



NOTICE OF MEETING

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2016 AT 4.30 PM

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Elizabeth Jenkerson (Chair)

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Group A - Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations reflecting the principal religious traditions of the area

Group B - Representatives of the Church of England

Group C - Teacher representatives

Group D - Representatives of the Local Authority

(Full Membership is located on Portsmouth City Council's website)

(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the minutes of this meeting.)

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AGENDA

1 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair to welcome everyone to the meeting and to introduce new members and/or those standing in for absent members.

2 Moment for Quiet Reflection

Councillor Neill Young to lead.

3 Apologies for Absence

To receive and note any apologies for absence.

4 Declaration of Members' Interest

Members are asked to identify any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on any matters on the agenda.

Note: Should any indication of an interest arise during the meeting, members are asked to declare at that time, as soon as is practicable.

5 Minutes of the Previous meetings (Pages 1 - 12)

It is recommended the Council agrees the following minutes as a correct record;

- (1) the Minutes of 17 June 2015 and;**
- (2) the Minutes of 11 November 2015.**

6 Matters Arising from the minutes

7 Brief updates or notification of items to be brought to a future meeting

SACRE Members are invited to share briefly relevant updates and agree any proposed items to bring to a future meeting.

Recommended that updates are noted and any agreed proposed items be included on a future agenda.

8 Updates from the Chair

Elizabeth Jenkerson to update SACRE members on the following:

- SACRE hub
- Primary and Secondary conferences (Hants)
- Youth Voice
- talk by Charles Clarke
- NASACRE AGM (and changes)
- Southampton document (a proposed project)

Recommended that the updates be noted.

9 GCSE Results

Linda Jacobs to update SACRE on recent GCSE results

Recommended that the update be noted.

10 Updates on recent Ofsted visits to Portsmouth Schools

Elizabeth Jenkerson to update SACRE members on the key findings on recent Ofsted visits to some of Portsmouth's schools.

Recommended that the update be noted.

11 Support for SACRE (Pages 13 - 14)

Linda Jacobs to update SACRE on support being provided.

Recommended that update be noted.

12 Role of SACRE members and reporting (Pages 15 - 58)

All SACRE members are asked to provide an update and if needed, report back on the following questions:

1. Within their group, what reporting back takes place (whether they be a faith/school or other representative)?
2. What succession planning for their own position on SACRE is in place to ensure future representation?
3. Can SACRE members update/enhance the offer currently provided to schools (the EMAS faith directory is attached)?

Recommended that

**(1) updates are notes and;
(2) all SACRE members give further consideration and send information and/or updates to the clerk.**

13 Date and venue of future meetings

It is proposed that the next scheduled meeting of SACRE be moved from 15 June 2016 to Wednesday 8 June 2016.

SACRE are asked to agree the dates of next municipal year's meetings, all starting at 4:30pm, the proposed dates are as follows:

- **Wednesday 5 October 2016** (to be held in the Portsmouth Civic Offices)
Note: This meeting is to also include the required separate meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference, which must be quorate.
- **Wednesday 1 March 2017**
- **Wednesday 7 June 2017**

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Agenda Item 5

PORTSMOUTH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 17 June 2015 at
4.38 pm in Ground Floor Meeting Room 5, Portsmouth Civic Offices.

Present

Group A Representatives

Elizabeth Jenkerson, Baha'i Faith (In the Chair)
Peter Davies, The Fellowship of Independent
Evangelical Churches
Ruth Guyer, Judaism
Syed Aminul Haque, Islam
Marilyn Leggett, The Salvation Army
Jane Lewis, Quaker

Group B Representatives

Rev. Alice Wood, Anglican Diocese
Brian Hay, Anglican Diocese
Rev. Nick Ralph (standing in for Ven. Dr Joanne Grenfell)

Group C Representatives

Eleanor Assinder, Secondary Teacher Representative
Beverley Millsom, Special School Representative
Sarah Sadler, Primary School Representative
Sarah Hanley, Post 16 Representative

Group D Representatives

Taki Jaffer, Portsmouth City Council
Maria Cole, Portsmouth City Council

Also in Attendance

Charlie Pericleous, Prevent Coordinator, PCC
Sarah Long, Local Authority Representative, PCC
Peter Smith-Parkyn, Democratic Services, PCC

15 Welcome and Introduction

The chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.

16 Moment for Quiet Reflection

Marilyn Leggett led and explained that this coming weekend sees the 135th Anniversary reunion of Portsmouth Salvation Army Band, this is followed on 1st to 5th July the Salvation Army will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of its commencement in the East End of London with a Congress in the O2 Arena with representatives from 126 countries.

Marilyn continued with the awe-inspiring story of Lieut-Colonel Alida Bosshardt, whose humanitarian work and self-sacrifice throughout the second World War and beyond helped save many lives.

