



Liverpool

Standing Advisory Council For Religious Education

Annual Report

September 2020 - August 2021

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Meetings

The full Liverpool SACRE met three times from September 2019 – August 2020. Summaries of the meetings are enclosed with this report.

- 6th October 2020 (digital meeting via Zoom)
- 2nd February 2021 (digital meeting via Zoom)
- 6th July 2021

A programme of termly meetings has been planned for the year 2021-2022

- 5th October 2021
- 10th February 2021
- 26th May 2022

Meeting Attendance

	Committee	6 th Oct 2020	2 nd Feb 2021	6 th July 2021
AG - Sikh	A	✓	Apols 0	Apols 0
Vacancy -Free Church	A			
TA - Muslim	A	Apols	Apols	✓
SR - Judaism	A	Apols 0		Apols 0
JW - Judaism	A	Apols	Apols	Apols
Vacancy – Roman Catholic	A			
Vacancy – Buddhism	A			
AK PR - Hinduism	A	✓	Apols	Apols 0
MH	B	✓	✓	Apols 0
PT	B	✓	✓	✓
Rev CC	B	Apols 0	✓	✓
AH	C	Apols 0	Apols 0	Apols 0
PB	C	✓	Apols	Apols 0
AP	C	✓	Apols 0	Apols 0
KMc	C	Apols	✓	✓
DG	C	Apols	Apols	Apols
Cllr BM Chair	D	✓	✓	✓
Cllr HD	D	✓	✓	Apols 0
Cllr TC	D	Apols 0	Apols 0	Apols 0
Cllr AR	D	Apols 0	Apols 0	Apols 0
Cllr AK			✓	
KY –Liverpool Community Spirit	Co-opted	Apols 0	Apols 0	Apols 0
AB –Liverpool Community Spirit	Co-opted	Apols 0	Apols 0	Apols 0

Dr MT - Liverpool Community Spirit	Co-opted	Apols	Apols 0	Apols
JS – Liverpool John Moores University	Co-opted	Apols 0	Apols 0	Apols 0
Gill Lawson – SIL Ltd	Co-opted	✓	✓	✓
Christine Edmonds – SIL Ltd	Co-opted	✓	✓	✓
SC - Humanist	Co-opted	Apols	✓	Apols 0

Liverpool STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) MEMBERSHIP

1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021

Appointed Representatives

Roman Catholic	Vacancy
Jewish	JW + SR
Muslim	TA
Hindu	AK+ PR
Sikh	AG
Buddhist	Vacancy
Church of England	PT
Church of England	Rev CC
Church of England	MH
Free Church	Vacancy
Humanist	SC

Teachers

Secondary Schools/Academies

	PB
	AP
Primary Schools	KMc
	AH
	DG
Diocese	MH

Local Authority

Councillor BM (SACRE Chair)	Local Authority
Councillor HD Vice Chair	Local Authority
Councillor TC	Local Authority
Councillor AR	Local Authority
Councillor AQ	Local Authority
Councillor AK	Local Authority

Co-opted Members:

GL	LA Representative/Advisor – School Improvement Liverpool
CM	Clerk to SACRE – School Improvement Liverpool
Dr MT	Liverpool Community Spirit Partnership
AB	Liverpool Community Spirit Partnership
JS	Liverpool John Moores University

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	MH	AH	Cllr BM Chair	GL – SIL Ltd
Vacancy- Free Church	PT	KMc	Cllr HD Vice Chair	CM – SIL Ltd
Vacancy – Roman Catholic	Rev CC	PB	Cllr TC	AB - Liverpool Community Spirit
TA - Muslim		MH	Cllr AR	Dr MT –Liverpool Community Spirit
JW – Judaism		AP	Cllr AQ	JS – Liverpool John Moores University
SR-Judaism		DG	Cllr AK	SC –Humanism
Vacancy - Hinduism				
Vacancy - Buddhism				

SACRE supported activities

- The need to support schools to deliver effective Collective Worship remains a priority for SACRE. Liverpool SACRE has arranged CPD on RE and collective worship. Schools attending received resources, advice and guidance to support collective worship. The resources are available to all Liverpool schools on request.
- The May 2020 NASACRE AGM was cancelled however two Liverpool SACRE members attended the recent EGM which was a virtual meeting via Zoom on 17th November 2020. Three colleagues funded to attended the virtual conference- Authority in RE and feedback to group in July meeting. NASACRE AGM was 24th May 21 online.
- Liverpool SACRE has developed positive links with other local SACREs. Locally these include Wirral, Sefton and Knowsley.
- 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 and CPD opportunities over the year.

