

Annual Report
Knowsley SACRE
2022/2023

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1. List of SACRE Meetings 2022/2023

Members of SACRE

Chair

Cllr Margaret Harvey – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services

Clerk

Donna Spellman

Members

Katy Race – Education Improvement Officer – KMBC

Layla Taylor – RE Consultant

Mair Hindmarsh – Diocese - Headteacher at Kirkby CE Primary school

Jude Ryan – Archdiocese - Headteacher at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary school

Louise Byrne – Archdiocese – Headteacher at St Margaret Mary Infant Catholic School

Frederick Naftel – Jewish member

Date and Time	Agenda Items	Attendees
16 th June 2022	Network update NASACRE AGM Feedback	Louise Byrne, Mair Hindmarsh, Damien McNulty, Katy Race, Jude Ryan, Layla Taylor and Penny Thompson
11 October 2022	Network update Focus Group Survey Monkey and conference planning Future meeting Dates	Cllr M Harvey, Louise Byrne, Layla Taylor, Penny Thompson and Katy Race
7 th February 2023	Network update	Cancelled due to the death of a SACRE member

We have had some membership challenges this year – however this is now resolved and we have a full group to take forward into 2023/24 which will ensure meetings are quorate.

2. Standards and monitoring of RE, Teacher training and materials for schools, any issues with RE in schools

The locally agreed syllabus is Wirral Syllabus. This has been adopted by our maintained schools, and has now been implemented. Best practice has been shared during our well attended RE Network meetings, run by our RE Consultant, who reports that the curriculum is being fully embedded and schools are confident in its structure and can discuss progression and themes.

Standards and monitoring of RE in schools has been completed through our recent Ofsted inspections. Vulnerable schools continue to have school leadership support funded by the LA. This also ensures standards improve and are monitored each half term.

GCSE results for RE in the last academic year are attached in appendix 2.

The RE Consultant supports the RE subject leaders with regular meetings and advice. She has shared multiple teaching resources and assessment tools. The content of the most recent training sessions include;

Training topics 2022-2023

- Deep Dives
- Implementing the Wirral 2019 Syllabus in schools
- Assessment, recording & reporting
- Stories in RE - collection of stories
- Progressing Christianity from EYFS - KS5, planning for KS2-3
- The Power of Questions
- Story Tent
- Disciplinary Literacy
- Raising the profile of RE in schools

The work of SACRE has been brought to the attention of the schools governing bodies to ensure they are aware of their statutory duties around RE and collective worship.

There have been no issues or complaints regarding RE education this academic year.

- 3. Advice on collective worship, standards and monitoring of collective worship, teacher training, determinations, any issues with collective worship**

The expectation is in line with the Guidance for Collective Worship in schools January 1994, to provide daily collective worship opportunities. The Early Careers Framework which has been implemented in Knowsley this year provides new teachers and training teachers with appropriate support and guidance around RE and collective worship. This is being delivered by Best Practice in Knowsley which is one of the approved DFE bodies.

There has been no determinations or issues around collective worship in our schools this academic year.

4. National bodies

1 member of SACRE attended the NASACRE conference 2023. It is planned that the Local Authority officer for SACRE will be attending the NASACRE conference in May 2024.

5. Local Bodies and involvement locally

The Education Improvement Officers and Chair of Knowsley SACRE, Cllr Harvey, have close links with all schools across the borough as well as with the local police. In our work we work closely to a range of agencies such as YOS, Police, health, parent carer voice on a range of issues encouraging equality and diversity and the sharing of best practice across these organisations. Our academy chains and our voluntary aided schools take part in our link officer meetings, headteacher briefings and vulnerable schools reviews where necessary so they are also kept up to date with the work of SACRE. Governors have been reminded of the work of SACRE through their Governor newsletter and Chair of Governors forum.

6. Knowsley SACRE Arrangements

Knowsley SACRE will continue to use communication tools such as headteacher briefings, weekly bulletins and Governor communications to highlight and share their work amongst the school and community. The LA provides clerking for SACRE and funding for our LA advisor. The LA also provides time of one Education Improvement Officer to attend and organise SACRE

meetings and agendas alongside the Chair. Funding for SACRE is set aside in the education budget should further training or development plans require its use.