17 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Geoff Wheeler; Venuka Vyas; Ven. Dr Joanne Grenfell; Richard Wharton; Siôn Reynolds and Sandra Gibb.

19 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 11 March 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

20 Matters Arising

(a) Minute No 10 - RE Boxes

Sarah Long reported that the RE boxes had seen regular use and borrowing from schools in the past few months.

Sarah Long also reported that it is expected that the EMAS office will be moving to the Civic Offices in September. It is anticipated that RE boxes may see a greater use because of this, as EMAS will be able to utilise the Council's courier/dispatch service, instead of relying on teachers to collect and return borrowed boxes.

The nominal charge of £1 per box per week is expected to continue to cover basic admin and fund replacement materials as needed.

21 Brief updates or notifications of items to be brought to a future meeting

Beverley Millsom informed SACRE members of the Primary Network meeting taking place next week (23 June) at Redwood Park school. Beverley is expecting 10 teachers to be in attendance and Taki Jaffer and Ruth Guyer both volunteered to take part in a "Q&A" session with regard to the respective faiths.

Elizabeth Jenkerson reported that the Monitoring sub-committee met yesterday and will bring a report to a future meeting.

22 Updates from the Chair

Elizabeth Jenkerson reported on the following items;

(a) SW SACRE

Elizabeth reported on the conference in Somerset with Dr Joyce Miller as main speaker, who is the Chair of the RE Council. The conference proved to be an excellent networking opportunity.

(b) Trojan Horse

Elizabeth reported on the Birmingham Trojan Horse, which has proven to be an interesting learning experience for all those involved in RE. Elizabeth cited Alan Brine (recently retired Ofsted inspector) who raised questions about

ethos of schools designated as a faith school and collective worship.

Elizabeth also mentioned that during the investigation, Ofsted inspectors viewed schools websites, which must include details about teaching of RE. Failure to do so can be considered as a violation of statute. The teaching of RE must include at least 2 religions for GCSE qualification.

(c) NASACRE AGM

As previously circulated to all SACRE members, Elizabeth covered some of the interesting points raised in Charles Clarke's pamphlet.

Particular concern was expressed about the concept of a possible introduction of a National Syllabus, replacing the Locally Agreed Syllabus. SACRE members discussed their concerns about a National Syllabus, arguing that at least in Portsmouth, using the LDR 2011 (having been identified as one of the best) changing would be to our detriment. It was also mentioned that if introduced as part of the National Syllabus, the question of parents being able to withdraw their children from RE which in turn could therefore allow withdrawal from other subjects.

RESOLVED that the updates be noted.

23 Conference Update - 3 September 2015 (AI 9)

Elizabeth Jenkerson informed members of SACRE of the one day conference taking place in September in Winchester. Details of the conference and booking form have been circulated with the agenda.

24 Prevent Agenda (AI10)

Elizabeth Jenkerson welcomed Charlie Pericleous, the prevent co-ordinator for Portsmouth City Council to the meeting.

Charlie gave a presentation that summarised the Prevent Agenda, explaining that it fits into the four Ps that are contained within the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. Charlie further explained that the Prevent aspect (of the Act) is a duty on all authorities to have "due regard" to prevent all forms of radicalisation. That it is in essence the same as the safeguarding premise, that is to identify, analyse the risks and consider the options, and, importantly, to act and respond before any criminal offence has taken place.

Charlie further explained to SACRE that the definition of extremism feeds into the promotion of British Values and includes all extremist groups that promote hatred and/or violence, not just those of any given faith or belief.

SACRE members sought clarity around whom this Act was focusing on particularly given the previous version of the Prevent Agenda, however Charlie reassured SACRE members that Prevent Strategy clearly addresses all forms of extremism and is consistent with existing safeguarding procedures.

Sarah Sadler expressed on behalf of teachers, their concern about schools and teachers being held to account if they fail to identify individuals at risk.

Charlie reassured SACRE members by highlighting that school/teachers who follow relevant and up-to-date safeguarding procedures will be compliant with the new Prevent Duty. A number of training options are available to schools on the New Prevent Duty.

Charlie gave all members of SACRE an open invitation to contact him should anyone wish to know more on this subject, discuss concerns or have further questions about the prevent agenda in Portsmouth.

Resolved that:

- (1) Charlie be thanked for his presentation and;**
- (2) The information update on the Prevent Agenda be noted and;**
- (3) The presentation be circulated to all members of SACRE.**

25 Youth Voice

Elizabeth Jenkerson reported on the Hampshire initiative to seek the views and recommendations from year 8 and 9 students on the teaching of RE. Whilst limited to Hampshire at this time, the current thinking is Portsmouth may be involved and attend next year, or could set up its own version.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

26 Report on the South Central HUB meeting

Elizabeth Jenkerson reported that the South Central HUB now includes 14 local authority areas. Other matters raised at the meeting included a future "webinar" and University credits for teachers seeking Master level Degree qualifications.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

27 Grant Proposals

Elizabeth Jenkerson declared an interest in that she sits on the grant determination panel of Westhill.

