



# Liverpool

# Standing Advisory Council For Religious Education

**Annual Report** 

September 2017 - August 2018

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# Meetings

The full Liverpool SACRE met three times from September 2017 – August 2018. Summaries of the meetings are enclosed with this report.

- 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

A programme of termly meetings has been planned for the year 2018-19

- 9th October 2018
- 5th February 2019
- 9th July 2019

**Meeting Attendance** 

Meeting Attendance	Committee	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018
AG - Sikh	A	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
JA – Free Church	А	Ш	<b>#  </b>	
Rev YC -Free Church	А			✓
TA - Muslim	A	0 Apols	0 Apols	✓
Judaism	Α	Vacancy	Vacancy	Vacancy
MB – Roman Catholic	A	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
Dr KM – Buddhism	А	Vacancy	<b>✓</b>	0 Apols
Rev AC	В	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
МН	В	0 Apols	0 Apols	✓
PT	В	✓	✓	0 Apols
Rev CC	В	<b>~</b>	<b>V</b>	✓
AH	С	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓
DG	С	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
НМ	С	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	
РВ	С	<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>	0 Apols
AP	С		<b>✓</b>	0 Apols
Cllr BM Chair	D	0 Apols	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>
Cllr AQ	D	<b>√</b>	0 Apols	<b>✓</b>
Cllr AK	D	0 Apols		
Cllr JW Vice-Chair	D	0 Apols	0 Apols	<b>✓</b>

Clir TC	D		✓	<b>√</b>
KY –Liverpool Community Spirit	Co-opted	<b>√</b>		
AB -Liverpool Community Spirit	Co-opted	✓	<b>✓</b>	
Dr MT - Liverpool Community Spirit	Co-opted		✓	0 Apols
JS – Hope University	Co-opted	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
Gill Lawson – SIL Ltd	Co-opted	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Christine Edmonds – SIL Ltd	Co-opted	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>
Dr DS –Humanist	Co-opted	0		
SC - Humanist	Co-opted		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>

# Liverpool STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) MEMBERSHIP

1 September 2017 – 31 August 2018

#### **Appointed Representative**

Roman Catholic

MB

Jewish

Vacancy

Muslim

TA

Hindu Sikh Vacancy AG

Buddhist

Dr KM

Church of England

PT

Church of England

Rev CC

Free Church

JA

Free Church

Rev YC

#### **Teachers**

Secondary Schools/Academies

НМ

JA

Rev Andrew Colmar

PB

AP

**Primary Schools** 

DG

Diocese

AH MH

### **Local Authority**

Councillor BM (SACRE Chair)

Local Authority

Councillor JW Vice Chair

Local Authority

Councillor AQ Councillor TC Local Authority
Local Authority

Councillor 1C

Local Authority

Gill Lawson

LA Representative/Advisor - School Improvement Liverpool

Co-opted Members:

Dr MT Liverpool Community Spirit Partnership
AB Liverpool Community Spirit Partnership

JS Liverpool Hope University
Dr DS Humanist Representative
SC Humanist Representative

Chrissy Edmonds Administrator/Clerk to SACRE - School Improvement Liverpool

#### **Committees**

Committee A Christian denominations other than the Church of England plus representatives of other faiths	Committee B The Church of England	Committee C Teachers	Committee D The Local authority	Co-opted members
AG - Sikh	Rev AC	AH	Cllr BM Chair	Dr MT –Liverpool Community Spirit
JA – Free Church	МН	DG	Cllr JW Vice Chair	JS – Hope University
MB – Roman Catholic	PT	нм	Clir AQ	AB - Liverpool Community Spirit
TA - Muslim	Rev CC	PB	Cllr TC	Gill Lawson – SIL Ltd
Vacancy - Judaism		Rev AC	Clir AK	Christine McLeod – SIL Ltd
Dr KM - Buddhism		JA		Dr Debbie Stanistreet -Humanism
Vacancy - Hinduism		АР		Sophie Colligan – Humanism