- Liverpool SACRE subscribes to NASACRE. The NASACRE logon on details have been issued to all SACRE members and they are encouraged to access the information available on the website.
- It was not possible to analyse exam results in RE due to the cancellation of GCSE and A Level examination because of Covid 19 measures.
- Liverpool SACRE encourages all members to attend meetings. If members are unable to attend it is suggested that they send a deputy to attend meetings if possible. Minutes are circulated to members soon after each meeting with actions arising clearly stated.

Agreed Syllabus

During the spring term 2020 Liverpool SACRE took the decision, after much deliberation, to commission the RE Today syllabus for RE.

The syllabus was produced and due for launch with schools at a conference on 14th July 2020. That was planned before Covid 19 lockdown began in March 2020, so had to be postponed.

A date for the official launch of the syllabus was agreed as 15th January 2021. The online event was a practical conference to launch the new RE Agreed Syllabus for Liverpool. It provided an opportunity to explore how the new syllabus helps teachers in planning and delivering creative and effective RE.

The conference started and finished with all phases together, exploring purposes of RE and wider impact of the subject. Separate primary and secondary sessions explored examples of practical teaching and learning ideas that put the syllabus units into practice.

The conference was run in through online interactive sessions. Delegates were required to attend all sessions. 10 Secondary schools and 48 Primary schools – 65 delegates in total, including SACRE members attended.

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 clerking and 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 (deferred due to pandemic). Bespoke advice and guidance have 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.

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.

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 School Improvement Liverpool. This enables attendance at conferences such as the NASACRE AGM, opportunities to run CPD for teachers, for example launching the Agreed Syllabus and other activities to support RE in Liverpool.

The new agreed syllabus and supporting materials have been provided for schools free of charge. This has been funded using SACRE funding supplemented by curriculum support funding for RE.

Minutes of full SACRE meetings from September 2020 to August 2021

6th October 2020

Present:	Cllr BM (Chair) GL Rev CAC PB AG PT AK AP PR Cllr HD MH CM - Clerk to SACRE
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Date:	6 th October 2020 - 3.30pm on Zoom
Apologies:	MT - JW - DG - KMcD - SC - TA

Agenda Items	
Introductions & Declarations of Interest.	No declarations of interest.
Accuracy of the last meetings minutes & Actions Arising	Previous minutes discussed and agreed. Actions from Previous minute completed: None
Membership Update 2020	<p>Welcome new members</p> <p>A motion was tabled at the Education and Children’s Services Select Committee 29th July, requesting that a Humanist representative be allowed to join Group A. The committee voted 10 -1, with one abstention, to recommend this change to the composition of Group A. HD and AK attended</p> <p>GL welcomed PR to the meeting. P, the RE subject leader at NDCC, was invited to join this term’s meeting to learn what SACRE is all about.</p> <p>Appointment of Chair and Vice-chair Cllr BM was re-elected to the post of Chair of SACRE Cllr HD was elected to the post of Vice Chair of SACRE</p>

CPD Support Autumn 2020

GL shared with the team, a range of CPD training/workshops and network activities that are now on offer over the Autumn Term 2020 to Liverpool schools/setting.

- Free CPD Support for Primary RE Co-ordinators and Future RE Co-ordinators from LTLRE. **To reserve a virtual place please email hinnah.heydari@community-spirit.org.uk**

- Free CPD Teaching and Learning about Islam – Hajj and Sacred books, 12th November 2020, 1.30-3.30pm Online CPD session delivered by IK. 1 free place for Liverpool schools

To reserve a place log onto

<https://www.schoolimprovementliverpool.co.uk/Training-Details/1717>

- Secondary RE network on Zoom – 10th November 2020, 2.30pm-4pm

To reserve a place log onto



<https://www.schoolimprovementliverpool.co.uk/Training-Details/1717>

- Liverpool Agreed Syllabus 2020-2025 for schools without religious character – launch event 15th January 2021 online, details to be confirmed