Members of SACRE were asked to consider possible projects for which Portsmouth SACRE could bid from Westhill, as they still have unallocated funds this year. Elizabeth Jenkerson confirmed this stating that Westhill's grant application process had been extended to 22 July 2015.

RESOLVED that SACRE members write to the clerk with project ideas, with a view to submitting a grant application before 22 July 2015.

28 Co-opting on to SACRE

Given the freedom of Academies over their curriculum, it was understood that those in Portsmouth are still using LDR 2011 when teaching RE.

There was a general consensus that more schools will become academies in the coming years and SACRE members felt it is important to continue to maintain a good working relationship with academies.

Whilst it was felt that a co-opted academy representative would be beneficial, concern was raised over the fact that there are different groups. It is therefore unclear as to whether a single representative could reflect the views of the academy groups in Portsmouth.

RESOLVED that the teacher representatives will report back to SACRE after informal discussions with academy teachers.

14 Date and venue of the next meeting

The schedule of future SACRE meetings were agreed as follows (venues to be decided) all starting at 4:30pm.

Wednesday 11 November 2015

Wednesday 23 March 2016

Wednesday 15 June 2016

The meeting concluded at 6:25pm.

Chair

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**PORTSMOUTH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 11 November 2015 at
4.30 pm in the Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue, Cosham.

Present

**Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations
reflecting the principal religious traditions of the area**

(Group A Representatives)

Elizabeth Jenkerson, Baha'i Faith (In the Chair)

Peter Davies, The Fellowship of Independent
Evangelical Churches

Ruth Guyer, Judaism

Syed Aminul Haque, Islam

Marilyn Leggett, The Salvation Army

Jane Lewis, Quaker

Geoff Wheeler, Baptist Union

Renuka Vyas, Hinduism

Representatives of the Church of England

(Group B Representatives)

Rev. Alice Wood, Anglican Diocese

Brian Hay, Anglican Diocese

**Teachers representing the various key stages and an association
recognised by the Authority for the purposes of consultation and
negotiation**

(Group C Representatives)

None present

**Representatives of the Authority, at least two of whom shall be elected
members of the Authority**

(Group D Representatives)

None present

Also in Attendance

Linda Jacobs, Professional Adviser, PCC

Peter Smith-Parkyn, Clerk, Democratic Services, PCC

The Clerk advised that this meeting of SACRE is not quorate as no representatives from Groups C or D were present.

As no decisions can therefore be made, the minutes of the previous meeting and all decision items will need to be approved at the next quorate meeting.

30 Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed everybody and thanked Reverend Alice Wood for the use of her Church to hold this meeting.

The Chair welcomed Linda Jacobs, the new Local Authority Professional

Adviser and invited Linda to introduce herself to the Council.

Linda Jacobs thanked the Chair and explained that she was the previous Professional Adviser's line manager and had previously been a teacher representative on Hampshire's SACRE. Further, in her current role for the last two-and-a-half years as Portsmouth City Council's Educational Improvement Officer, Linda has visited most of Portsmouth's Schools. Linda informed the Council that she is also an Ofsted Inspector, although clearly does not inspect any schools in Portsmouth.

31 Moment for Quiet Reflection

Before Reverend Alice Wood led the moment of quiet reflection she explained that she was previously a Head teacher of Leigh Park Primary School.

Reverend Alice Wood read a passage from Chapter 1, Kings, with reference to "A Still Small Voice" which can be interpreted to teach that the powerful and loud is not necessarily the voice that should be listened to.

32 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Honorary Alderman Tom Blair; Councillor Neill Young, Maria Cole, Beverley Millsom, Sarah Sadler and Taki Jaffer.

33 Declaration of Interests

Elizabeth Jenkerson declared an interest in that she is on the selection board for Westhill grants.

34 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 17 June 2015

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2015 are a correct record, which will need to be formally agreed at the next quorate meeting.

35 Matters Arising

(a) Minute No 28 - Co-opting on to SACRE

As there were no teacher representatives present, the Council could not be updated as to whether one or more Academy representatives would wish to be co-opted on to SACRE. The Chair through the Clerk will correspond with SACRE teacher representatives ahead of the next meeting.

Linda Jacobs enquired whether there might be interest from the academies into entering into a "Traded Services" concept with a nominal Service Level Agreement (SLA) being levied.

Although unconfirmed, it is believed that all of Portsmouth Schools, including Academies are still currently using LDR 2011 or the previous version of the locally agreed syllabus. Brian Hay as a Governor at the Charter Academy confirmed that they are following the agreed syllabus LDR 2011.

SACRE members discussed the "pros" and "cons" for all parties with regard

to potential changes to RE, inclusion of Academies, the Locally Agreed Syllabus, a potential national syllabus and collective worship. Members generally agreed that whilst work is taking place at national level on these matters, nothing has been decided for SACRE to respond to at this time.

