West Berks Primary RE Teachers' meeting

Minutes - 14th May 2019

1. Introductions and RE context shared.

2. How is the new syllabus implementation going? Any concerns?

   Issues raised included

   - Assessment and progression – schools advised to reflect their school system – many schools nationally are now focusing on the mastery model of 'exceeding, meeting and working towards expectations'. It is clear that some exemplifications of the outcomes would be very helpful. Schools using Discovery RE have these as part of the programme – some schools were using materials from the Oxford diocese.
   - Availability of other faiths
   - The desire to visit places of worship and problems of cost

3. National Updates

   Looked briefly at the CoRE 11 Recommendations and free resources including

   - RE Online – new refreshed website being launched May/June 2019
   - Email a Believer – part of RE:Online – 10 faiths and worldviews represented – fully monitored and edited – an excellent way for schools to access faith communities which may not be present locally
   - RE Definitions app – a free app which helps develop confidence for RE teachers and students
   - SHAP festivals calendar – hosted by RE Online – festival info and links to other helpful sites

4. Local Updates – including Pan Berkshire Hub

   - Gave update from Hub activities and looked through examples of Teachers' working group output with key questions, recommended content and outcome examples.
   - More documents have been developed since the last meeting including KS1&2 Sikhism, Islam, Hinduism and Judaism – some of these were shared and discussed- these were also distributed electronically afterwards.
   - Next meeting on Mon June 3rd – DR will feedback at next meeting

5. AOB.
   - Request for any ideas for content of subsequent meetings
   - Asked if there was anything specific which needed to be reported back to SACRE
   - DR to forward documents and Powerpoint to those who want it during the following week.

   Meeting finished at 5.30pm.

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