To reserve a place log onto

<https://www.schoolimprovementliverpool.co.uk/Training-Details/1717>

<p>Agreed Syllabus 2020/25 Conference Launch</p>	<p>The date for the launch CPD conference for the agreed syllabus has been re-scheduled. It will now be a virtual event on Zoom on the 15th January 2021. Details will be sent to schools once confirmed.</p> <p>GL will send a copy of the syllabus out to SACRE members that have not yet had a copy. Please send requests to gill.lawson@si.liverpool.gov.uk</p> <p>The new Liverpool Agreed Syllabus for RE 2020-2025 is now available for Liverpool schools, mainstream and special, without religious character to download. Liverpool Standing Advisory Council on RE (SACRE) and Liverpool City Council (LCC) have provided a new syllabus for local schools without religious character.</p> <p>Alongside the syllabus itself, the schools have access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short recorded webinar introducing the syllabus and how to use it, in terms of its intent, implementation and impact. • A slide show to accompany the webinar • Workbooks for introducing the syllabus • Sample long-term plans • Progression document, outlining ways of creating a coherent, sequenced curriculum <p>The new Agreed Syllabus document, supporting materials and launch CPD conference will support schools in implementing an effective RE curriculum. It is intended that schools will implement the new syllabus gradually over the current academic year.</p>
<p>Updates and news</p> <div data-bbox="268 1205 331 1272" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Farmington Institute scholarship Leaflet 21</p> <div data-bbox="268 1832 331 1899" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Inter Faith Week 2020.pdf</p>	<p>GL updated the team with this term's news/updates:</p> <p>Farmington Scholarships - Applications for the 2021/22 Farmington Scholarships are now open. These are Scholarships available to teachers of Religious Education and associated subjects in UK secondary, primary, and special needs schools. Closing date – 31st January 2021 Further information and an application form can be found on their website http://www.farmington.ac.uk/index.php/farmington-scholarships</p> <p>NASACRE Conference & AGM scheduled for 18 May 2020 was cancelled. The rescheduled conference will now be delivered on the 24th May 2021 Further information can be found on their website https://nasacre.org.uk/conference-and-agm</p> <p>The SACRE Newsletter was sent to schools in September '20 signposting them to resources that supported home schooling and online learning and CPD</p> <p>Inter Faith Week 2020 - Sunday 8th - Sunday 15th November 2020 Further information can be found on their website https://www.interfaithweek.org/</p> <p>For sample Islam E- Resources for Primary Schools please log onto</p>

	<p>https://www.islamresources.co.uk/</p> <p>For free educational opportunities from the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) please log onto https://www.het.org.uk/</p> <p>For free resources for RE from NATRE! please log onto https://www.natre.org.uk/</p>
<p>AOB: A film for Remembrance Sunday/Remembrance Day</p>  <p>Remembrance 11-11-2020 Launch o</p>	<p>PB - Alsop High school pupils have produced a film which lasts for a little over 13 minutes and can be viewed via the following link: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=hui6kj7EgII</p> <p>GL shared this link, via email, to schools across Liverpool on the 03/11/20</p>
<p>SACRE Members</p>  <p>SACRE members 07.07.20</p>	<p>NASACRE website, www.nasacre.org.uk</p> <p>New log in details for academic year 2020 - 21 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP THESE DETAILS SAFE. Username: Password:</p> <p>Twitter@liverpoolSACRE</p>
<p>Next Meetings:</p>	<p>Proposed dates for next year's termly meetings:</p> <p>Spring 2021 2nd February 2021 Summer 2021 6th July 2021</p> <p>Venues to be agreed – may be via Zoom Time: 15:45 (15.30 start for meeting via Zoom)</p> <p>Please send proposed agenda items c.m@si.liverpool.gov.uk.</p>

2nd February 2021

Present:	<p>Cllr BM (Chair) GL Rev CC PT Cllr AK Cllr HD SC MH KMcD CM - Clerk to SACRE</p>
Date:	2 nd February 2021 - 3.30pm on Zoom
Apologies:	JW - DG - TA – PR – PB

Agenda Items	
Introductions & Declarations of Interest.	No declarations of interest.

