



Title of meeting: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Date of meeting: Thursday 8 November 2017

Subject: SACRE Monitoring Group Report

Report by: Patricia Hannam

1. **Purpose of report:** The purpose of this report is to inform SACRE of the findings and discussions that took place during the meeting of the SACRE monitoring sub-group on 26 October 2017. The group is working to support SACRE in fulfilling its duty to ensure the effectiveness of RE through the implementation of the Agreed Syllabus
The group received an update on primary and secondary Ofsted reports mentioning or alluding to religious education that had been undertaken in Portsmouth since the last meeting.
2. **Recommendations:** That SACRE receive the report
3. **Background:** The monitoring group met on 26 October 2017 at 15.30.

Present:- Cllr Ryan Brent (SACRE Chair chaired the meeting), Elizabeth Jenkerson, ,
Brian Hay, Patricia Hannam, Peter Smith-Parkyn.

Apologies: - Mike Stoneman and Sarah Sadler

3.1 Ofsted Visits: the group was reminded that the type of visit a school will receive from Ofsted is dependent on their existing Ofsted status. Where a school is already 'good' then usually the visit will be a single day and rarely is RE mentioned in this case. However if a school is likely to be moving categories in any direction, then there will be a two day inspection and a



longer report. The longer reports are more likely to mention RE but usually in relation to the way in which a school is promoting children or young people's Spiritual, Moral, Social or Cultural (SMSC) development which is a requirement for schools. A school's promotion of children and young people's SMSC development is also regarded as a key way in which a school can be judged as teaching 'British Values' and preparing children for life in modern Britain. Several reports were considered in light of this. One report from a Portsmouth secondary school and five primary school Ofsted reports were considered. One report mentioned religious education negatively and it was decided to follow this up informally.

3.2 Monitoring Visits: No monitoring visits have been undertaken in this period; however monitoring visits are arranged for the coming months. SACRE members are requested to contact Patricia Hannam if you would like to accompany and advise on one of these visits. A protocol for SACRE members who are interested to join with one of these visits is being prepared.

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on



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