

# West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education: 2024

## 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 now well on the way to producing a new syllabus to be published in 2025.*
- 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 and our Vice Chair Amanda Bedding both run networks. David also attends the existing secondary network on our behalf.*
- 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 had time for this recently, but it is good to be visiting a primary school 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, Amanda Bedding and David Rees all attend this and report back. Allf our attention at the moment 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  
*Our latest report was produced for us by our Vice-Chair Amanda Bedding.*
- 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 2023-24 this was £4,840, the same as the previous year. We are hoping for at least the same figure this year.*
- b) The services of a Clerk  
*Thomas Radbourne, Apprentice Democratic Services Officer at WBC, clerks our meetings.*