Appendix 1

Development Plan

Priorities for 2022/2023

To support the professional development of RE Teachers in Knowsley

- To continue to run termly RE network meetings to share best practice and answer any questions about the syllabus or subject specific discussion

To support the development of collective worship

- Offer training to schools on collective worship via our collaborative leads

To support the professional development of SACRE members

- Fund any SACRE member who wishes to attend NASACRE annual conference
- To offer training to new SACRE members
- To consult with Faith leaders to try to expand the membership of SACRE

To monitor and support RE in Knowsley

- To ensure that as part of the link officer meetings, SACRE and RE is specifically discussed
- Continue to further embed the RE Syllabus

Appendix 3 - GCSE RE results 2023 Knowsley

Subject: Religious Studies (4610) / Exam: GCSE (9-1) Full Course (391)

QAN: 60184000																		
Est. No.	Centre	NOR	NOE	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	X	9-5	9-4	9-1	Avg Pts
-	National (All Schools)	671390	113680	8.6	11.1	12.1	16.6	13.9	10.4	13.8	7.5	3.8	1.5	0.7	62.3	72.7	97.8	5.2
-	National (State Funded)	606910	105240	7.3	10.2	11.7	16.6	14.3	10.9	14.7	7.9	4.0	1.6	0.7	60.1	71.0	97.7	5.1
-	LA (State Funded incl. PRU)	1152	20	5.0	-	20.0	20.0	5.0	5.0	20.0	15.0	5.0	-	5.0	50.0	55.0	95.0	4.5
4613	The Prescott School	158	19	5.3	-	21.1	21.1	-	5.3	21.1	15.8	5.3	-	5.3	47.4	52.6	94.7	4.4

Subject: Religious Studies (4610) / Exam: GCSE (9-1) Full Course (391)

QAN: 60188790

Est. No.	Centre	NOR	NOE	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Q	U	X	9-5	9-4	9-1	Avg Pts
-	National (All Schools)	671390	48600	7.1	10.0	11.8	15.6	14.3	11.9	12.8	9.0	5.1	-	1.6	-	58.9	70.8	97.7	5.0
-	National (State Funded)	606910	47060	6.6	9.7	11.6	15.6	14.5	12.1	13.1	9.2	5.2	-	1.6	-	58.0	70.2	97.7	5.0
-	LA (State Funded incl. PRU)	1152	139	-	1.4	4.3	11.5	12.9	10.1	20.9	14.4	12.2	-	10.1	2.2	30.2	40.3	87.8	3.2
4000	Kirkby High School	158	15	-	-	26.7	13.3	33.3	-	6.7	-	13.3	-	6.7	-	73.3	73.3	93.3	4.7
4002	Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy	131	124	-	1.6	1.6	11.3	10.5	11.3	22.6	16.1	12.1	-	10.5	2.4	25.0	36.3	87.1	3.0

Subject: Religious Studies (4610) / Exam: GCSE (9-1) Full Course (391)**QAN: 60300632**

Est. No.	Centre	NOR	NOE	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	X	9-5	9-4	9-1	Avg Pts
-	National (All Schools)	671390	25130	8.0	10.9	11.4	17.4	13.2	10.0	14.0	7.8	4.9	1.8	0.6	61.0	71.0	97.6	5.1
-	National (State Funded)	606910	24040	7.6	10.6	11.2	17.4	13.2	10.2	14.3	8.0	5.1	1.8	0.6	60.0	70.2	97.6	5.1
-	LA (State Funded incl. PRU)	1152	18	-	-	16.7	16.7	27.8	11.1	11.1	16.7	-	-	-	61.1	72.2	100.0	4.7
4611	Halewood Academy	194	18	-	-	16.7	16.7	27.8	11.1	11.1	16.7	-	-	-	61.1	72.2	100.0	4.7

Subject: Religious Studies (4610) / Exam: GCSE (9-1) Full Course (391)

QAN: 60300796																		
Est. No.	Centre	NOR	NOE	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	X	9-5	9-4	9-1	Avg Pts
-	National (All Schools)	671390	18330	6.5	9.4	12.5	17.3	14.4	11.3	12.5	8.1	5.8	1.6	0.5	60.2	71.5	97.9	5.0
-	National (State Funded)	606910	17270	6.4	9.2	12.1	16.9	14.3	11.5	12.9	8.5	6.1	1.7	0.5	58.8	70.4	97.8	5.0
-	LA (State Funded incl. PRU)	1152	145	0.7	1.4	6.2	12.4	14.5	17.2	25.5	13.8	7.6	-	0.7	35.2	52.4	99.3	3.9
4615	All Saints Catholic High School	205	145	0.7	1.4	6.2	12.4	14.5	17.2	25.5	13.8	7.6	-	0.7	35.2	52.4	99.3	3.9

This report is to be sent to all members of SACRE listed above and Nadine Carroll Head of Education. The report will also be submitted to NASACRE to be uploaded and shared.

