

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(SACRE) MONITORING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Role and purpose of the SACRE Monitoring Group

The SACRE Monitoring Group is a group that exists to support Portsmouth SACRE to fulfil its duty to monitor the effectiveness of the Portsmouth Agreed Syllabus.

2. Scope of the SACRE Monitoring Group

The SACRE Monitoring Group will scrutinise, for example, the following information in a rotation through the year and other information as required in order to fulfil the purpose of the group:

- Findings of Ofsted visits where religious education is mentioned
- GCSE Data
- Findings of SACRE Monitoring visits to primary and secondary schools
- Findings from targeted school improvement visits to schools by Portsmouth Teaching School Alliance (on behalf of the LA)
- Quantitative and qualitative Surveys of those using the Portsmouth Agreed Syllabus
- Findings from the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service
- Findings from the Prevent Education Officer

The SACRE Monitoring Group will provide regular feedback to the full SACRE.

The SACRE Monitoring Group will encourage and oversee peer reviews between schools.

3. Membership

Members of the Monitoring Group will be appointed by the Chair of SACRE and will normally include:

- (a) Chair and/or vice Chair of SACRE
- (b) Officers to SACRE
- (c) Members from each of the four groups of which SACRE is comprised

Additional members may be appointed as appropriate e.g. Prevent Education Officer.

The Monitoring group will appoint its own chair.

4. Method

The SACRE Monitoring Group will meet once each term to consider evidence that will support SACRE in reaching a judgement regarding the effectiveness of the Portsmouth Agreed Syllabus at any point in time. Where the Monitoring Group requires more information in order to pursue the purpose of the group, and as outlined in the scope, such information will be requested.

5. Meetings

The SACRE Monitoring Group will hold three meetings a year sufficiently in advance of the full SACRE meeting to be able to prepare a report for the full SACRE meeting.

6. Code of Conduct

Any Members of the monitoring group shall comply with the Portsmouth City Council Code of Conduct applicable to members

7. Reporting

The Monitoring Group will provide regular written report to Portsmouth SACRE on the matters that are within the scope of the group. Such reports will be in the public domain and should be finalised in time to allow the publishing of the reports with the full SACRE agenda.