

West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education: 2020

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 did this in 2018.
- b) We encourage the development of material to support the implementation of the syllabus.
This is ongoing, and our Adviser David Rees is involved.
- c) We support the provision of termly network meetings for RE coordinators in primary schools
David Rees runs these. Also, either he or David Taylor attends the existing secondary network.
- d) We produce a termly newsletter for schools
Clare Nolan and David Rees are working on this
- 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.
Recent presentations have included: The needs of Muslim pupils taking exams during Ramadan; RS at Theale Green School; Resources for collective worship in primary schools.
- g) We send our Chairman to the Pan Berkshire Hub, a meeting of the six Berkshire SACRE Chairs run by Anne Andrews, RE Adviser at the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education
David Taylor attends this and reports back
- h) Through the Pan Berkshire Hub, we promote the "Crossing the Bridges" project which aims to link schools and faith communities
Val Bolan has been working on this
- i) Through the Pan Berkshire Hub, we provide an annual conference for all interested parties
This is planned for 2 July 2020 at Easthampstead Park
- j) We publish an annual report of our work
David Taylor does this

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

- a) An annual budget
In 2019-20 this was £4,840, the same as the previous year.
- b) The services of a Clerk
Janet Giddings is our valued Clerk
- c) An Adviser to act as a strong link between us and the LA.
Rachel Manley serves in this capacity.