

# NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

## STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Bluecoat Academy (Aspley) on 14 June 2018  
from 4.30 pm - 5.58 pm**

### **GROUP A – Representatives of religious / faith denominations (13)**

Absent	Bishop James Stapleton	African Caribbean Churches
	No representative	Assemblies of God
	No representative	Baptist
<b>Present</b>	Krishna Dasi	Hindu
<b>Present</b>	Chris Richards	Humanist
<b>Present</b>	Hafiz M Muntazir	Islam
	No representative	Jewish
<b>Present</b>	John Heard	Methodist
<b>Present</b>	Caroline Mackeith	Quaker
Absent	Eddy Walton	Roman Catholic
Apologies	Martin Bennett	Salvation Army
Apologies	Rav Kalsi	Sikhism
	No representative	United Reformed Church

### **GROUP B - Church of England representatives (6)**

<b>Present</b>	Reverend Annabel Copeland	Bluecoat Aspley
<b>Present</b>	Alison Rowe	Bluecoat Wollaton
Absent	Reverend Andy Morris	Bulwell
<b>Present</b>	Debs Hunt	Crossteach Education Charity
<b>Present</b>	Jill Edmonds	South Wilford
<b>Present</b>	Jane Lewis	Southwell & Nottingham Diocese

### **GROUP C - Teacher representatives (6)**

<b>Present</b>	Kirsty Lacey	Bluecoat Academy
<b>Present</b>	Asima Qureshi	Dunkirk Academy
<b>Present</b>	Yasmin Khalique	Middleton Primary
Absent	Ralph Surman	National Education Union
Apologies	David Wand	UNISON
Apologies	Caroline White	Victoria Academy

### **GROUP D - City Councillor representatives (6)**

<b>Present</b>	David Mellen (Chair)	
Apologies	Jackie Morris	
Absent	Mohammed Ibrahim	
<b>Present</b>	Patience Ifediora	
<b>Present</b>	Neghat Khan	(as substitute)
<b>Present</b>	Marcia Watson	(as substitute)
Apologies	Sam Webster	

### **Also present**

Mark Leavesley	- Governance Officer (Nottm City Council)
Heidi Shewell-Cooper	- LA Officer for SACRE
Helen Baird	- Observer (Middleton Primary)
Robina Din	- Observer (Kairimia Institute)

## **1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair, Councillor David Mellen, welcomed attendees to the meeting.

## **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Helen Baird	-	Middleton Primary
Martin Bennett	-	Salvation Army (Group A)
Julie Obermeyer	-	Salvation Army
Rav Kalsi	-	Sikh representative (Group A)
David Wand	-	UNISON (Group C)
Councillor Morris	)	Nottingham City Council representative (Group D)
Councillor Webster	)	
Caroline White	-	Victoria Academy (Group C)

## **3 CHAPLAINCY, COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT BLUECOAT ACADEMY, ASPLEY**

Kirsty Lacey, representative from Bluecoat Academy, gave a presentation on Chaplaincy, collective worship and religious education at Bluecoat Academy, highlighting the following points:

- (a) pupils at Bluecoat Academy are mainly Christian, but many other faiths are also represented, such as Hinduism and Islam;
- (b) every year 7 pupil was presented with a Bible on Founders' Day;
- (c) the Academy holds a 'Believe Day' where pupils' individual beliefs are shared and celebrated;
- (d) student-led worship is held weekly;
- (e) a multi-faith Holy Communion is held;
- (f) the end of term service is held at St Margaret's church in Aspley and Saint Mary's church in Wollaton;
- (g) each week, two acts of worship are observed within year groups. This 'Believe Time' can take the form of prayer or reflection;
- (h) local Christian youth workers mentor all students, and a Iman visits every Friday for mentoring;
- (i) the religious studies team covers Church of England, Islam, and Atheism. GCSE and A Level Religious Education include theology and feminism, and involve trips to Lourdes and Jerusalem;
- (j) an event called 'Bluecoat Big Questions' involves discussions between pupils and invited guests;
- (k) a good translation of the Koran is available in class;

- (l) there are minimal issues concerning parents objecting to the content of religious education.

#### **4 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

##### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

##### Matters arising

- (a) Determination requests

There were no determination requests.

- (b) Annual Report

Rav Kalsi, representative of Sikhism, will prepare the Annual Report and present it to the next meeting of Nottingham SACRE.

#### **5 RESOURCES (UNIVERSITY OF CARDIFF)**

Heidi Shewell-Cooper, Local Authority Officer for SACRE, presented the Cardiff University booklet - Diversity of Religion and Belief, a guidance and resource pack for primary schools in England and Wales (a copy of which is appended to these minutes).

#### **6 NASACRE BRIEFING (SUMMER TERM)**

The NASACRE 'RE - Practice, Policy and Powerful Knowledge - A conference for professionals in religious education' event will be held over Saturday / Sunday, 13 / 14 October 2018 in Crewe. Visit <http://www.nasacre.org.uk/sacre-news-and-events> for further information.

#### **7 FEEDBACK FROM THE RE NETWORK EVENT MARCH 2018/NATRE MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT**

Jane Lewis, of the Southwell and Nottingham Diocese, informed SACRE that twelve representatives attended the City Primary RE Event, which was led by Fiona Moss of RE Today. Discussions are ongoing regarding organising further RE events, including one on 19 July from 4pm to 5pm.

A questionnaire for RE Leaders and faith settings is appended to these minutes for feedback.

##### Actions

- (i) Debs Hunt offered to support website development with guidance for places of worship regarding welcoming school visits;
- (ii) Robina Din offered to link with the inter-faith council re developing the resource for schools in accessing Places of Worship.

**8      MEMBERSHIP AND 2018/19**

The next meeting of Nottingham SACRE will be on Thursday 15 November 2018 (4.00pm for a 4.30pm start) at:

Nottingham Liberal Synagogue  
Lloyd Street  
Sherwood  
NG5 4BP

<https://www.nottinghamliberalsynagogue.com>

**9      ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1) Members wished to extend their thanks to the staff at Bluecoat Academy for use of the school as a meeting venue, and for their informative presentation.
- 2) Members would like to hear how schools are implementing the new syllabus, and to hear from RE Teachers on challenges.