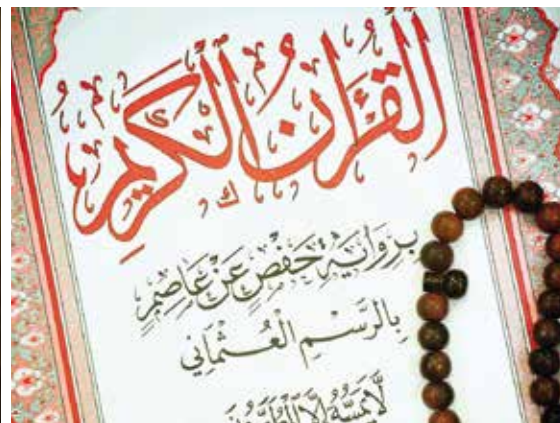


SACRE

Wokingham Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education



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Every Local Authority is legally obliged to set up, support and maintain its own SACRE: this is a council with a specific constitution bringing together elected members of local government, teachers and other educationalists, members of faith and belief communities and where possible, students.

What must a SACRE do?

The remit of a SACRE is twofold: to monitor and support the delivery of Religious Education and collective worship in the schools in the local authority, and to provide the locally agreed syllabus for RE, which is reviewed every 5 years.

Who are the members of the Wokingham SACRE?

Group A - Christian denominations other than the Church of England

Christian denominations other than the Church of England	Catherine Jinkerson Beth Rowland (Vice-Chair) Vacancy Vacancy
Hinduism	Anju Sharma
Islam	Shahid Younis
Judaism	Dr Shira Lewin Solomons
Sikhism	Sukhdev Bansal
Buddhism	Vacancy

Group B The Church of England

	Linda Galpin
	Vacancy
	Vacancy

Group C Teachers, teaching unions and educationalists

Soulscope	Nick Barnett
Primary Headteacher	Philippa Chan
Primary Teacher	Julie Easton
Primary Teacher	Paris Finnegan
Primary Teacher	Sam Lawless
Education Advisor	Stephen Vegh (Chair)

Group D The Authority

	ClIrr David Hare
	ClIrr Jackie Rance

Other SACRE Roles

Clerk to the SACRE	Catherine Newport
LA Link/RE Advisor	Angela Hill

The SACRE benefits from and appreciates ongoing funding and support from Wokingham Borough Council.

The SACRE is a member of NASACRE (the National Association of SACREs), and members attend annual conferences and annual general meetings. The SACRE works in close partnership with SACREs in the other Berkshire LAs through the Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub.

What does the Wokingham SACRE do?

The main responsibility of the SACRE is to provide a locally agreed syllabus for Religious Education for the schools in the area. This must be reviewed every 5 years and it is the obligation of each community school and voluntary controlled Church of England school to fulfil the requirements set out in it. Academies and free schools are welcome to use the locally agreed syllabus but, whilst they must also provide RE for their pupils, they have autonomy in terms of the syllabus they follow and the scheme of work they devise.



Likewise, many voluntary aided faith schools choose to adopt the locally agreed syllabus for their diocese, though responsibility for the nature of RE rests with their governors. (The Anglican Diocese of Oxford recommends its VA schools use the Pan-Berkshire syllabus). Voluntary-aided faith schools may teach RE in accordance with the tenets of their faith.

The Pan-Berkshire Agreed Syllabus for RE was launched in 2018 and is due to be reviewed in 2023.

The agreed syllabus can be found here: <https://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/learning-and-teaching/religious-education/re-syllabus/>

How does the Wokingham SACRE support schools to implement the agreed syllabus successfully?

The Wokingham SACRE is a pro-active council that seeks information from teachers and headteachers as to the nature of the support that would be most useful to them in taking RE learning forward. Support for the teaching of RE includes:

- The 'Crossing the Bridges' project enabling places of worship to effectively host school RE visits. <https://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/learning-and-teaching/religious-education/teaching-materials/crossing-bridges/> Project materials include:
 - o A growing Directory of trained speakers from religious and non-religious world views to assist teachers in arranging visits to places of worship and inviting visitors into school
 - o Resources to support visits to places of worship, for example, interactive booklets to add an enquiry approach to visits
- The 'Real People, Real Faith' materials are a series of free-to-access videos and supporting materials for teachers, showing real members of faith communities across Berkshire discussing key questions from the Agreed Syllabus. These videos are arranged by Key Stage and are hosted on the National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE) website: <https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/real-people-real-faith/>
- In partnership with RE Today, the SACRE provided a free high-quality classroom resource to each Wokingham school in summer 2021, followed by an autumn 'Festival of RE CPD': a range of online sessions, designed to enable teachers to use the classroom resources effectively
- Provision of teaching resources on the Wokingham Schools Hub, for example, PowerPoint slides and images of local places of worship produced following visits with teachers to a gurdwara, mosque, synagogue, temple and churches <https://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/learning-and-teaching/religious-education/teaching-materials/crossing-the-bridges-presentations/>

- Termly network meetings for primary teachers
- Annual training for new primary RE subject leaders
- Training for RE teachers in secondary schools, such as recent webinars to support subject knowledge
- Re-establishing network meetings for secondary school teachers, delivered online to enable easy access
- Development of materials to support use of the Pan-Berkshire RE Syllabus

The SACRE annual reports provide further information on the activities of the SACRE- <http://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/learning-and-teaching/religious-education/sacre/>



If you want to contact us

The Wokingham SACRE welcomes questions and enquiries from teachers and those interested in supporting the development of Religious Education in Wokingham.

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