### SACRE supported activities

- The need to support schools to deliver effective Collective Worship has remained a priority for SACRE. Liverpool SACRE has arranged one-day CPD conferences on RE and collective worship. Each school attending received an extensive bank of resources, advice and guidance to support collective worship. The resources are available to all Liverpool schools.
- In October 2017 RE teachers from secondary schools and academies across Liverpool attended a city-wide RE INSET day. General feedback from teachers – an excellent day overall - with 100% assessing the day as very good or better. The INSET, delivered by an RE Today consultant covered:
  - Active learning strategies in RE that can be applied across KS3, GCSE and Alevel
  - Getting students to think hard engaging teaching and learning ideas that enable pupils to learn lots
  - Getting into texts supporting pupils to engage with texts and develop their skills in interpretation, reading and writing
  - o Sharing Practice session on two chosen themes:
    - Year 11 focus eg examples of pupils work, revision materials, exam board discussions
    - A Level philosophy and ethics eg resources, good practice, networking opportunity
- Liverpool SACRE was pleased that 3 members were able to attend the NASACRE AGM in May 2018 who reported back to SACRE with a summary of the input from the keynote speakers.
- Liverpool SACRE has developed positive links with other local SACREs.
- School Improvement Liverpool has facilitated RE teacher networks and has provided bespoke support for RE to individual schools as required.
- SACRE continues to have the support of School Improvement Liverpool in scheduling, advertising and taking bookings for RE subject leader meetings and in promoting various events over the year.
- NASACRE logon on details have been issued to all SACRE members and they are encouraged to look at the information contained on the website.
- Standards in RE are monitored via analysis of results in secondary schools at GCSE and GCE A Level

- The former Head of Liverpool Hope University's RE Department is a member of Liverpool SACRE and Wirral SACRE, and provides a positive link with PGCE, ITT and in-service training.
- Liverpool SACRE encourages all members to attend meetings. If members are unable to attend they are encouraged to send a deputy to attend meetings if possible. Minutes are circulated to members soon after each meeting with actions arising clearly stated.

## Agreed Syllabus

The locally agreed syllabus is under review.

### Advisory Support for Religious Education

Support has been provided to individual schools regarding RE on request, for example, where there has been a change of head teacher or RE co-ordinator new to the role.

Liverpool LA provides administrative support for SACRE via School Improvement Liverpool Ltd. This service includes providing a clerk for taking minutes at SACRE meetings, maintaining the contacts list for members, circulation of invitations to meetings with associated documents and handling general correspondence relating to SACRE.

Both the School Improvement Officer with responsibility for RE and Clerk to SACRE are based at Toxteth Annexe Conference Centre, Aigburth Road, Liverpool L17 7BN.

No complaints have been received about RE.

## **Collective Worship**

### **Collective Worship Guidance for schools**

Advice and guidance on collective worship has been provided to schools via Liverpool SACRE Collective Worship Conferences. Bespoke advice and guidance has been provided to individual schools on request via the link SACRE School Improvement Officer.

A number of schools have shared collective worship resources and materials covering a range of topics such as Mothers' Day, the Hillsborough tragedy, the sinking of SS City of Benares, International Day of Tolerance and Nelson Mandela.

There have been no complaints concerning collective worship.

#### **Determinations**

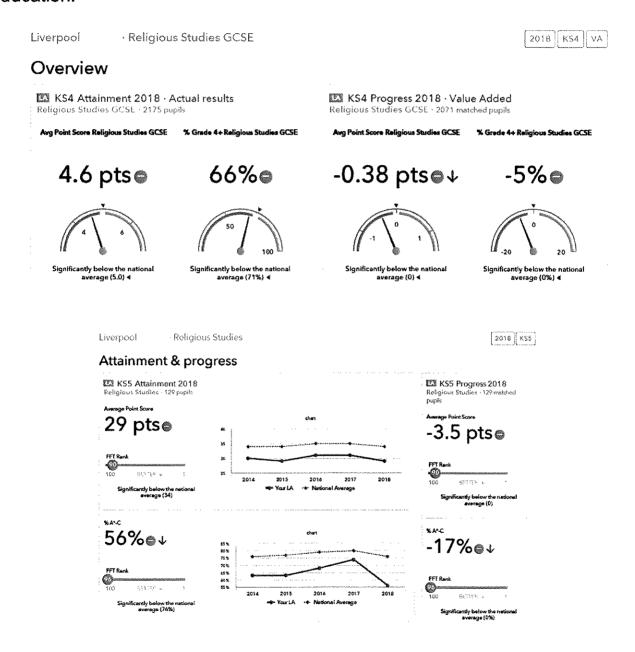
SACRE has not received any requests for determinations with regard to Collective Worship, either this year or in recent previous years. Any school wishing to explore the relevance of a determination (daily collective worship which is other than 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character) in their context should contact the school improvement officer. Church schools are not eligible for a determination. For an academy wishing to apply for a determination the correct process is for the Trust to apply through the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to the Secretary of State.