36 Updates from the Chair

Elizabeth Jenkerson reported on the following items;

(a) Secondary School Conference

Elizabeth reported that the conference was a good opportunity to talk to representatives from different boards.

Along with representatives from other Universities the main speaker was Adam Dinham, Professor of Faith & Public Policy and Director of the Faiths and Civil Society Unit, Goldsmiths, University of London.

(b) South Central Hub

Elizabeth reported that the South Central Hub had not met this term.

However, she asked that any teachers interested in gaining credits towards a Master's degree should contact her directly.

(c) Inter Faith Network

Elizabeth reported that IFN is presently focusing on religious literacy.

(d) Farmington Scholarships

Elizabeth confirmed that Farmington scholarships are well respected and always have money available for training. Information on current opportunity was circulated with the agenda.

(e) Monitoring sub-Committee

Elizabeth reported that Monitoring sub-committee is due to meet soon and commented that more attention should perhaps be given to Primary Schools and 2015 GCSE results are not yet available

Linda Jacobs confirmed that she will provide the results, when available so that the sub-committee may scrutinise the details ahead of a main SACRE meeting. Linda suggested that it may be worth reviewing the RE results with other subjects to allow for context and over a period time - probably for at least a 3 year period.

The updates were noted.

37 Brief updates of notable matters

Ruth Guyer reported on the South East England Faith Forum Conference held on 3 September 2015 which Brian Hay also attended.

The main thread of the conference was the "role of faith in British Schools". Ruth reported that in the morning there was a panel discussion entitled the "Faith perspective". The afternoon comprised of a number of workshops covering; SACRE today; SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development); Prevent Agenda; and Legal guidance.

Elizabeth raised Hampshire's "Youth Voice" and asked whether Portsmouth should attend or run our own. Ruth commented that the challenges of taking children out of school may prohibit Portsmouth being able to take part in Hampshire's. SACRE members present agreed that the idea of doing something to share knowledge and for this to be fed back is desirable but, it is uncertain whether schools could accommodate this.

Ruth commented that she herself is more than happy sharing information in schools and added that she attended St. Paul's (in Paulsgrove) "World Faith Week" before half term.

Linda Jacobs reminded SACRE that the Local Authority presently pays for schools to receive "RE News" which is published termly.

Linda Jacobs commented that in her experience teachers appreciate Networks but careful consideration on the location and timing of these meetings is needed as travelling can be a disincentive.

38 Agreed Syllabus Conference

The minutes of the Agreed Syllabus Conference were noted.

39 Portsmouth SACRE Action Plan

Linda Jacobs presented the action plan. The SACRE members present thanked Linda and offered no further comments on the Action Plan.

The Portsmouth SACRE Action Plan was noted.

40 Annual Report 2014/15

The Annual Report 2014/15 was agreed un-amended which will need to be formally agreed at the next quorate meeting.

41 Collective Worship (Debate item)

Linda Jacobs reminded SACRE that Collective Worship is still a statutory requirement and also comes under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005 for school inspections.

It was noted that the majority of schools comply with this requirement with their schools' assemblies. Linda Jacobs commented that with regards to Collective Worship and furthering Action Plan item 4.2, it might be worth asking schools to provide their views on this matter. Elizabeth Jenkerson added that perhaps SACRE members could offer to go to schools and visit assemblies as part of this information gathering exercise.

Linda Jacobs asked whether SACRE would be minded to offer schools guidance on Collective Worship. It was felt that SACRE would need to understand better the current position before doing so.

Elizabeth informed SACRE that there is a conference due to be held later in the year in Sheffield on the issue of Collective Worship, with the main speaker being Charles Clarke.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

42 Date and venue of the next meeting

The next scheduled meeting of SACRE is Wednesday 23 March 2016 (venue to be decided) starting at 4:30pm.

The chaired asked whether SACRE members would be minded to move the 15 June 2016 meeting, as she would not be able to make this date.

The clerk will email members of SACRE ahead of the next meeting with alternative dates, for approval at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6:25pm.

Chair

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Agenda Item 11

SUPPORT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As schools are aware, the revision of the Agreed Syllabus for RE is currently at the writing stage ... thanks to the schools who have supported their teachers to be part of the process, working alongside teachers and SACRE members from Hampshire, Southampton and the Isle of Wight. The process has been ably led by the proven expertise of Hampshire advisers. Once agreed by SACRE, the syllabus will become statutory for all of Portsmouth's maintained schools (other than those that are part of the Catholic Diocese). Academies may choose to adopt this or any other syllabus. The Local Authority will distribute the syllabus to schools in the first half of the autumn term after it has been agreed.

SACRE has agreed that maintained (non-Catholic) schools are sent the Hampshire News relating to RE, which is issued twice yearly to both primary and secondary schools. We hope this subscription can be continued but we would welcome feedback from schools as to its usefulness. Secondary schools have very recently received the latest version.

