

Telford & Wrekin Council

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Annual Report for Academic Year 2014/15

1. Telford & Wrekin SACRE – constitutional details

1.1 **Chair: Michael Mottram** **Vice Chair: Ben Hollas**
RE Consultant: Joan Furlong
LA Officer: Jim Collins, Assistant Director Education & Corporate Parenting
Clerk: Phil Smith

1.2 **Committee A: Other Christian Denominations / other Faiths**

Mrs J Osmund- Smith	Baptist Church
Pastor Josie	Free Gospel Church
Vacancy	Buddhism
Mrs Sara Venn	Religious Society of Friends
Mrs Cathy Pocock	Salvation Army
Mr Ajmer Singh	Sikhism
Mr Bill Morris	Greek Orthodox
Dr Eve Clevenger	Judaism
Mr Henry White	Methodist
Mr Qamar Maqsood	Islam
Mr Austin Atkinson	Roman Catholic
Vacancy	Hinduism
Ms Sylvia Bailey	United Reformed Church

Committee B: Church of England

Mr Phillip Sell	Hereford Diocesan Director
Mrs Joan Furlong	Lichfield Diocesan Adviser
Mr Ben Hollas	Church of England

Committee C: Teachers' Associations

Mrs Samantha Carvell	NUT
Mr Michael Mottram	ATL
Mrs Mary Jennings	NAS/UWT

Committee D: LA Members

Cllr Veronica Fletcher	Councillor
Cllr Amrik Jhawar	Councillor
Cllr Leon Murray	Councillor

Co-opted:

Mrs C Smith	Humanism (until Dec 14)
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1.3 **Quorum.** The quorum is three members, or a third, whichever is the greater.

2. **Administrative Matters**

2.1 There have been three meetings of the SACRE in the academic year 2014 / 2015 since the last report. Minutes of all the meetings are available on application to the Clerk, Democratic Services, Telford & Wrekin Council, Addenbrooke House, Telford (phil.smith@telford.gov.uk). Meetings are open to the public.

2.2 RE resources and multi-cultural resources are still sited at Hollinswood Primary and RE network meetings and SACRE meetings still held there. Our thanks to the school for their hospitality.

3. **RE advisory support**

3.1 **Joan Furlong** 's contract as Telford & Wrekin RE consultant for the academic year was for 5 days. She is able to be contacted by email or phone for individual school support. Her details are on the Learning Platform.

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She has no budget for this work. An accountability paper for her time is attached.

3.2 The main event of the year was the launch of the new **primary scheme of learning**, written by Lat Blaylock of RE Today services. The launch was held at Hollinswood Primary on 11th September at 5pm, followed by SACRE. The Mayor was present and presentations made. It was a joyful celebration of RE. Via a video link Lat explained the scheme of learning for teachers – 40 Primary schools attended and received their discs (Other discs sent by post). This was a massive achievement, made possible by the LA. Our thanks to Jim Collins for the funding. All T&W Primary & Special schools now have the best quality planning & assessment for RE.

RE's place in the primary curriculum is secure.

3.3 **The Primary RE network** has met twice during the year – Autumn & Summer terms.

1) The new planning was scrutinized and applauded. Additionally teachers wanted planning for Christmas throughout each year group (R-6). Resources for Easter, Pentecost and Trinity were also asked for – to be delivered mainly in Assembly and Worship. 16 schools attended.

2) Joan Furlong provided resources for the main Christian festivals. These were discussed & applauded. 14 schools attended.

3.4. Joan Furlong spoke at the primary headteachers' forum Sept 25th about the new scheme of learning. 20 headteachers were present.

3.5. Joan Furlong carried out RE consultations at The Bridge school, Apley Wood Primary and William Reynolds Primary.

3.6 **Prayer Spaces in schools**

This initiative in secondary schools continues to make a contribution to SMSC- Spiritual, moral, social, cultural development. Two talented teams of volunteers are providing this experience at Hadley Learning Centre, Burton Borough, Newport Girls Academy and Adams Academy.

Annual training courses have been held at Admaston House for teachers – run by the ‘Prayer Spaces’ and ‘Sacred Spaces’ in schools teams. Other academies are interested in implementing this.

