

North Yorkshire County Council
North Yorkshire
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

7th December 2021

Update from the Local Authority

1.0 Purpose of the Report

To inform Members on work carried out by Local Authority Officers in the support of SACRE.

2.0 Communication and resourcing

- 2.1 Local Authority Officers have met with the Professional RE Adviser in order to co-ordinate the writing of the Annual Report.
- 2.3 The termly newsletter is continuing to be distributed to schools via the Red Bag system, and occasional and ad hoc information is also posted via Red Bag.

3.0 Training

- 3.2 The training programme continues to be offered. The 2022 offer has been finalised and is in the process of being disseminated to schools. Feedback from courses this year will be used to inform content for future courses. It is intended that courses will continue to be delivered remotely via MS Teams.

4.0 Support for Senior Leaders and Governors

- 4.1 The Professional RE Adviser briefed NYCC school advisers on the role of SACRE, the legal framework for RE and the locally agreed syllabus on 5th November 2021. Feedback from advisers on the session was very favourable.

5.0 Monitoring of RE and the Agreed Syllabus

- 5.1 Local Authority records indicated that 227 community schools and 33 academy schools had access to the NYCC Agreed Syllabus over the last academic year.
- 5.2 Where identified as published publically on websites, schools will be contacted to remove the elements of the syllabus which are commercially protected.

6.0 Ofsted inspections

- 6.1 Since the last SACRE meeting there has been one published monitoring visit and two published inspections.
- 6.2 There is no reference to RE or Collective Worship in any report.

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