#### **Finance**

Liverpool SACRE has a small budget which is managed by the School Improvement Liverpool. This enables attendance at conferences such as the NASACRE AGM, opportunities to run CPD for teachers, for example a conference on Collective Worship and other activities to support RE in Liverpool.

# GCSE Religious Studies 2018

The following data shows a breakdown of GCSE performance in Religious Education.



# Minutes of full SACRE meetings from September 2017 to August 2018

Date:	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 - 3.45pm		
Agenda Items			
Introductions & Declarations of Interest.	<b>BM</b> welcomed S*** C***, who is a Humanist wedding celebrant: ex RE teacher inc.13 years in special education.		
	D**** S**** has stepped down from the group		
	Due to a fall <b>GL</b> was unable to attend today's meeting. SB from SIL very kindly stood in to represent her. The group wish GL a speedy recovery.		
	No declarations of interest.		
Accuracy of the last meetings minutes & Actions Arising	Previous minutes discussed and agreed.  Actions from previous minutes		
Actions Ansing	<b>GL</b> to attend Wigan agreed syllabus launch event on 7 <sup>th</sup> July '17 at Rosebridge Academy.		
Agreed Syllabus Meeting	After meeting with MMcM of RE Today and taking costs into account it was agreed that by working closely together and tapping into the wide range of experience we have within Liverpool SACRE, we could come up with a more bespoke 'Agreed Syllabus' which suits Liverpool's needs more closely. The 'Agreed Syllabus' needs to be customised, more environmental and engaging.		
	<b>GL</b> attended the launch of Wigan's Agreed Syllabus' in July '17. Many thanks to <b>Rev CC</b> for the invitation.		
	HM requested a small meeting with GL & BM, Moner Ahmed from Calderstones school also attended. The discussion was centred on costs, support and the development of a syllabus that will be unique to Liverpool.		
	The development of the document will be achieved by working together with a small group of volunteers, representatives from Key Stage1 - 4. It is envisioned that the group will brainstorm and develop a draft copy by February '18. There are no 'set time pressures' so it has been advised that we look very closely at all options open to us.  It has been suggested, as a starting point, that we look at Wigan's model and		
	consider what might work for Liverpool and from there, begin to develop our own bespoke model.  A time table needs to be agreed upon in order to gather resources and information, an appropriate team of people need to be elected to form a working party, tapping into the hub – teachers and funding areas.		
	AB SC & AP have all declared an interest in being involved within this group. GL will follow up on this as soon as she returns to work.		
	Monies are not readily available for this programme, however we are hoping to find budgeting for advertising and marketing.		
The Commission on RE: The Interim report	You should by now have received an email from <b>CE</b> with full information on how to access the Commission on RE – The interim report. This was published in September '17 and is a detailed 116 page document.		
	Key recommendations from the report are under the headings:  • A national entitlement for RE  • Holding schools to account for the provision and quality of RE  • A renewed and expanded role for SACREs  • A national plan for improving teaching and learning in RE		

