

West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education: 2022

1. Our Purpose is to advise West Berkshire Council on:

- a) Collective Worship
- b) Religious Education, in accordance with the locally agreed syllabus

2. How do we achieve this?

- a) We publish and launch the agreed syllabus every 5 years.
We do with in conjunction with the other SACREs in Berkshire via the Hub (see below). We are due to produce a new syllabus in 2023, but due to the pandemic this is likely to be delayed until 2024.
- b) We encourage the development of material to support the implementation of the syllabus.
This is ongoing, and our Adviser David Rees helps us greatly here.
- c) We support the provision of termly network meetings for RE coordinators in primary schools
David Rees runs these. He also attends the existing secondary network.
- d) We produce a termly newsletter for schools
David Rees produces this and welcomes items from us all.
- e) We provide a copy of the *Non-statutory guidance on RE* published by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and the DfE to each school in West Berkshire.
Schools have copies of this.
- f) We receive presentations from teachers and members of faith communities on issues related to RE and collective worship.
These ceased during Covid but we need to get them going again.
- g) We are part of the Pan Berkshire Hub, a termly meeting of the six Berkshire SACRE Chairs run by Anne Andrews, RE Adviser at the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education
David Taylor and David Rees attend this and report back. The Real People, Real Faith video series produced by the Hub is now being expanded to include Catholic Church, Sunni mosque and Orthodox synagogue. The next project will be the production of the new Pan-Berkshire Agreed Syllabus.
- h) Through the Pan Berkshire Hub, we provide an annual conference for all interested parties
This has not happened since before Covid. The next one will likely be related to the new syllabus.
- i) We publish an annual report of our work
The Chair produces this. The parameters for the report have recently changed.
- j) We are members of NASACRE - the National Association of SACREs – which is a great resource.

3. To help us achieve our goals, West Berkshire Council resources us with:

- a) An annual budget
In 2022-23 this is £4,840, the same as the previous year.
- b) The services of a Clerk
Janet Giddings is our valued Clerk