- 3.7 **One Bright Week** was a yr 5 activity day held in 4 churches in Telford. Christianity was explored in line with core questions in the Agreed Syllabus. 11 primary schools attended for a day – each walking to their nearest venue.
- 3.8 Phoenix Academy RE day – a new initiative for year 7 pupils exploring religion through multi-media resources in workgroups – e.g. an inter-faith panel discussing pupils’ questions, a Prayer Space, Religion in Art and film.
- 3.9 **Secondary RE results**
We congratulate schools on their results.
- 3.10 Schools continue to support the work of the **Inter-faith group & Telford Christian Council**. The Holocaust memorial service was noted as a very special spiritual event.
- 3.11 We congratulate Fiona Sargesson-Jones from Dothill Primary on her **Farmington Fellowship**.

4. The Policy Framework

- 4.1 RE – National guidance is available on the Learning Platform.
- 4.2 The Agreed Syllabus 2009 for RE is still providing the legal requirements for the subject. The supporting papers on Assessment in RE (Joan Furlong 2010) RE & Community Cohesion (Joan Furlong 2011) and Teaching Christian Beliefs in RE and the core beliefs of the other 5 world religions (Joan Furlong 2012) are well used. More modern planning is now available in the **new scheme of learning for primary and special schools**(Lat Blaylock Sept 14). Website material forms an important resource for the subject, particularly RE Today Services and Barnabas for schools (Christianity)
- 4.3. Collective Worship
No evidence is available for community schools in Telford & Wrekin. Church schools are monitored through their 5 yearly SIAMS inspection. Joan Furlong wrote Collective worship guidelines (May 13) for all T&W schools. These restate legal requirements and contain a rationale for good practice (to be found on the Learning Platform)

5. Consultation

- 5.1 NASACRE (National Association of SACREs)
 - NASCRE runs a comprehensive website at <http://www.nasacre.org.uk> this is full of useful information for all those interested in SACREs, RE and collective worship.
 - The RE Council, NATRE and RE Today Services also have a wealth of information regarding the subject.
- 5.2 SACRE has kept in close touch with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on RE and the process it has developed to ensure the future of the subject in a turbulent national time. SACRE is fully committed to the support and development of RE as essential to pupils’ education in Telford and Wrekin.

5.3 SACRE (via the Chair) have included articles in the Governors' LEADING magazine to raise the profile of RE and communicate information.

6. Letters

There had been no requests for alternative worship provision for the SACRE to consider.

Report to be circulated to

Members

Telford & Wrekin LA

Telford & Wrekin Maintained Schools

Lichfield and Hereford Diocesan Directors

NASACRE.

Accountability of time September 2014 - August 2015 (5 days = 35 hrs)

September

Emails & contacts & passing on info to RE managers & co-ordinators /LA	2hrs
Sept 10 th preparation for launch	2hrs
Sept 11 th : RE launch & SACRE	7hrs
Sept 15 th : Disc distribution	2hrs
SACRE annual report	2hrs
Sept 24 th : Phoenix – RE manager	1hr
Sept 25 th : HT Primary forum – speaking about RE (20 HTs present)	1hr

October

October 14 th : The Bridge: consultation & report	2hrs
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November

Nov 13 th : SMDS RE co-ordinators – new scheme of work(16 schools attended)	2hrs
Nov 28 th : William Reynolds Primary, analysis of RE scheme of work	1 hr

December

Emails and contacts & passing in info to RE managers & co-ordinators	1hr
Dec 12 th : Appley Wood Primary; RE session	2hrs
Dec 15 th Phoenix Academy RE day yr 7	7hrs

January

Emails & contacts & info to schools	1hr
Jan 14 th SACRE preparation & meeting	3hrs

February

Emails & contacts with schools	1hr
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March

Emails & contacts with schools	1hr
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April

Emails & contacts with schools	1hr
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May

Emails & contacts with schools	1hr
20 th May Farmington Fellowship: P4C in T&W agreed syllabus Fiona Sargesson-Jones, Dothill primary	

June

16 th -19 th an activity day x 4 for year 5's across Telford churches for Christianity, linked to T&W agreed syllabus: attending 11 primary schools: John Fletcher, John Randall, William Reynolds, Meadows, St Peters Bratton, HLC Haughton special school, Windmill , Dawley CE, Muxton, Newdale	
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18.6.15 Primary school RE network at SMDS – Christmas developmentally in RE + Easter, Pentecost , Trinity through Assembly 14 schools attending	7hrs
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July**August**

Write SACRE annual report	3hrs
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Total hours: 50