The report considers: The subject matter for RE Strengths, challenges and opportunities of RE in the 21st century A vision for RE Securing high quality RE for all Next steps - there is to be further consultation ahead of the final report. An online consultation will run from mid-October to 4th December on http://www.commissiononre.org.uk/consultation-interim-report/ Anvone can email views to evidence@commissionre@re.org.uk. They would like to hear from as wide a range of people and organisations as possible so please do get involved. A joint NASACRE/AREIAC conference event will take place 24th November in Birmingham about the Commission on RE interim report (expressions of interest to Chrissy please). An interesting report well worth a read. Inter Faith Week - 12-19th For full information please logon to https://www.interfaithweek.org November 2017 The week will focus on Inter Faith Understanding and Cooperation, Building good relationships & working partnerships between different faiths & beliefs. **CPD News** SACRE members are welcome to attend this day. Please email Chrissy if you Secondary RE Inset day would like to attend so that we can accommodate numbers. The agenda for 20th October 2017 the day has been embedded. POF School Improvement Liverpool have invited all Liverpool Secondary schools to attend our RE inset day. This day has proven, over the past years, to be very Citywide Common popular and the feedback from past delegates has always been very positive. INSET Day for RE.pd The day enables RE teachers and representatives to learn, share and network. AOB AB: We have been granted a 3 year funding from the big lottery Reaching PB - FAITH Communities Funding amounting to £293.503 this will enable us to expand the impact & reach of our adult learning programmes. 2017 initiative. School and adult workshops are available please visit the website http://www.liverpoolcommunityspirit.org/eastward/ to view full details. PB praised the work & standards of the LCS team. AP: A\*\* is excited to be part of the SACRE team. Annette is from The Belvedere Academy and is keen to reach out to other secondary schools, to share resources & to network. SC: S\*\* is also a new member of the SACRE team. She is a Humanist wedding celebrant. She has invited you to view & join her various Facebook groups. These are closed sites and are accessible by invite only. Sophie Colligan -AC: The Academy of St Nicholas, formally known as ESLA now has 2 Humanist.pdf sponsors - The Diocese of Liverpool and the Archdiocese of Liverpool, this is how the school has been able to change its name. Students have settled in nicely. AC has introduced a debate group this term and they held their first debate this week which proved very successful and AC is hoping to build on this success. PB: P\*\*\* directed the group to the 'National Lottery- Awards for All' site https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk This is an easy site to navigate for funding. All the projects that PB has been involved in during 2016/2017 have proven to

	be a big success, winning several awards and bringing together 100s of people from all diversities/religions across Liverpool.
SACRE Members	SACRE members in groups as of 12.10.1
SACRE members to access the NASACRE website	NASACRE website, www.nasacre.org.uk  New log in details for academic year 2017-18 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP THESE DETAILS SAFE. Username: ************************************
Actions:	Twitter @liverpoolSACRE  None
Actions.	None
Next Meetings:	Dates and times for spring and summer meetings:  6th February 2018: Time: 15:45 for a 16:00 start Liverpool Community Spirit  16 Lady Chapel Close Liverpool L1 7BZ Situated in the car park of the Anglican Cathedral - Parking is free: drive up to the barrier of the main Cathedral car park and take a ticket. Drive along the length of the cathedral and through an archway and park. The house is near the exit barrier of the car park.  3rd July 2018: Time: 15:45 for a 16:00 start  Proposed agenda items to SACRE Clerk. Thank you.

v filling Cllr AK's place on SACRE, Dr KM
Cllr AK for all her hard work and dedication to
agreed. tes

