

# West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education: 2023

## 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). The Hub is currently working hard to produce a new syllabus in 2024, and we have a part to play in this.*
- 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.  
*We haven't been able to arrange this since Covid, but it is good to be visiting the mosque this year.*
- 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 over the last few years is now used in many schools. However this year most of our attention is focused on 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. In principle we would like to restart these.*
- i) We publish an annual report of our work  
*Currently the Chair produces this in order to save money. .*
- 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 was £4,840, the same as the previous year. We are hoping for at least the same figure this year. We have also been promised £5000 to enable us to produce the new Syllabus.*
- b) The services of a Clerk  
*Jack Karimi, Democratic Services Officer at WBC, clerks our meetings.*