

## **WIRRAL Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) Action Plan – September 2017 – December 2018.**

Wirral SACRE's statutory role is to advise its local authority on religious education (RE) and collective worship in Wirral's schools with the aim of supporting and improving both.

Wirral SACRE working together with the Local Authority has an obligation to provide a Locally Agreed Syllabus for the teaching of RE and to Review this every five years.

In the "Curriculum Framework for Religious Education" published in October 2013, the then Secretary of State for Education stated,

*All children need to acquire core knowledge and understanding of the beliefs and practices of the religions and worldviews which not only shape their history and culture but which guide their own development. The modern world needs young people who are sufficiently confident in their own beliefs and values that they can respect the religious and cultural differences of others, and contribute to a cohesive and compassionate society.*

*RE's place on the curriculum will be strong if its role and importance are communicated effectively and widely understood. RE in England compares favourably with equivalent curricula in high performing jurisdictions around the world, but this reputation can only be maintained with a rigorous model of RE.*

The key goal for Wirral SACRE, working with the Local Authority is to carry out a review/ revision or replacement of the current Wirral Agreed Syllabus (Published 2013) to ensure that the RE Syllabus meets the criteria set out above and facilitates high quality teaching and learning in RE in primary, secondary and special schools across Wirral.

Thus, the focus of this action plan is to simply set out the steps towards review and update of the current Wirral Agreed Syllabus for RE. However, actions and strategies from the previous action plan that are relevant to SACRE'S key goal will be carried forward.

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### 1. Preparation for review of current Wirral Agreed Syllabus for RE.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Success Criteria</b>	<b>Budget Allocation</b>	<b>Lead responsibility</b> (this will have additions as we move forward)	<b>First Review</b> (suggested date March 2018)	<b>Second Review</b> (Suggested date November 2018)
Review provision of current syllabus against the Curriculum Framework for Religious Education (2013) and House of Commons Briefing Paper (No.07167, 7 July 2016)	Having an assessment of elements of Wirral Agreed Syllabus – in line with current policy and those that need updating	?	ML + volunteers from SACRE		
Research other adopted syllabuses – such as Somerset’s	Having identified aspects of other syllabuses – which show where Wirral’s could be improved ( and aspects – where Wirral’s may be stronger)	?	ML – Somerset  Others ?		
Draft questionnaire to be sent to all schools – regarding current provision ( Guidance will be needed regarding the position of Academies)	When questionnaire sent out and responses received	?	Help from LA  RR, ZA and ML		
Decision regarding what best fits the needs of Wirral schools ( eg Up-dating of current syllabus or adoption of another	When conclusion has been reached and forward action determined.	?	To take place at SACRE meeting – February 2018		

Authority's)					
Setting up of working Parties, allocation of tasks etc - if required	When working Parties in place – carrying out tasks	?	All key members of SACRE + Primary and Secondary teachers of RE		

2. Actions carried forward from previous Action Plan that ensure “RE’s place on the curriculum will be strong if its role and importance are communicated effectively and widely understood.”

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Continue development of Young Peoples’ SACRE	When several schools are interacting in relation to Youth SACRE		ZA and WYFC		
Organise annual Wirral Holocaust Commemoration Event	Event happens and has a positive impact		ML + JS		
Communicate regularly with all schools through LA, Primary and Secondary Liaison Head Teachers, Make full use of the SACRE website and other media to promote the work of Wirral SACRE	Schools have up to date information and resources – Festivals Calendar resources for Holocaust lessons and others – relating to Srebrenica etc. Receive information about training opportunities etc.		ML, JS, and any others		
Promote the work of SACRE – through the	When stories are released – eg about Holocaust		All members of SACRE could be involved		

press etc	Event and when they appear – through Jane Owens' Newsletter.				
Encourage RE teachers to “network”	When this takes place – eg – at SACRE meetings, Wirral Agreed Syllabus Review and Holocaust Commemoration event.		RR, ML and other members of SACRE		