

Annual Report
For
Lambeth Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)
2023 – 2024.



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Welcome to our Annual Report for 2023 – 2024 of the Lambeth Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, (SACRE.)

This academic year has been yet another year of challenge for everyone, for many different reasons. Currently affecting our schools is the crisis in falling school roles resulting in surplus school places, noticeably affecting Lambeth Local Authority. Schools have also faced serious difficulties over school funding cuts and the after-effects from the COVID-19 pandemic are still being felt by pupils and adults. This is on top of the struggles just to keep going for many people personally, coping with the cost-of-living crisis and other situations affecting them detrimentally at this time. Our world is going through troubled times, not least also with the continuing war in Ukraine caused by the invasion of Russia and also the war, started this year, between Hamas and Israel, sparking the ongoing Middle Eastern crisis. Sadly, these conflicts have led to an unprecedented rise in hate crime, particularly related to people's faith. All of this means it is a difficult and anxious time for our children and young people to be growing up in, indeed for all of us to be living in, at present.

Throughout all of this, our schools have again continued to be places of routine, safety and sanctuary amidst the on-going turmoil that has been going on around them. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Lambeth SACRE, to thank our schools for all they have continued to do to ensure that education and care has continued in the ways that they have and how they have served, so diligently, their pupils and families.

Faith is an anchor of hope for many in difficult times. Of course, the learning about and learning from faith and beliefs is what SACRE is all about. Over the past year we have supported our schools in their provision of RE and Collective Worship. This year has seen the continued implementation of 'Exploring the World of Faith and Belief in Lambeth,' the Lambeth Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. We do hope that every maintained Community School in Lambeth (and other schools if they would like to!) have the statutory local RE syllabus embedded. It is important that schools continue to be mindful of gaps in quality RE learning that their pupils have encountered due to COVID-19 lockdowns and ensure that each cohort of pupils has tailored future teaching which addresses any gaps in their RE knowledge and understanding.

Our Lambeth RE Co-ordinators' Network provides a termly forum of support and training for RE Subject Leaders, we do urge all Lambeth RE Subject Leaders to join and attend the meetings.

The end of this academic year has seen a new Labour government elected and we wait, optimistically, to see their plans for the wider school Curriculum review and how RE fits into this. In our fragile and turbulent world, high quality, meaningful and impactful RE is needed now more than ever.

As Chair, I would like to thank each and every member of Lambeth SACRE for their consistently loyal and dedicated support and work on SACRE. I must notably thank Kathryn Shaw, our LA Officer, for her on-going support from the LA, particularly in covering many of the necessary administrative duties in the absence of our SACRE Clerk; Penny Smith-Orr, our SACRE Consultant, for her consistent RE and Collective Worship advice to SACRE; and Jo Backus, our Vice Chair.

Thank you also to Sarah Thorley for her continued work on our Lambeth Faith Trails for Schools. If you haven't yet been on a faith trail, we recommend the experience to you!

Shaun Burns. Chair, Lambeth SACRE.

GROUP A: Christian Denominations other than the Church of England and representatives from faiths and beliefs in the local area.	Attendance	GROUP B: The Church of England	Attendance
Jo Backus – Buddhist Vice-Chair	1	Shaun Burns- Chair	2
Andrew Dart – Christianity - Methodist			Vacant
Christianity – Majority Black Churches	Vacant		Vacant
Christianity - Roman Catholic	Vacant	Sarah Thorley	2
Christianity - United Reformed Church	Vacant		
Umar Mahmood - Islam	2		
Caribbean Hindu	Vacant		
Judaism	Vacant		
Lady Kanwaljit Kaur Singh - Sikhism			
Charley Jarrett - Humanist			
GROUP C: Teachers and Associations representing Teachers	Attendance	GROUP D: Local Authority Representatives	Attendance
Jason McInnis – Secondary School Head of Religious Studies.	1	Cllr Saleha Jaffer Elected Member	Absent
Primary RE Subject Leader From summer 2023	Vacant	Elected Member	<i>Vacant</i>
Denise Henry – NEU Rep		Penny Smith-Orr– SACRE Consultant	2
NEU	Vacant	LA Officer Kathryn Shaw	2
NAHT	Vacant	Maria Gabrielyczyk – Clerk	0

Lambeth SACRE met twice during the year 2023-2024 and the Executive group met on one additional occasion in August 2024.

The planned meeting for Autumn 2023 had to be cancelled due to non-availability of the clerk. In the Spring Term SACRE met on January 22, 2024, at Stockwell Mosque and on March 14th at The Civic Centre. The Summer Term meeting on July 2nd also had to be cancelled, this was because of the pre-election period of sensitivity in the run-up to the General Election. Unfortunately, the meetings were not quorate due to a lack of committee D members.