Agreed Syllabus and Launch



Feedback comments from teachers – Liver

Annual report Sept. 2019 – Aug. 2020



Annual SACRE report
Sept '19 – Aug '20.pd

The new Liverpool Agreed Syllabus for RE 2020-2025 has now been available as a download for Liverpool schools both mainstream and special and without religious character since 15/06/20. Alongside the syllabus itself, the schools have access to:

- A short recorded webinar introducing the syllabus and how to use it, in terms of its intent, implementation and impact.
- A slide show to accompany the webinar
- Workbooks for introducing the syllabus
- Sample long-term plans
- Progression document, outlining ways of creating a coherent, sequenced curriculum

LCC and SACRE have also provided schemes of work, 43 units covering Foundation Stage, KS1, LKS2, UKS2 and KS3, to support schools in implementing the new Agreed Syllabus gradually over the next academic year.

School Improvement Liverpool delivered an online 'Agreed Syllabus for RE' Conference Launch on the 15/01/21.

The session was attended by 10 Secondary schools and 48 Primary schools – 65 delegates in total, including SACRE members (Rev CC apologised for not being able to attend)

Very positive feedback from all schools was received. Schools have requested further support since the events and follow ups will be done on an individual basis.

See embedded into minutes the feedback comments from the delegates

BM thanked **GL** for delivering an excellent conference.

Going forward:

Look at offering training annually

Active sharing of resources

Ensure schools are fully engaging

The Annual SACRE report was shared by **CM** via email on the 27/01/21 prior to the SACRE meeting on 02/02/21

The report covers:

- Meetings and meeting attendance
- Membership
- Constitution of groups
- SACRE supported activities
- Agreed Syllabus
- Advisory support for RE
- Support for collective worship
- Determinations
- Finance
- Minutes of the termly meetings

GL delivered a brief overview of the document. **PT** said that it was an excellent report and very useful.

PT would like to address the attendance records of Liverpool SACRE.

CM keeps an accurate record of the attendees at all SACRE meetings.

Attendance and apologies are recorded in the minutes. Dates are usually set for the termly SACRE meetings in the summer term prior to the start of each academic year and shared with members, with notice given ahead of each meeting. Members are welcome to ask someone to attend in their place if they themselves are unable to attend a meeting.

Action: GL & BM will look at the attendance records

NASACRE news and updates



Freedom of Information Act (2000)

2021 NASACRE Conference

The conference and AGM will be delivered virtually on the 24/05/21. Further information to follow from NASACRE.

Freedom of information request – Financial year April '19 – April '20

109 SACREs out of 153 in England responded to this request from NASACRE. Please see embedded full reply to the FOI request.

Westhill NASACRE awards

During 2020 – 2021 5 awards were made to SACREs. For full details log onto <https://nasacre.org.uk/westhill-nasacre-awards/awards-2020-21>

A NASACRE EGM was held on 17/11/2020 10am - 12noon on Zoom

- Confirmation of exec. Appointments
- Adoption of AGM 2019 minutes
- Treasurer's statement
- Cumbria and Lambeth Westhill award presentations
- EGM Papers are on the NASACRE website <https://nasacre.org.uk>

Other NASACRE News

- PS stepped down as Chair May 2020
- RM, the successor resigned after 2 weeks due to personal reasons
- LR was appointed Acting Chair at the 17th Nov 2020 EGM

6th July 2021

Present:	Cllr BM (Chair) GL Rev CC PT KMcD T CMcL - Clerk to SACRE
Date:	6 th July 2021 - 3.30pm on Zoom
Apologies:	JW - DG – MT -

Agenda Items	
Introductions & Declarations of Interest.	No declarations of interest.
Accuracy of the last meetings minutes	Previous minutes discussed and agreed.
Matters arising SACRE Membership	<p>There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>GL is leaving SIL at the end of August '21. MS is returning to SIL from secondment. M will be taking on the responsibility of Adviser to SACRE from September 2021</p> <p>PR was a potential Catholicism rep however she is leaving her teaching post at the end of the academic year so will not be joining Liverpool SACRE.</p> <p>Potential Hinduism rep.</p> <p>PT has suggested AN as a possible Hindu rep. On-going. To be followed up next term.</p> <p>GL has contacted the Hindu Education Board UK to ask for support in recruiting a Hindu rep for Liverpool SACRE. On-going. To be followed up next term.</p>

Ofsted RE Research Review
Published May '21

The Ofsted RE Research review recognises that there is no single way of constructing and teaching a high-quality RE curriculum.