#### The intention is to produce a bespoke 'Agreed Syllabus' which suits Liverpool's Agreed Syllabus needs more closely. The 'Agreed Syllabus' needs to be customised to be Meetina more relevant to Liverpool and engaging. GL met with JS. MT & HH from Liverpool community Spirit & briefly discussed how to move forward with the production of a re-new agreed syllabus. GL extended an invitation to SACRE members to become involved in the process. It was suggested that those who wish to be engaged in this process state their interest via emailing to CE. Several members voiced their interest, verbally at the time. Action: CE will send out an invite email & GL will be in contact with those who wish to participate. There are no 'set time pressures' so it has been advised that we look very closely at all options open to us. A time table needs to be agreed upon in order to gather resources and information, an appropriate team of people need to be gathered to form a working party, tapping into the hub - teachers and funding areas. Limited funding is available for this programme and we are hoping to access to funding for advertising and marketing. A suggestion that the document would be suited as an electronic version, thereby cutting publication costs. A meeting has been arrange for the 28th February 2018 at Liverpool Community Spirit L1 7BZ at 13:45. PB put forward two names of people that may be called upon for their wealth of knowledge: Ms OW and SR - Liverpool Jewish Community Activities Coordinator, and he recommended the Archbishop of York Award resources. GL has become aware that Wirral LA are also in the process of producing their own Syllabus, so it may be worthwhile opening up links with them to share ideas and feedback. The SACRE group will be kept fully updated with all the step by step developments of the Liverpool agreed syllabus. **NASACRE Conference &** There is funding available which will enable 2-3 SACRE member to attend the AGM - Stronger Together next NASACRE Conference & AGM meeting which is being held in London on - Celebrating the power of the Community' 24th May 2018. The funding will cover standard return train tickets and entry to the event. Action: CE will send out an invite email & GL will contact with those who wish to attend. Vote on increased The NASACRE subscription cost has been raised this year GL asked for a **NASACRE** subscription vote on accepting the increased price. The vote was unanimous to accept GL brought to the attention of the group, 2 items that appeared on the latest **NASACRE Briefing** NASACRE briefing. (emailed out to the group by CE Mon 08/01/2018 09:30) TOF Vice Chair of NASACRE vacancy SACRE briefing 17.pdf NASACRE has been operating without a Vice Chair this year. Please consider nominating someone from your SACRE who may be able to fill this role for a year before becoming Chair in May 2019. Contact PS on his email chair@nasacre.org to arrange an informal discussion if you wish, and be ready when the nomination forms come out for our AGM in May. There will also be

	some Executive Committee vacancies to fill.
	Non-compliance of LAs
	The NASACRE Executive has recently been in touch with two Local Authorities which we believe are failing in their statutory duty to establish a SACRE. We have offered support to these LAs as they seek to re-establish their SACREs, and will be keeping in touch this term to see how they are doing. The DfE is keen to hear of any authority that is failing in its statutory duty and not receptive to support.
AOB	PT: An article has appeared in The Independent that asks the question: Are secondary schools 'breaking the law by not offering RE?
	Example: http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/secondary-schools-religious-education-breaking-law-department-education-natre-a7951796.html
	According to research by NATRE 26 per cent of secondary schools do not feature RE on the curriculum.
	This is a disturbing statistic which needs to be address. It was suggested that discussions are held with Liverpool Secondary Headteachers to establish whether this is an issue in our city. Feedback will be given to the group.
	<b>SC:</b> Extended an invite to attend a meeting on the 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2018, please see the link below for further information
	Liverpool Humanists Public Talk: Andrew Copson on Secularism
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> April, 7-9pm Liverpool Quaker Meeting House, School Lane, L1 3BT. (Next door to the Bluecoat Gallery)
	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/public-talk-andrew-copson-on-secularism-tickets-42313628201?aff=es2
Liverpool 2017 HMD - Mrs Hazel Ve	<b>PB:</b> New 'In common days' projects are being looked at for 2018 after last year's campaign proved to be very popular. <b>PB</b> will feed back information an what events The Alsop School will have on offer
	https://www.alsophigh.org.uk/school_news/
	RE Conference – Wednesday 14th March 2018
	Learn Teach Lead RE North Primary RE Co-Ordinators – To register your place please contact JS
	Blackburn House
	Primary RE Co-Ordinators confi
SACRE Member	
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SACRE members to	NASACRE website, www.nasacre.org.uk

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Actions:	Action: Agreed Syllabus Meeting – Involvement interest in the working
Actions.	groups
	CE will send out an invite email and GL will be in contact with those who wish to participate.
	Action: NASACRE Conference & AGM – Show of interest in attending the meeting
	<b>CE</b> will send out an invite email & <b>GL</b> will contact with those who wish to attend.
Next Meetings:	Dates and times for next year's meetings:
	3 <sup>RD</sup> July 2018: Time: 15:45 for a 16:00 start
	Mosspits Lane Primary School
	Mosspits Lane
	L16 6UN
	Proposed agenda items to <u>clerk</u> .
	Thank you.

