

## Leicestershire SACRE Annual Report 2023-2024

### Introduction

Words from the Chair of SACRE

*We have seen some great success this year in the Leicestershire SACRE! We have not only updated our fantastic website to engage and support all our local teachers of religious education and collective worship, but we are extremely excited to be putting plans in place to hold an annual summer conference for primary and secondary teachers to support specialist and non-specialist teachers in Leicestershire.*

*I would like to say a huge thank you to all the members of Leicestershire SACRE and for their continued efforts for the students of Leicestershire.*

### **SACRE information**

During 2023 to 2024, SACRE met virtually on Microsoft Teams once each academic term. The attendance at the meetings was high on all groups were represented at each SACRE meeting.

During our termly SACRE meetings, an agenda is set and shared with members in advance. Regular agenda items include finance, school support, website support and educational climate. Recently we have had agenda items including the planning and preparation of a Leicestershire SACRE Summer Conference, to provide training and support for primary and secondary specialist and non-specialist teachers. Most recently we have been completing the NASACRE self-evaluation form collaboratively, to continue the fantastic impactful work of Leicestershire SACRE.

### **Religious Education**

The Locally Agreed Syllabus is being used in our Primary and Secondary schools, which also includes many Academies and Multi-Academy Trusts within Leicestershire.

We now have several SACRE members who are RE Coordinators in Primary Schools or RE Teachers/Heads of Departments in Secondary schools, from state schools and Academies. These members can give feedback to SACRE on the local engagement with the Locally Agreed Syllabus and they support the communication of training opportunities for teachers/key stakeholders.

SACRE continues to have a presence on social media, promoting places of worship for RE visits, national and geographical information, and the importance of teaching RE at primary and secondary schools.

We have delivered a Primary RE Conference through RE Today and Diocese of Leicester. This took place on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Feedback was positive and teachers enjoyed the face to face training to collaborate and prepare for their religious education lessons and curriculum implementation.

### **Standards and monitoring of RE**

SACRE members have been monitoring the uptake of examinations in Religious Education in the local area, staffing and the national picture for Religious Education in our schools.

### **Advice to the LA**

Members of SACRE closely look at Ofsted inspections of our local schools, monitoring collective worship and religious education areas (if included in the reports). As and where appropriate, communication is made, and support provided.

- Determinations - For 2023-2024 we received 0 determination requests.
- We have linked to National bodies such as NASACRE and local faith communities, include Leicester Diocese.
- SACRE would like to provide support for Governors and Trustees in Leicestershire. This is an area to improve to communicate what we can offer, throughout the website.
- SACRE continues to share local news and events in Leicestershire on our social media platform.
- The LA supports Leicestershire SACRE professionally and administratively via clerking,
- Advising membership and with links to council initiatives.
- Our membership is full, and we have good attendance at all our SACRE meetings. Training for SACRE members is offered and provided annually.