We have arranged the following support for the new syllabus going forward into the school year 2016-17.

1. **Briefing for Headteachers** of all Portsmouth maintained schools (primary, secondary and special, [but not Catholic]) and all Academies that plan to adopt the revised syllabus. This will take place on **2nd November 08.30-10.00** at the Inn Lodge, Burrfields Road. The session will be led by Pat Hannam, Hampshire Adviser for RE. (*Please note this session is **NOT** for RE Leaders*). There will be no charge for any school/Academy for this briefing which can be booked through the link -
<https://www.enterprisestudy.com/View.aspx?p=109248&c=256171&courseid=256171&zz=35726310>
2. **Training for all RE Leaders** of all Portsmouth maintained schools (primary, secondary and special, [but not Catholic]) and all Academies planning to adopt the revised syllabus. This will take place on **30th November 2016 (all day)** and **31st January 2017 (14.00-16.30)** at the Training and Learning Centre, PAFG. Participants must attend BOTH sessions. The session will be led by Pat Hannam and Justine Ball, Hampshire Advisers for RE. There will be a charge for these sessions, although this is subsidised, and lunch will not be provided (on 30th November). Training can be booked through the following link
<https://www.enterprisestudy.com/View.aspx?p=109248&c=256170&courseid=256170&zz=89407482>
3. **A secondary network** for RE Leaders is available in the Havant/Waterlooville area and can be booked through the following link
<https://learningzone.hants.gov.uk/learningzone/course.aspx?courseid=49057>

4. **A primary network** with up to 24 places will be set up locally, to take place here at the Civic Centre (EMAS Training Room) and led by Justine Ball, Hampshire Adviser for RE. There will be a charge for these sessions. The dates are as follows, with sessions taking place between 13.30 and 16.00:

14 September 2016

11 January 2017

10 May 2017

You can book through the following link.

<https://www.enterprisestudy.com/View.aspx?p=109248&c=240642&courseid=240642&zz=84120578>

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Agenda Item 12

The SACRE Directory

SACRE (the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) has the responsibility to advise on matters relating to religious education and collective worship in Portsmouth schools. This directory has been produced in order to support Portsmouth teachers.

Many schools recognise the contribution visits and visitors from faith communities can make to religious education and collective worship. This has been borne out by positive OFSTED reports, which indicate how the quality of teaching and learning has been enhanced through pupils' contact with representatives from faith groups and through visiting places of worship.

This directory has been produced to enable teachers to arrange visits or invite visitors into school from faith communities. It has not been the intention to include all the places of worship or faiths represented in Portsmouth. The list has been compiled through SACRE members in order to represent a variety of denominations within Christianity and each of the major world faiths identified in the Portsmouth agreed syllabus 'Living Difference'. Where a faith group does not have a place of worship within the City of Portsmouth, contacts and addresses of the nearest places of worship have been provided.

A number of schools already have good links with ministers, priests and religious leaders within their locality and pupils frequently visit local Churches or places of worship which may or may not be included in this directory. This, of course, should continue, and we apologise for being unable to include all places of worship which welcome school visits.

The first section in the directory contains a variety of denominations within Christianity. Denominations have been listed in alphabetical order and given the title indicated by the contact representative. The second section includes contacts for other faith communities.

The address/location of each place of worship has been indicated followed by the name, address and telephone number of the representative with whom arrangements should be made. Other useful information about facilities has been included.

Arranging visits

Teachers and pupils should be well prepared before visiting a place of worship. Here are some suggested guidelines:

- the teacher arranging the trip should visit beforehand to establish:
 - the purpose of the visit
 - the available facilities, eg: toilets, somewhere to eat packed lunch
 - any particular dress requirements or code of conduct
 - the itinerary for the visit
 - any fees or gifts expected
 - that pupils will not be compromised in any way, eg: expected to pray or give an offering.
- the teacher/organiser should confirm details in writing and confirm by telephone the day before
- parents should be informed of the aims, activities and cost of the visit
- pupils should be directed to behave respectfully and courteously at all times and follow the dress code and code of conduct required.

Visitors to the school

Visitors can bring RE to life for pupils, so it is worthwhile to try to develop contacts with local religious communities. The local church is the first point of contact, and vicars, curates or ministers are usually delighted to be involved with their local schools. Try to invite a variety of denominations. Members of staff or parents may have contacts with the Catholic Church, Quakers or Salvation Army, for example. Inviting visitors from non-Christian religious groups is not always so easy. There are, however, a number of representatives from the major religions in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton who are willing and able to visit schools and talk to pupils about their beliefs and practices.

Set out below are some tips which may help when planning for visitors in school.

