Sacre Committee Report: 4) Collective Worship.

How effectively does the SACRE fulfil its responsibilities for the provision and practice of Collective Worship.

This report represents my opinion only and I am aware may not take account of happenings over a year when I was unable to attend SACRE. The possible classifications for key areas are Developing, Established, Advanced and Exemplar of Good Practice.

Key Area 4a: Practice and provision for collective worship

"Developing"

It is not possible to rate SACRE's performance as above Developing because the definition given for this standards are as follows…

1. The Sacre has not provided guidance to schools on collective worship.

   Although we have provided detailed guidance and assistance in the past. This is very much in the past. Nothing has been provided in recent years although a booklet for visitors to schools was begun as is yet to be completed.

2. Arrangements for determinations are not in place.

   No solutions as to providing the above have been settled upon despite some discussion.

3. Issues of Collective Worship have not featured as part of the SACRE's agenda.

   This statement is not true as discussions have taken place, however, no developments have come from the discussions taken.

4. National Developments are not known.

   I do not feel we are aware of latest development in Collective Worship policy.

5. The is no training for collective worship.

   No programme of training exists.

Key Area 4b: Monitoring the provision of collective worship and tackling isues of non compliance.

This area is also "Developing."

1. The Sacre does not monitor provision of collective worship.

We do not monitor despite discussions on the matter and I feel we are still unsure of how to monitor this area.

2. Members are aware of the issues facing schools.

This statement is not true, I believe we have an established understanding at least but this hasn't provided any solutions to achieving 1 above.

3. Do not provide advice on how issues of non-compliance can be addressed.

This is not possible until the two above issues can be addressed.

Regards
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