Brief Overview of Meetings.

The discussions from the previous year on how to fill the SACRE committee have continued during the year.

The standing items are the report from the RE Consultant, the SACRE Development Plan for the year, The Lambeth Faith Trails and a report from the NASACRE Executive. The constitution was discussed at the last quorate meeting and has now been updated.

A proposal was put forward that there should be more Youth representation on Lambeth SACRE, and this is being discussed. We have also planned to look at the self-evaluation document again during the coming year.

Religious Education Statutory Responsibilities.

The new Agreed Syllabus for RE for Lambeth schools is being implemented by most schools in Lambeth now. The syllabus can be found on the Lambeth Local Authority website at: www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/education-lambeth/religious-education-lambeth-schools/agreed-syllabus-religious-education

Some teachers have joined the termly RE Co-ordinators network meetings which are online. The SACRE Consultant has worked on some units of work to go with the new Lambeth RE syllabus and shared these and adapted some from the previous syllabus. These are all aligned to the new Lambeth Agreed Syllabus, as it is this syllabus that Lambeth schools need to be teaching.

The Lambeth RE Co-ordinators' Network meetings cover RE news, some information on festivals and other events, ideas for teaching activities and some training on aspects of RE for the teachers to share in their schools. Details of forthcoming meetings can be found on the website at: <https://www.lambethschoolspartnership.uk/Training>

Currently the only monitoring of RE is by speaking to the RE Co-ordinators. It would be useful to look at websites of schools in Lambeth in the next year.

The Lambeth Faith Trails have been very successful this year and some members of the SACRE committee have also taken part. The booking system has been working well and where a place of worship has had to leave the scheme, others have been found. The information for these trails can be found at; [Faith Trails & Visits for Religious Education | Lambeth Schools Partnership](#).

A course and celebration of the Faith Trails, thanking the hosts and encouraging others to join in, is planned for this year.

We are delighted that Wandsworth SACRE, one of our neighbouring SACREs, has been inspired by our Lambeth Faith Trails for Schools project and have successfully developed the project in their local authority, giving Wandsworth pupils the chance to follow a local faith trail and visit places of worship in their borough.

As far as we are aware, no schools in Lambeth have applied for the RE Quality Mark. We would like to encourage local schools to work towards this award in the future.

The SACRE Consultant is available to answer questions and give advice by email and some teachers have asked for advice regarding withdrawals.

Collective Worship Statutory Responsibility.

There have been no Determinations in Collective Worship sent to SACRE, but the committee has discussed the process should this occur. However, we hope that Lambeth SACRE's guidance on Collective Worship will help schools to see how they can provide Collective Worship that is inclusive and comfortable for those in their school community of all faiths and beliefs and those with no faiths, thereby not feeling the need to apply for a Determination.

There has not been any training on Collective Worship during the year.

Links with Other Organisations.

The Lambeth SACRE is affiliated to the National Association of Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (NASACRE.) The Chair of Lambeth SACRE is the Primary Religious Education, Worship and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development Adviser for the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education. The Vice Chair is a member of the Executive committee of NASACRE.

Faiths Together in Lambeth and the South London Interfaith Group and South London Citizens are also represented by members of the committee. The SACRE Consultant and Chair are both members of the Association of RE Inspectors, Advisers and Consultants, (AREIAC,) a national network of Religious Education advisers. Lambeth has also signed up to the London Hub network.

SACRE Statutory Responsibilities.

Lambeth SACRE has a budget of £25,000 and this pays for an RE Consultant for 10 days per year and pays for a SACRE Clerk to the meetings who also keeps members in touch with any developments during the year. A Local Authority Officer attends each meeting which gives a strong link in to the Council and helps with discussions.

Appendix A Lambeth Schools % pupils' entries and results for KS4 GCSE Full and Short Course

Hours of RE taught as reported by schools.

School name	% hours - RE	% KS4FCEntries	% KS4SCEntries	% FC -9-4	% SC9-4
Woodmansterne School		36.6	0	90.6	
The Norwood School		16.5	0.6	71.4	100
Lilian Baylis Technology School	2.73	79.3	0	62	
Stockwell Park School		95.7	0	59.6	
Saint Gabriel's College	6.27	97.4	0	62.5	
La Retraite Roman Catholic Girls' School	10.5	95.7	0	87.9	
Bishop Thomas Grant Catholic Secondary School	8.31	98.9	0	86.4	
St Martin in the Fields High School for Girls	9.78	75.8	0	61.1	
London Nautical School	2.2	0	0		
The Elms Academy	6.58	96.5	0	85.6	
Ark Evelyn Grace Academy	3.73	22.9	0	64	
Platanos College		95.7	0	59.6	
City Heights E-ACT Academy	2.49	19.5	0	52	
St Martin in the Fields High School for Girls	9.78	75.8	0	61.1	
Oasis Academy South Bank	5.33	19.6	0	59.1	

King's College London Maths School

Trinity Academy

3.48

25.8

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71

Appendix B

Self-evaluation of Lambeth SACRE 2021-2022.