- Ensure that the visitor(s) are recommended by other schools. Some representatives can be very enthusiastic to share their faith but they may not be used to communicating with children. Sometimes talks can be too complicated, or tedious, or the speaker's sense of conviction so strong that pupils may feel coerced or compromised.
- Ensure that your visitor is well briefed. She/he will need to know how many children will be present and their ages, their previous learning about the religion, the focus for the session, what you hope to achieve (the intended learning outcomes), any resources you will have available and the time allocation. It would be inappropriate, for example, to ask a visitor to talk *about Judaism*. More focussed guidance is needed such as *role-play the Passover meal* or *explain the story and celebrations of Hannukah*. This is particularly important to someone who is a stranger to the school, but the same level of guidance is just as vital and much appreciated by regular visitors to school, such as the local vicar or minister.
- Ensure that hospitality is offered (a cup of tea or lunch perhaps), but check for any special dietary requirements (kosher, halal or vegetarian for example). Ensure that travel costs are covered and that maps are provided. Clarify any fees which may be incurred. If this is refused a small gift (a book token or flowers for example) will be appreciated.
- Check that your visitor has all the equipment or resources she/he needs, such as an OHP, a flip chart, a table for papers or artefacts, a projector, etc.
- Many visitors ask pupils if they have any questions. Prepare the pupils beforehand and check the questions in order to weed out the inappropriate ones such as *"What colour socks do you wear?"* or *"How much do you earn?"*
- After the session, a letter or card of thanks is always appreciated, especially if pupils are involved, and maybe some samples of the pupils' follow-up work.

Buddhist Monastery

Buddhist

Chithurst Buddhist Monastery

Chithurst

Nr. Petersfield

GU31 5EU

Contact Name: *Brigit Bruce – Lay Secretary*

Contact Address: *as above*

Telephone: *01730 814986 (Tuesday and Thursday
from 10:00 – 12:00)*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities (not disabled)

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *well covered*

Noise *quiet*

Touch/handle code *no touching items in the temple
no touching opposite sex*

Limits of access *private areas are signposted*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Facilities do not allow for groups larger than 25 people. The monastery is accessed by a small country lane, which is unsuitable for coaches which seat more than 20 people. Visits can be made from 12.30 onwards (by appointment only).

Buddhist (Tendai)

No place of worship to visit

Buddhist

Contact Name: *Rev Ganshin E Rock*

Contact Address: *44 Alma Road
Romsey
Hants*

Email: ganashin@sky.com

Telephone: *01794 512735*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom (books only).

Other information

I am always prepared to talk to teachers and pupils about matters related to Buddhism, give Buddhist lectures and presentations to schools in any area, and arrange for an approved book, "THE TEACHING OF BUDDA", to be donated free of charge, to all schools in Hampshire upon request.

Buddhist (Nichiren)

Buddhist

No local place of worship to visit

Contact Name: Penny Hand

Contact Address: Holder
Beach Road
Southsea
Hants PO5 2JH

Telephone: 023 9229 4847

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code N/A

Noise N/A

Touch/handle code N/A

Limits of access N/A

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom (books only).

Other information

I am always prepared to talk to teachers and pupils about matters related to Buddhism and may be able to introduce other members of the Buddhist community to you.

The Traditional Anglican Communion

Christian

St. Agatha's Church
Market Way
Portsmouth

Contact Name: *Fr J D Maunder*

Contact Address: *9 East Street*
Fareham
P016 0BW

Telephone and Fax: *01329 230330*

Web: www.stagathas.net

Facilities available

- Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment*
- Toilet facilities*
- Car park attached*
- Parking available nearby*
- Disabled access*

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

- Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies*
- Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school*
- Resources are available for use in the classroom*

Other information

This great basilica, now restored is one of the most distinguished buildings in England.
"The most beautiful interior on the South Coast".

Anglican

Portsmouth Anglican Cathedral
High Street
Old Portsmouth

Christian

Contact Name: *Mrs Rosemary Fairfax*

Contact Address: *as above*

Telephone: *023 9289 2968 / 023 9282 3300*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached (Coach parking available)

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *usual school dress*

Noise *respectful to others in the building*

Touch/handle code *“ “ “*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information *N/A*

Baptist

Christian

Paulsgrove Baptist Church
1 Woofferton Road
Paulsgrove
P06 4DW

Contact Name: *Dave Aarons (Youth Pastor)*

Contact Address: *3, Woofferton Road*
Paulsgrove
Portsmouth
PO6 4DW

Telephone: *023 9237 7814 (Church Office)*

Website: *www.paulsgrove.org.uk*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information *N/A*

Baptist

Christian

North End Baptist Church
195, Powerscourt Road
North End
Portsmouth PO2 7JH

Contact Name: *Mrs Jayne Howard (Church Secretary)*

Contact Address: 139 Powerscourt Road
North End
Portsmouth
PO2 7JQ

Telephone: **023 9269 3019**

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code **N/A**

Noise **N/A**

Touch/handle code **N/A**

Limits of access **N/A**

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information **N/A**

Baptist

Christian

City Life Church
85, Tangier Road
Copnor
Portsmouth PO3 6JH

Contact Name: *Pastor Daniel Harman*
Youth Pastor: *Andy Haddow*
Minister in Training:

