emails and feedback from schools demonstrate that this has been accessed. There have been some new schools attending the Network meetings this year although there is certainly scope for more. From these meetings it is apparent that some primary schools are purchasing RE packages that are not totally fit for purpose/do not align with the syllabus, but the RE Advisor is providing guidance to these schools to support this. There is evidence of third of primary schools using/collaborating on devising appropriate units of learning that reflects the Syllabus, and initial feedback has been positive.</p>
<p>To what extent is membership of the Agreed Syllabus Conference able to fulfil its purpose?</p>	<p><u>Advanced:</u> Membership of SACRE has been enhanced so there is better representation of primary schools, including early years and Special schools, plus added membership representation of Humanism and Orthodox Judaism, providing a wider representation of religions and worldviews. Though an ASC is not required at the moment, our SACRE is well placed to ensure contributions from a wide array of teachers active in/through the networks and across SACRE membership.</p>
<p>How robust are the processes for producing a strong educational Agreed Syllabus?</p>	<p><u>Advanced:</u> Though a more formal consultation is not currently considered necessary as only 2 years into last revision, informal consultation continues with teachers through the networks which are well attended. The skills spectrum is available and widely referred to these network meetings, and attendees are invited to give examples of work to moderate. The RE Advisor continues to build on relationships with Church of England and Catholic Diocese officials, Ofsted representatives, other national organisations and conferences to inform work on/to support the Agreed Syllabus, which reflects the latest research findings from Ofsted and beyond.</p>
<p>How well does the Agreed Syllabus make choices relating to the use of national documents?</p>	<p><u>Advanced:</u> RE Advisor is familiar with national documents, including Ofsted and guidance from DfE and local Diocese materials and has delivered training to teachers, SACRE members and ASC. Relevant elements of these materials have been included in the Syllabus. Teachers have received training about the principles and key documents behind it.</p>
<p><u>Recommendations:</u> In addition to c: d.Ensure continued consultation and review with those faith groups and schools that have not engaged/attended/ had input on Syllabus revision previously.</p>	

Section 4: Collective Worship

What strategies are in place to enable SACRE to support the delivery of pupil entitlement in LA's schools?	<u>Established:</u> Bromley SACRE continues to hold the provision of good quality collective worship to be of paramount importance, such that it features frequently in our meetings. Some resources and materials have been provided to schools and will continue to be available via the new LA website. A picture of what Collective Worship (CW) has been gained from schools attending networks, and through contact with/requests from members of SACRE, but not all schools across the Borough have provided feedback.
How does SACRE seek to influence the quality of collective worship in the LA's schools?	<u>Established:</u> SACRE Chair regularly leads worship in two church schools in Borough, and other members have been invited into schools. Another SACRE member has also recently been asked to devise a programme of CW in one school, and use has been made of the SACRE website to promote the use of suitable external resources in schools. CW has been discussed in SACRE meetings and SACRE are aware of the issues and concerns in this area. SACRE has previously collated and shared some guidance materials to schools. Due to Covid, there has been less opportunity in general for SACRE members to see schools in action limits our actual knowledge of the current situation and our ability to directly influence what happens.
How robust are SACRE's procedures for responding to requests from schools for a determination?	<u>Advanced:</u> A review of policies and systems and school application materials has been completed. We believe we are ready should one arise.
<u>Recommendations:</u>	
e. SACRE Advisor could work with schools attending teacher networks to create a profile of suitable materials	
f. Inclusion of CW in survey/monitoring materials for monitoring Agreed Syllabus (see c. above) when sent to schools	

Section 5: Contribution of SACRE to promoting cohesion across the community

How representative is SACRE's membership of the local community?	<u>Established:</u> We have strong representation from all major local religious communities, and this now includes different groups with in the same religious tradition beyond Christianity, having considered and discussed what local faith communities may not already be represented.
How much do SACRE members know and understand the local community in its religious, cultural and ethnic dimensions?	<u>Developing:</u> The REal Resources project is already under way to help promote religious, cultural and ethnic diversity. Some video contributions have already been received from SACRE members, and some have also been shared in the SACRE meetings. However, additional contributions are requested to ensure a broad reflection of worldviews before the resource is fully launched with schools. Funding has also been secured for the Interfaith Dialogue Project and this will be a key activity to develop next academic year. Through the work of individual SACRE members, we are aware of groups and initiatives such as Bromley Three Faiths (Christian, Judaism, Islam) and the Peace of Cake Walk, the Bromley Schools Festival and the Council of Christians and Jews. Members continue to share further events through the SACRE Clerk, and those relevant for schools are forwarded by the RE Advisor. Permission has been granted to the RE Advisor to also share with teachers the contact details (for potential visits, talks, etc.) for various places of worship. It was decided previously that we would not publish these the SACRE website. In addition, to support the Syllabus, the Advisor has been working with schools to develop teaching planning materials, with increased coverage of worldviews and religions, and have learning opportunities through guest speakers and visits embedded in the learning. These will be made available on the SACRE website once all completed, and will also include reference to the REal Resources. It is therefore desired that schools invite/engage with SACRE members for specific learning related to these materials, and guidance will be produced to support this. SACRE members have started to visit schools as agreed representatives of the organisations of their religion/worldview. These have only just started to recommence following Covid 19 and are conducted in response to individual requests to schools and are therefore ad hoc and varied. However, as these are normally arranged with schools via the RE Advisor, they can therefore be supported by her, and it is encouraged that feedback is shared with the RE Advisor/SACRE afterwards. The suggested guidance (above) will also support this.
How much does SACRE understand the contribution that RE can make to schools' provision for community cohesion?	<u>Established:</u> The locally agreed syllabus encourages a much deeper understanding of all religions and engagement with why followers feel and behave as they do. This deeper understanding can only lead to improved cohesion. The syllabus includes references to how RE supports community cohesion. Bromley SACRE also continues to engage pupils in creating artwork to promote and share dates of religious and secular celebrations in an interfaith calendar was sent to every school in the Borough. We also published a Ramadan Guidance as a learning resource as and to support schools in providing for their Muslim pupils. This continues to be available to schools via the SACRE website. Specific reference to how actions and activities of SACRE that have contributed to community cohesion have been specified in the Annual Report, and members have been active in creating resources for schools (REal Resources) and have agreed to take part in the Interfaith Dialogue Conference project next academic year.
How well is SACRE linked to LA initiatives promoting community cohesion?	<u>Developing:</u> We are not aware of any specific LA initiatives linked to the promotion of community cohesion. Although, there are strong links with the LA through the education services who share information, it would be beneficial to make connections with other departments involved in community events and initiatives so that SACRE are more able to contribute.
<u>Recommendations</u> (in addition to continuing current actions, and those mentioned above):	
g. Include relevant events in the Biannual newsletter for schools	
h. Promote and prepare materials for consistent SACRE engagement with schools (e.g. as guest speakers)	
i. A Further suggestion may be to conduct some desk-based research to look at religious, cultural and ethnic dimensions in Bromley being promoted via social media	
j. Identify and build relationships with relevant LA contacts to inform SACRE of, and enable their contribution to, community cohesion events	