Key Area	Key Area	Developing	Established	Advanced
1a	Religious Education provision across the LA		x	
1b	Standards of achievement	x		
1c	Quality of teaching and learning	x		
1d	Quality of leadership and management and resourcing	x		
1e	Recruitment and retention	x		
1f	Relations with academies and free schools	x		
2a	Review process of syllabus		x	
2b	Quality of the syllabus		x	
2c	Launching and implementing			x
2d	Membership of ASC			x
2e	Developing revised syllabus			x
2f	Use of national Guidance			x
3a	Support entitlement to Collective Worship	x		
3b	Enhance quality of provision of Collective Worship	x		
3c	Respond to determinations		x	
4a	SACRE meetings			x
4b	Membership and training			x
4c	Improvement/development planning		x	
4d	Professional and financial support	x		
4e	Information and advice		x	
4f	Partnership with key stakeholders		x	
4g	Relations with academies	x		
5a	SACRE membership		x	
5b	SACRE understanding of the local area		x	

5c	SACRE engagement with community cohesion		x	
5d	SACRE role within LA initiatives on Community Cohesion	x		

Appendix C Lambeth SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – September 2023- July2024

All the objectives are connected to the statutory duties of a SACRE. Annual allocation of Adviser Days 10

Objective	Action	Responsibility	Date	Costs	Success criteria	Progress
<p>Evaluate SACRE work and establish priorities</p> <p>To prepare agenda, respond to any action from previous meetings and plan ongoing programme for SACRE committee meetings.</p>	<p>Continuous self evaluation process using the updated NASACRE self evaluation document</p> <p>Arrange the agenda by email 3 times per year</p> <p>Write papers and reports for the meeting to LA timetable</p>	<p>RE Consultant</p> <p>All SACRE members to discuss.</p> <p>Clerk, Chairman, RE consultant</p> <p>RE Consultant</p>	<p>Annual update of self-evaluation at Autumn meeting</p> <p>(Include results in the Annual Report – Autumn)</p> <p>For 4 meetings per year</p>	<p>During one meeting</p> <p>Consultant time 3 days</p>	<p>Identify further areas for development towards an advanced SACRE – to be incorporated as appropriate into future development plans.</p> <p>Results to be incorporated into the annual report.</p> <p>Effective meetings with</p> <p>Action points carried out by Members between the meetings. Members have knowledge of and an understanding of the responsibilities of SACRE</p>	<p>Self evaluation part 1 and 2 to be done in summer term Autumn Term</p> <p>Some meetings to be in person this year.</p> <p>Members need to know dates in advance and make every effort to attend meetings</p>
<p>To report annually on the work of SACRE.</p>	<p>Collect information on exam data and SACRE work</p> <p>RE Consultant to write an annual report by December</p>	<p>RE Consultant to write, Chairman to write forward and read, Clerk to circulate to schools.</p>	<p>Deadline end December 2023</p>	<p>RE Consultant time 2 days</p>	<p>Completed on time and copies provided for SACRE members, Director Assistant Director, schools and</p>	<p>Sent to DFE and clerk for sending</p>

Appendix C Lambeth SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – September 2023- July2024

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Objective	Action	Responsibility	Date	Costs	Success criteria	Progress
	on the previous academic year.				their governing bodies. NASACRE and the secretary of State for Education	
To monitor standards of RE and CW in Lambeth Schools.	Look for alternative ways to monitor standards in schools. Provide data for members on RE examination results in Secondary Schools.	RE Consultant- Data team to provide RE Consultant with details	Ongoing For the Annual report 2023	Time at meeting Members time Adviser	To have discussed a way to monitor RE in schools and carry it out monitored RE in schools	Data not available in 2023. Discussion of monitoring to be continued
To reply to queries from schools regarding the syllabus and general support	Replying to telephone and email requests for resources and advice.	RE Consultant	as required	1 day per annum	RE Coordinators able to access resources	Emails from teachers answered through the year.

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* Plan units of work for the Lambeth Syllabus	RE Consultant to work on some units of work Members to consider and have input		During the year	?	Teachers able to use Agreed syllabus with ease	Ongoing process – discussions held each term with coordinators and ideas shared

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Lambeth Council, Elected Members

Corporate Director of Children, Families and Education

Director of Education

SACRE Nominating Bodies

The principal Faith and Belief Groups in Lambeth

Teaching Unions in Lambeth

Ecumenical Borough Deans

All schools in Lambeth

Lambeth LA Website

Lambeth Schools Partnership website