Contact Address: *85 Tangier Road*
Portsmouth

Telephone: *023 9269 4677 (Church) – normally manned*
09.15 –12.30 Monday to Friday

Web: www.uclc.org.uk

E-mail : danielharman@myclc.org.uk

Facilities available

- Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment
- Toilet facilities
- Car park attached
- Parking available nearby
- Disabled access *Stannah lifts for children able to use these aids; wheel chair access by side door in Lynton Grove; loop systems in church and halls; disabled toilet.*

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

- Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies*
- Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school*
- Resources are available for use in the classroom. Certain Christian videos could probably be loaned pending availability and suitability – contact Mrs M. Golledge.*

Other information *N/A*

Church of England

*Church of the Ascension
Stubbington Avenue
North End
Portsmouth*

Christian

Contact Name: *Father Ron Robinson*

Contact Address: *The Vicarage
98, Kirby Road
Portsmouth
Hants PO2 0PW*

Telephone: *023 92 660123*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *not too much noise*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Visits during the afternoon on week days are preferable.

Church of England

*St Simon's Church
Waverley Road
Southsea*

Christian

Contact Name: *Rev Matthew Holland*

Contact Address: *6 Festing Road
Southsea
PO4 0NG*

Telephone: *023 9273 3068*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Own car park

Also parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Youth Worker in post. The church runs a community project for the homeless on Sundays at 6.30 pm.

Church of England

St. Mary's Church
Fratton Road
Portsmouth

Christian

Contact Name: *Rev Canon Bob White*

Contact Address: *St Mary's Vicarage*
Fratton Road
Portsmouth P01 5PA

Telephone: *023 9282 2687*

E-mail: vicar@portseaparish.co.uk

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities (disabled available)

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information *N/A*

Church of England

Christian

St Luke's Church
Greetham Street
Southsea
P05 4LH

Contact Name: *Mrs Sharon Court, Church Warden*

Contact Address: *St Luke's Church Office*
Greetham Street
Southsea
Portsmouth P05 4LH

Telephone: *023 9281 4321*
(PA to Rev A Hughes: Alan Lihou)

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached (limited)

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies
Contact: PA

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school
Contact: PA

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Rev Alex Hughes Parishes of St Luke's and St Peter's Southsea

Church of England

*St Jude's Church
Kent Road
Southsea
P05 3EL*

Christian

Contact Name: *David Caine – Church Administrator*

Contact Address: *as above*

Telephone: *023 9275 0442
9.30 – 12.30 Monday to Friday*

E-mail office@stjudes-southsea.org.uk

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Time of meetings by arrangement

Church of England

Christian

St James' Church
Parish of Milton
287 Milton Road
Southsea
Po4 8PG

Contact Name: *Fr Paul Armstead*

Contact Address: *287 Milton Road*
Southsea
P04 8PG

Telephone: *023 9273 2786*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities + public toilets nearby

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *quiet*

Touch/handle code *only objects offered for inspection*

Limits of access *no entry to the sanctuary*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom (under supervision)

Other information

Church constructed in 1913, designed by Orville Scott.
The East window: Jesse Tree designed by Sir Ninian Comper
St. Cross Chapel: engraved glass "Creation"

Church of England

Christian

*House of Bethany
7 Nelson Road
Southsea
P05 2AR*

Contact Name: *Rev Mother Rita-Elizabeth Sisters of Bethany*

Contact Address: *as above*

Telephone: *023 9283 3498*

E-mail: ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk

Website: www.sistersofbethany.org.uk

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby – with difficulty!

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *Preferably no more than 24*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information *N/A*

Cosham Baptist Church

48 Havant Road
Cosham
Portsmouth
PO6 2PL

Christian - Baptist

Contact Name: Rev Simon Ford

Contact Address: As above

Email: cyf@coshambaptist.org

Telephone: 023 9232 4688

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code Nothing specific

Noise Suitable for activity

Touch/handle code Whatever is suitable

Limits of access N/A

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom (books only).

Other information

School parties of any size are welcome to visit. We can provide activities and discovery lessons or there can be sessions for questions and a short talk about Baptism or any other aspect of the Church.

