

Warrington SACRE Report

January 2020 - August 2021



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1. Introduction

1.1 Words from the Chair

This past couple of years have seen some challenging obstacles as the pandemic impacted upon all aspects of life. Warrington SACRE continued to meet during this reporting period over Microsoft Teams/Zoom and we have all learnt many new skills because of this. We are thankful for the technical support afforded to us whilst recognising that some members may have found this challenging.

Continuing as chair, this year has been one of reflection and planning for new opportunities in the face of a challenging time for everyone. Despite the impact of Covid-19 and the lock down measures Warrington Schools have continued to provide high quality education and support to students and staff and this should be recognized. We paused some of the work we would normally do over this period such as monitoring visits to schools as it would not have been appropriate to have carried this work out within the government guidelines at the time. So, it has been a much quieter year in some aspects, but slowly we have been able to reintroduce visits and have carried some out via virtual platforms.

The Self-evaluation tool is a priority for SACRE to use over the coming two years so as to ensure recovery from the pandemic period is effective and SACRE remains an effective body.

We have always been a well-attended SACRE and this was not diminished throughout lockdown as members continued to meet. The membership reflects the diversity of the wider religious and professional community of Warrington and we are seeking to recruit a member from the Jewish community to further represent the wider regional community. SACRE meetings are representative, engaging, and productive. We have said goodbye to a long-standing, highly valued member in this period – Cathy Taylor –to all of whom we give thanks for her service and commitment to the SACRE in Warrington.

As Chair I am incredibly grateful to all who have positively embraced the new ways of meeting and demonstrated their commitment to support SACRE through these the most challenging of times. We look forward, to be able to report further progress of our work in the report next year as we implement the new self-evaluation tool and development plan.

1.2 List of SACRE meetings (venues and a brief overview of content of meetings)

Warrington SACRE meet 3 times a year. All meetings were held virtually in line with WBC restrictions due to COVID 19. The table below provides a brief overview of the key contents of these meetings:

Date	Contents
13 October 2020	Membership School Visits NASACRE Briefing
9 March 2021	Annual Return responses NASACRE Briefing School Visits
22 June 2021	SACRE Funding Research Review Series: RE (Ofsted)

Minutes of the meetings can be accessed on the SACRE website

The 2020 – 2021 membership of Warrington SACRE is in appendix ?

2. Religious Education (statutory responsibilities)

In Warrington all maintained schools follow the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus, as adopted by Warrington SACRE members. A number of academies also purchase the syllabus.

The Lancashire Agreed Syllabus was revised and adopted by Warrington SACRE for a further five years in the autumn 2020

2.1 Standards and monitoring of RE

SACRE typically uses several methods to monitor standards and the quality of provision. For example:

- Requesting the completion of an annual questionnaire to check statutory duties and feedback from schools
- Undertaking virtual school visits

During 2020/2021 opportunities to monitor provision were stopped due to the pandemic. As assessments were cancelled for the second time, it was deemed inappropriate to gather assessment data from schools.

All Warrington Schools were requested to complete the annual return in order to capture a full and comprehensive picture of Religious Education and Collective Worship. 51 schools responded (include the % and how many out of), made up of 49 primary schools, 2 secondary schools and no special schools.

Annual return grades				
1 – Outstanding, 2 – Good, 3 – Satisfactory, 4 – Inadequate				
Quality of RE Curriculum provision	1 = 14	2 = 33	3 = 3	4 = 0
Quality of teaching and learning in RE	1 = 14	2 = 32	3 = 3	4 = 0
Standards of attainment and achievement	1 = 13	2 = 31	3 = 4	4 = 0

Quality of collective worship	1 = 14	2 = 25	3 = 10	4 = 0
Overall effectiveness of RE and Collective worship	1 = 12	2 = 31	3 = 6	4 = 0

2.2 Religious Education provisions in schools: Of the 51 schools who responded

- 100% of schools regularly monitor, review and evaluate RE provision in their school
- 100% of schools have daily act of worship in line with statutory requirements
- 81% of schools regularly monitor, review and evaluate collective worship provision
- 100% allocate at least the minimum recommended RE entitlement across KS1 – KS2. Of the 9 secondary schools who responded 3 did allocate the recommended time and 4 didn't in KS3 – KS4.

2.3 Teacher training and materials for schools

There were no network meetings held.

2.4 Other information (withdrawals, complaints, teacher recruitment & retention)

SACRE has a role in investigating complaints against schools in relation to RE and Collective Worship. No complaints were received in 2020/2021.

The Local Authority didn't receive any requests for information under the FOI act.

There were no requests for children to withdraw from RE.

3. Collective Worship

3.1 Standards and Monitoring of Collective Worship

The schools' self evaluation of the standards and monitoring of collective worship was:

- Outstanding – 14 out of 51
- Good – 25 out of 51
- Satisfactory – 10 out of 51
- Inadequate – 0 out of 51

3.2 Teacher Training

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3.3 Determinations

There are no current and none have been applied for.

3.4 Other information (withdrawals; complaints)

Schools are signposted to SACRE protocols for advice on dealing with parental requests for withdrawal. Data collected from schools would suggest that no parents requested for their child to withdraw from Collective Worship.

4. Links with other bodies

4.1 Local and National Bodies

The Warrington SACRE continue to maintain positive links with a number of agencies:

- NASACRE
- Dioceses
- Inter Faith groups
- NATRE
- North West SACRE Hub

5. Other areas of SACRE involvement locally

Governing Boards have been provided with guidance documents around compliance with the duty to teach RE.

Appendix 1

Committee A – Mr H Kazi, Mrs L Hollingsworth, Cllr M Hussain

Committee B – Rev M Burgess, Rev A Raggett

Committee C – Mrs K Coleclough, Mrs C Taylor, Mrs S Tickle

Committee D – Cllr S Wright, Cllr D Friend, Cllr G Chapman, Cllr J Dixon, Cllr L Watson