



NORTH TYNESIDE SACRE

Annual report 2023 to 2024

North Tyneside Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) report 2023/24

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1. Overview and Chair's introduction

Chair's Introduction

As the Chair of North Tyneside SACRE, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the work of the group in the past 12 months. 2024/25 has been a year of development for North Tyneside SACRE. Meetings have returned to the Quadrant at North Tyneside Council and are now organised by Democratic Services which has allowed the meetings to become fully open. We have also welcomed a number of new members to SACRE which has increased the diversity of the group and will help drive SACRE forward in the future.

At North Tyneside SACRE, we look forward to working with schools and partners to ensure that all pupils in our schools develop spiritually, morally, socially and culturally as well as academically.

With many thanks,

Cllr Steven Phillips

Overview

Duty to establish a SACRE

Since the Education Reform Act of 1988, all Local Authorities (LAs) have been required by law to constitute a Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) within their local area.

The purpose of SACRE

SACRE is a unique body; it is set up by the LA but is independent of it, with the role to give advice to that LA. The law states that Religious Education must be taught in all maintained schools and a SACRE's role is to advise what needs to be done to improve religious education (RE) and collective worship for schools in its area.

The main purpose of the annual report is to hold the LA to account, by informing the Secretary of State and key partners what advice SACRE gave the LA during the year and how the LA responded to that advice. This includes advice on Religious Education and Collective Worship in those schools for which the LA has responsibility.

Composition of SACRE

The Local Authority has determined that the North Tyneside SACRE should comprise:

Committee A.

Roman Catholic representatives

Free and non-conformist representatives

Other Christian Denominations

Representatives of other faiths, including but not limited to;

Jewish

Sikh

Muslim

Hindu

Buddhist

Committee B.

Church of England representatives

Committee C.

Representation from such associations representing teachers as, in the opinion of the Authority ought to be represented, having regard to the circumstances of the area, which may include union representatives, primary school representatives and secondary school representatives.

Committee D.

Elected Members of the Local Authority.

2. Standards and quality of provision of RE.

North Tyneside Local Authority has entered into a contractual agreement with Durham County Council and has been granted the right to adopt and adapt the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

In the summer of 2023, students sitting GCSE Religious Education or Religious Studies achieved the following:

Full Course

Centre	NOE %	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	X	Avg Pts
National	12.6	7.1	10.1	11.7	16.3	14.3	11.3	14.2	8.3	4.4	1.6	0.7	5.1
LA	10.3	5.5	13.9	15.7	20.5	16.2	12.3	10.0	3.4	1.6	0.7	0.2	5.6
Burnside	20.6	3.7	11.1	11.1	18.5	14.8	29.6	-	11.1	-	-	-	5.3
George Stephenson	13.4	3.7	14.8	14.8	22.2	33.3	0.0	7.4	3.7	-	-	-	5.9
John Spence	9.0	-	7.1	7.1	14.3	7.1	42.9	14.3	0.0	7.1	-	-	4.5
Kings Priory	16.7	-	9.5	33.3	19.0	14.3	14.3	9.5%	-	-	-	-	5.8
Longbenton	13.4	18.8	6.3%	6.3%	37.5	6.3	6.3	12.5	-	-	-	6.3	5.8
Marden	14.7	19.2	19.2	19.2	11.5	15.4	11.5	3.8	-	-	-	-	6.7
Moorbridge	1.0	-	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0
North Gosforth	15.4	7.1	7.1	14.3	14.3	14.3	21.4	14.3	7.1	-	-	-	5.2
Whitley Bay	11.9	9.1	13.6	25.0	25.0	13.6	4.5	6.8	2.3	-	-	-	6.3
St Thomas More	96.5	3.6	14.9	14.1	20.5	16.5	11.2	12.0	3.6	2.4	1.2	-	5.5

Short Course

Centre	NOE	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	X
National		13.4	3.7	14.8	14.8	22.2	33.3	-	7.4	3.7	-	-
LA	13	13.4	3.7	14.8	14.8	22.2	33.3	-	7.4	3.7	-	-
Norham	12	-	8.3	8.3	16.7	25.0	16.7	25.0	-	-	-	-

Data missing for one student.

The A level Religious Studies outcomes are:

Centre	NOE	*	A	B	C	D	E	U	X	Avg Pts
National		6.1	19.7	29.5	23.3	13.0	5.7	1.9	0.7	35.5
Burnside	2	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	30.0
George Stephenson	1	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	40.0
Kings Priory	8	-	12.5	50.0	-	25.0	12.5	-	-	32.5
Longbenton	5	-	-	-	20.0	40.0	20.0	20.0	-	16.0
St Thomas More	20	-	25.0	30.0	40.0	5.0	-	-	-	37.5

There were no withdrawals from RE reported.

There were no complaints about RE.

North Tyneside SACRE provides advice and guidance as part of Education North Tyneside's Curriculum & Standards SLA. When appropriate, schools are also signposted to REsource Centre at Church House, North Shields.

North Tyneside SACRE recognise that there is a need to collect information about the quality of RE in all education phases in the borough. This will form part of the action plan for 2024/25.

3. Collective Worship

Advice is available to schools around collective worship through Education North Tyneside. Schools have requested guidance in the following areas:

- legal responsibilities/ legislation

- delivery of collective worship (timetabling as well as methods)

- withdrawing from collective worship (pupils)

North Tyneside SACRE recognise that there is a need to collect information about the quality of collective worship in the borough. This will form part of the action plan for 2024/25.

North Tyneside did not receive any notifications from schools of parental withdrawals from Collective Worship.

There were no requests for a determination from schools.

4. Links with other bodies

North Tyneside SACRE has been a member of NASACRE for many years and value the input from this national body. The Education representative attended the NASACRE conference in York.

There are strong links with The REsource Centre at Church House, North Shields. The future of the centre is uncertain and the loss of this valuable resource and source of expertise would be felt by North Tyneside schools.

5. SACRE arrangements in North Tyneside

As detailed in section 1 – overview.

North Tyneside Democratic Services clerk the meetings. The meetings are chaired by an elected member of the council.

North Tyneside SACRE meets termly in The Council Chamber of North Tyneside Council, The Quadrant, Wallsend. Tyne and Wear. The meetings start at 4pm and are open to the public. North Tyneside received a request to have the meetings broadcast for people who could not attend in person. The members of SACRE voted against this request. The meeting dates are published in advance.

6. Appendices

Publication of the annual report

It is a legislative requirement that each SACRE produces an annual report of its work and that this is sent to the Department of Education (DFE), NASACRE, to local schools and to other interested parties. North Tyneside LA makes this report available publicly through their website:

<https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=304&Year=0> and publication on the NASACRE website.