



## **Information (3) for RE and Collective Worship leaders in Southampton**

### **Monitoring of Collective Worship and RE**

This process is working well, schools who will receive a monitoring visit this academic year are aware and dates have all been agreed. Seven schools across all phases have been visited so far, with a further two planned for the summer term. The visit is evolving and a report outlining collective strengths and areas for development will be presented to the SACRE at the final meeting of the academic year. This will be included in the SACRE Annual report which will be sent to all schools, other stakeholders and the DFE as per the SACRE statutory requirements. If you would like to know any more about this process please request information via: [SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk)

### **Advice document for Schools**

This document is now available to all schools. It is the culmination of a collaboration between SACRE, Education and wider community groups. The document seeks to support schools with information that will be useful in relation to questions schools have been asked with regards to faith linked issues and the parental right to withdraw.

An electronic copy has been sent to all Head teachers and Deputies as well as being attached to this information newsletter. One hard copy was available at the summer term SELF meeting that Senior Leaders and Governors attend. The SACRE plan to update this annually (each spring term) and the document together with any updates will be hosted on the SACRE website currently in development.

If you would like to contribute questions to be included in the update please do this by emailing the SACRE email: [SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk)

The Muslim Council of Southampton have also developed specific guidance for supporting Muslim children in schools, this will be launched at the end of May.

### **Where to find information in Southampton**

Please look out for a new website for Southampton SACRE, we hope this will become a one stop shop for RE in Southampton (by September 2016). It is currently being developed, any ideas for consideration can be sent to: [SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk)

### **Locally Agreed Syllabus**

There will be CPD in Southampton for Foundation Stage, Key Stages 1-4 to support the new Locally Agreed Syllabus in Autumn 2016 once it is adopted by the SACRE.

Following a number of enquiries I would like to reassure colleagues that the principles of the syllabus currently remain essentially the same, using the development of concepts through the Cycle of Enquiry methodology, but there are developments being made to Assessment and other content.

The new syllabus will be launched in Autumn 2016 and all schools will be invited to the launch.

**Resource development** – an exciting media project is being completed in collaboration with Solent University, Southampton SACRE and pupils from Highfield CE Primary School. Films exploring “when children notice difference” have been created for use by schools. The resources will be available to schools via the new SACRE website in time for the launch of the new Syllabus. If any schools may wish to become involved in developing this work next academic year, please make an expression of interest via [SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk)

## Additional information

**High Court ruling on Religious Education** – November 2015. Schools are likely to have received a response from Professor Juss to the ruling, which was specific to Key Stage 4. Please contact the professional advisor to SACRE if you have concerns about your school meeting its statutory responsibilities or response to this. I have attached NASACRE advice issued to SACRES to support your understanding.

There is still the regular **free e-newsletter** from the RE centre, Hampshire. The RE centre is happy to add any Southampton RE teachers' details to this free distribution list, indeed many of you continue to take up this offer. The newsletter advises RE leaders of new resources, courses and national items of RE news. If interested please contact: **Lydia Revett**, County RE Centre, Tel: 01962 863134, [re.centre@hants.gov.uk](mailto:re.centre@hants.gov.uk)

There are also various courses and workshops running to support RE via the [HTLC site](#) to which Southampton teachers are more than welcome, costs are outlined on the site. Some are listed below:

- 27.05.16 [Annual primary RE conference](#) – last few places available, so book now to avoid disappointment. This popular event will include a keynote speech by Trevor Cooling, chair of the Religious Education Council, and subject knowledge booster workshops on Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism and Christianity
- 08.06.16 [Reviewing your SMSC provision in light of the requirement to promote fundamental British values](#)
- 29.06.16 [Collective worship in primary schools](#)
- 11.07.16 [Getting to grips with teaching Islam at KS2](#)
- 28.09.16 [How to manage RE effectively at KS1 and KS2](#)
- 12.10.16 [Assessment in RE for the primary phase](#)
- 23.11.16 *Special needs and the teaching of RE* – please contact [Justine.ball@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Justine.ball@hants.gov.uk) to express your interest.

**In addition, CPD will be offered in Southampton to support the launch, teaching and assessment for the new syllabus during Autumn and Spring terms next academic year.**

## For ideas/help with planning/resources

There is a new CD available from Brian Beresford – many of you already use his music for Collective Worship so I have included the information. It is not an endorsement as I am not able to give that but simply signposting a new resource that will update one already widely in use.

Pauline Abbott – Bitterne CE Primary, has been in receipt of a Farmington Scholarship and the presentation of her project will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 4.15pm. She has developed resources for KS2 Class led Collective Worship that develops theological thinking in the children. She hopes that the resources can become used nationwide. If you would like to hear more about this exciting project, the invitation is attached for the presentation, please contact Pauline directly to confirm your attendance using the contact details on the flyer.

Two RE websites which continue to have lots of support and planning:

<http://re.hias.hants.gov.uk/> (open access, no need to login) The [moodle site](#) is open access, unless your school wishes to upload/share material, schools can simply ignore the logon and access the site as a guest.

<http://www.hampshire-reweb.co.uk> (Southampton schools would need to subscribe to have access, see price link above)

If you have planning/resources that you feel others could benefit from and would like to be hosted on the new SACRE website please contact me through the [SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk) with ideas you may have.

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