Date:	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018 3.45pm
Agenda Items	
Introductions & Declarations of Interest.	No declarations of interest.
Accuracy of the last meetings minutes & Actions Arising	Previous minutes discussed and agreed.  Action: Agreed Syllabus Meeting – Involvement interest in the working groups CE will send out an invite email and GL will be in contact with those who wish to participate. Completed - 2 meetings have taken place since the last SACRE meeting 26/04/18 and 18/06/18.  Action: NASACRE Conference & AGM – Show of interest in attending the meeting CE will send out an invite email & GL will contact those who wish to attend. Completed – 3 SACRE members were supported to attend the event on 24/05/18 in London.

Agreed Syllabus Meeting	The attached documents were distributed by <b>GL</b> and discussed.  2 meetings have taken place to date, the first was held in April '18 the second June '18
AS doc.	Looked at what should be included in the new Agreed Syllabus (AS) – what should be removed – what are the aims – what are the goals/aims – legal requirements and develop the introductory statement of the AS.
Aims of AS.	Other LA Syllabus's were looked at for ideas and inclusion.  Looked at giving schools flexibility to take into account locality and culture – develop networks and good practice. The next stage will be to actually put the package together
What is to be covered	Both meetings were very positive and productive. There is still a lot to finalise but <b>GL</b> thanked everyone for all the time and effort that has been welcomingly received.
	A further meeting is to be arranged for September 2018.
	The SACRE group will be kept fully updated with all the step by step developments of the Liverpool AS.
NASACRE Conference & AGM – Stronger Together – Celebrating the power of	CA & SC attended the last NASACRE Conference in London on the 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 celebrating its silver jubilee of NASACRE – 'Stronger Together-Celebrating the power of Community'
Community'	A very well attended meeting with a lot of representation for the North West. 'It was a busy and invigorating day.'
Remarks by RT Hon	Keynote speaker – Dr Vanessa Ogden, focused on 3 themes
Charles Clarke.pdf	<ul> <li>The character of social change</li> <li>The role of RE in schools,</li> <li>Our responsibility to our nation's children</li> </ul>
	Her full speech can be accessed via the link below: http://www.nasacre.org.uk/file/nasacre/1-815-item-3d-dr-ogden-speech-at-nasacre-24-may-2018.pdf
	I have attached the doc. from RT Hon Charles Clarke for your perusal - SC commented on the article ref Youth Voice to SACRE in Hampshire.
	Full details of the day can be obtained from <a href="http://www.nasacre.org.uk/conference-and-agm/2018/2018-papers">http://www.nasacre.org.uk/conference-and-agm/2018/2018-papers</a>
NASACRE Briefing	CM: emailed a copy of SACRE briefings 19 to all SARCRE members via email on 18/06/18
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SACRE Briefing 19.pdf	
AOB	MH: has been attending the LLP meetings for some time now in the capacity of the representative of SACRE, however he feels that this is not time well spent as very little, if anything falls with the SACRE forum. BM will also be attending these meeting in the future and will report back on anything that relates to SACRE
	CC: Hampshire CC have produced a calendar which celebrated their Interfaith Week – Celebrating diversity all through the year.
	It was suggested that we could produce something on the same lines in

	Liverpool. Ideas to run a competition within our schools in order to produce 12 designs representing some of the religious festivals celebrated throughout the year within Liverpool.  The Hampshire Council have supported this project fully and the calendar can be purchase for £5.00 from their web page. Although SACRE have very little funding to produce something on the same scale as Hampshire. GL has suggested that we can look into a way of rolling this out across Liverpool. JW suggested looking for sponsorship from such places as Community Cohesion. Project to be actioned and progress reported back  KM from St Cleopas Primary School has shown an interest in joining the SACRE team GL will send out an invite - Action
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	Password: ************************************
	Twitter @liverpoolSACRE
Actions:	KM from St Cleopas Primary School has shown an interest in joining SACRE GL will send out an invite – Action
	JW has forwarded interest from SR in joining SACRE. GL will make contact - Action  Calendar project to celebrate diversity all through the year - Action
Next Meetings:	Dates and times for next year's meetings:  9th October 2018: Time: 15:45  St Mary's CE Primary School, Meadow Lane, Liverpool L12 5EA.  Proposed dates for next meetings:  5th February 2019 – Venue TBC  9th July 2019 – Venue TBC
	Please send proposed agenda items to SACRE Clerk.