GL pulled out to main points of the review and fed them onto the team

Common features of the review:

- The curriculum should cover substantive content and concepts collectively (or 'collectively enough'), rather than covering excessive amounts of content superficially. Content is sufficient for pupils to grasp a bigger picture about the place of religion and non-religion in the world.
- What is taught and learned in RE is grounded in what is known about religion or non-religion from academic study. This helps prevent pupils from developing misconceptions about religion and non-religion.
- Pupils study certain areas of the RE curriculum in depth and acquire a range of detailed knowledge of different concepts and ideas, which they remember long term. Drawing on this prior knowledge enables them to consider more complex ideas about religion. Leaders and teachers select this 'depth of study' from contrasting religious and/or non-religious traditions so that pupils avoid developing misrepresentations.
- The curriculum is well sequenced to ensure that pupils learn the knowledge they need for later topics.
- There is a consideration of when pupils should relate the content to their own personal knowledge (for example, their own prior assumptions).
- How the curriculum is taught and assessed focuses pupils' attention squarely on the knowledge they need to learn.
- Adequate curriculum time is given to RE, so that leaders can deliver an ambitious curriculum.
- There is sufficient training and professional development so that teachers have appropriate subject professional knowledge.
- The review refers to 3 different types of subject-specific knowledge that pupils learn in RE. Each of these is powerful and should not be confused with 'mere facts'
- The first is 'substantive' knowledge about various religious and non-religious traditions.
- The second type is 'ways of knowing', where pupils learn 'how to know' about religion and non-religion.
- The third type is 'personal knowledge', where pupils build an awareness of their own presuppositions and values about what they study.

For a copy of the full report

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/research-review-series-religious-education/research-review-series-religious-education>

<p>Agreeing a syllabus for Liverpool – a review by Penny Thompson</p>	<p>GL kept the team fully informed throughout the entire publication process – several syllabus formats were looked at before decisions were made on what direction was best to go down – a lot of hard and positive work was put into the making of the syllabus Feedback in general was quite positive – phased implementation into the schools was interrupted by COVID - Supports teachers with quality leads</p>
<p>NASACRE news and updates</p>	<p>2021 NASACRE Conference The conference and AGM was delivered virtually on the 24/05/21.</p> <p>SACRE funded 3 delegates to attend the conference on zoom at a cost of £60; CC. PB, GL, PT attended with Knowsley SACRE</p> <p>SACRE members felt that the quality of the conference was significantly impaired by serious technical and organisational problems on the day.</p> <p>Papers and materials from the conference are available for members to view on the NASACRE website www.nasacre.org.uk</p>
<p>Hinduism in RE – INSIGHT UK report https://insightuk.org/hinduism-in-re</p>	<p>INSIGHT UK recently published a report on the state of Hinduism in RE in UK schools In 2020, INSIGHT UK conducted a project with a team comprised of highly experienced members of the Hindu community, amongst which are well-known academics, including professors and teachers. The project goal was to assess the current state of Hinduism in RE in UK schools and recommend changes to improve it. This project was supported by Hindu Council UK, Hindu Forum of Britain, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (UK), National Council of Hindu Temples UK and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (UK). We are thankful to everyone who has contributed to this project.</p> <p>The data is clear and unequivocal in highlighting that both the quality and availability of Hinduism in RE in the UK is poor. As a result, various recommendations have been drafted for different target groups as listed below’.</p> <p>For Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing training for RE teachers to learn about Hinduism. Provide standardised resources for ease of teaching. Ensuring Hindu representation on school governing boards. Donation schemes for books and resources, for example, Hindu symbols, chanting beads, bells and other items to help teach. Encouraging cross-curricular activities like Yoga, Meditation, Vedic Maths, Sanskrit etc. Creation of a National Conference of Hindu Teachers. <p>Other recommendations have been made for government & policy makers, SACRE, exam boards and the Hindu community</p>
<p>Inter-Faith Week 14th - 21st November</p>	<p>CM has delivered full information leaflets to all members via email www.interfaithweek.org</p>

