

# Draft Newham SACRE Code of Conduct

The central aim for SACRE is to improve the quality of provision in Religious Education (RE) and collective worship (CW) for all pupils in Newham.

We aim to embody The Seven Principles of Public Life (known as the Nolan Principles)

## 1. Selflessness

Members should act solely in terms of the public interest.

## 2. Integrity

Members must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

## 3. Objectivity

Members must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

## 4. Accountability

Members are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

## 5. Openness

Members should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

## 6. Honesty

Members should be truthful.

## 7. Leadership

Members should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.

## SACRE Meetings and Membership

Newham SACRE encourages all its members to attend all SACRE meetings and take a full and active part in its work by:

- participating in and reviewing the work of SACRE for the benefit of the whole community in Newham;
- listening with respect to the views of other members and where a situation of disagreement occurs, disagree respectfully;
- express views and opinions openly, honestly and sensitively, always recognising others may have views different to one's own and be open to discuss these, and
- to be mindful that on SACRE, members are at times representing a larger group, not just their own personal view.

## Visiting Schools

- From time to time, SACRE members may have the opportunity to visit schools to observe RE lessons and collective worship taking place. They are there as invited guests (and not inspectors).
- The RE consultant will liaise between SACRE members and Newham schools in setting up visits.
- SACRE members should use the Newham SACRE visit form when undertaking a visit and will feedback to the RE consultant after the visit and give feedback at the next SACRE meeting.
- From time to time, SACRE members may have the opportunity to visit schools as a representative of their religion or world view. These types of visits should meet specific objectives within a planned RE topic, and there should be a clear understanding of the purpose of the visit before it takes place.
- Schools welcome visitors who are knowledgeable and good communicators. Visitors can be a force for good in schools.