

Nottingham City SACRE



Terms of Reference Relationships & Sex Education Engagement Group 2019/20

Overview:

The responsibilities of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) are:

- ❖ to provide advice to the Local Authority (LA) on all aspects of its provision for RE in its schools (this does not include Voluntary Aided Schools);
- ❖ to decide whether the LA's Agreed Syllabus for RE needs to be reviewed and if so, to ensure that this is completed;
- ❖ to provide advice to the LA on Collective Worship in its schools (this does not include Voluntary Aided or Voluntary Controlled Schools);
- ❖ to consider any requests from Head teachers to hold Collective Worship that is not of a broadly Christian character;
- ❖ to advise on matters relating to training for teachers in RE and Collective Worship;
- ❖ to publish an Annual Report of its work.

The membership of SACRE is set by its constitution and includes members from the Church of England, other Christian denominations, leaders of other faiths or world views, educational practitioners and local Councillors.

Aim:

This RSE Engagement Group aims to support community leaders' understanding of the statutory responsibility of schools to deliver the Relationships and Sex Education expectations set out by Government for implementation by 2020. The Department for Education is introducing compulsory Relationships Education for primary pupils and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) for secondary pupils from September 2020. Also, from September 2020 it will be compulsory for all schools to teach Health Education. The National Association of SACRE's (NASACRE) notes the appropriate role local SACREs can play as plans to implement the new RSE curriculum are agreed. Through this approach, Nottingham aims to further promote effective community understanding and cohesion.

Objective:

The RSE Group will contribute to developing a City where young people are supported to be happy, healthy and safe, equipped for adult life and able to make a positive contribution to society. Sitting under the auspices of SACRE, this group will provide opportunity for a wide range of community leaders to discuss the delivery of the RSE framework in the City. It will enable dialogue, listening and feedback, about *how* the curriculum is taught and how local faith leaders, communities, children and families can be supported. The Local Authority, SACRE and the RSE Group do not have the power to amend the statutory provisions of the Government's Relationships and Sex Education framework.

Representation/Membership:

Any current member of SACRE can attend the group. It also includes representatives from community faith/world view leaders to reflect the diversity of such communities across the City.

Chairing and Administration:

Councillor David Mellen, Leader of the City Council and SACRE member will Chair the RSE Group. Notes of key discussion/action points will be taken for reference. Administration will be provided by the Partnerships Team.

Frequency of Meetings:

The group will meet three times per year. Additionally, it may be helpful to call this group of community leaders together discuss issues of significance to the city beyond Relationship and Sex Education. This will be clear in any correspondence.

Reporting and Monitoring Arrangements:

The RSE Group will provide feedback on key discussion / actions of the group to SACRE which meets twice a year.

Equalities:

This group is committed to improving equality practice throughout all areas of service delivery. The RSE Group will work within an equalities framework and consider issues affecting all communities, individuals and groups.

Confidentiality and Information Sharing:

There is no expectation that information about individuals will be shared at the RSE Group meeting.

The legal framework for sharing information is s115 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Information will be shared only when it is necessary, proportionate and for the purposes of reducing crime and disorder in Nottingham. Specific data sharing agreements will be used, as required, to provide guidance and protection for any information or data disclosed and to ensure its correct usage, storage and disposal in line with the purposes of the group.

Issues related to individuals will remain confidential unless there are safeguarding issues.

Review:

These RSE Group Terms of Reference have been agreed by the RSE Group members (15.10.2019) They will be reviewed autumn 2020.