First Church of Christ Scientist

Christian

178, London Road
North End
Portsmouth
P02 9DP

Contact Name: *The Clerk*

Contact Address: *(as above)*

Telephone: *023 9266 2838*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *quiet during services*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information *N/A*

Methodist

Christian

Trinity Methodist Church
Albert Road
Southsea
P04 0LX
023 92 731858

Contact Name: *Rev Janice Morgan*

Contact Address: *as above*

Telephone: *023 9273 1858 (Office Hours Monday – Friday)*

E-mail: postmaster@trinitysouthsea.org.uk

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available in road

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information *N/A*

Methodist

Christian

Copnor Methodist Church
Corner of Copnor and Epworth Roads
Portsmouth

Contact Name: *The Rev. Andrew De Ville*

Contact Address: *5 Penarth Avenue*
Drayton
Portsmouth
PO6 2AJ

Telephone: *023 9267 1978*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code

Noise *Normal standards of politeness*

Touch/handle code

Limits of access

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information *N/A*

Methodist

Christian

Eastney Methodist Church
Highlands Road
Southsea

Contact Name: *The Rev Janice Morgan*

Contact Address: *Highland Road*
Eastney
Portsmouth
PO4 9NJ

Telephone: *023 9282 8177*

Facilities available

- Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment*
- Toilet facilities*
- Car park attached*
- Parking available nearby - only street parking available*
- Disabled access*

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *± 60 pupils at a time*

- Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies*
- Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school*
- Resources are available for use in the classroom*

Other information *N/A*

Pentecostal (Assemblies of God)

Christian

The King's Church
37 Elm Grove
Southsea
Hants.
P05 1JF

Contact Name: Gareth Benton

Contact Address: as above

Telephone: 023 9298 7977

E-mail: info@kingschurchportsmouth.co.uk

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code N/A

Noise N/A

Touch/handle code N/A

Limits of access Boiler room

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Everyone is welcome, regardless of belief, race and upbringing

Pentecostal

Christian

Family Church

This group does not have a purpose built place of worship but currently meets at Church Offices

Contact Name: Aaron Carr

Contact Address: Unit 4, Exchange House
122, London Road
Portsmouth PO2 9DD

Telephone: 023 9266 2257

E-mail: acarr@family-church.org.uk

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment (Sunday worship)

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code N/A

Noise No speaking when minister is speaking

Touch/handle code N/A

Limits of access Church office area

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Pupils are able to attend Sunday services: 09.15 am and 11.15am.

Youth group (ages 13 – 17) meets every Friday at 7.00 pm at Church Offices, Unit 4, Exchange House, 122, London Road, Portsmouth PO2 9DD

Roman Catholic

Christian

Our Lady of Lourdes
15, Bransbury Road
Corner of Minstead and Bransbury Road
Southsea
Portsmouth PO4 9SY

Contact Name: *Fr Simon Thomson, Parish Priest*
Parish Secretary: *Mrs C Shore*

Contact Address: *Parish Office*
(additional information below) **105, Waverley Road**
Southsea
Portsmouth PO5 2PL

Telephone: **023 9282 8305**

Facilities available

- Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment*
- Toilet facilities on site*
- Car park attached to St. Swithun's*
- Street parking available nearby*
- Disabled access*

Dress code **N/A**

Noise **N/A**

Touch/handle code **N/A**

Limits of access **N/A**

- Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies*
- Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school*
- Resources are available for use in the classroom*

Other information

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun's Church are in the same parish (Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun's)
Office at 105, Waverley Road, Portsmouth PO5 2PL (for both churches)

Roman Catholic

St. Swithun's Church
105, Waverley Road
Southsea
Portsmouth PO5 2PL

Christian

Contact Name: *The Rev. Simon Thomson, Parish Priest*
Parish Secretary: *Mrs C Shore*

Contact Address: *Parish Office*
(additional information below) **105, Waverley Road**
Southsea
Portsmouth PO5 2PL

Telephone: **023 9282 8305**

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities on site

Car park attached to St Swithun's

Street parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code **N/A**

Noise **N/A**

Touch/handle code **N/A**

Limits of access **N/A**

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun's Church are in the same parish (Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun's)
Office at 105, Waverley Road, Portsmouth PO5 2PL (for both churches)

Roman Catholic

St Joseph's Church
Corner of Milton and Tangier Road
Portsmouth

Christian

Contact Name: *The Rev. Steven Restori*

Contact Address: *Corpus Christi Presbytery*
21 Gladys Avenue
North End
Portsmouth P02 9AZ

Telephone: *023 9266 0927*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

No parking

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *decent*

Noise *respectful*

Touch/handle code *respectful*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Appointments for visits must be made in advance.

St Joseph's Church and Corpus Christi Church are in the same parish (Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi and St Joseph) *Office at 21 Gladys Avenue, North End, Portsmouth (for both churches)*

Roman Catholic

St. John's Catholic Cathedral
Edinburgh Road
Portsmouth

Christian

Contact Name: *Rev. Canon David Hopgood*

Contact Address: *Bishops House*
Edinburgh Road
Portsmouth

Telephone: *023 9282 6170*

E-mail: *info@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk*

Website: *www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

We have a hospitality area for coffee/tea and food as well as a cathedral gift shop.

The Salvation Army

Southsea Citadel Corps
84 Albert Road
Southsea
P05 2SN

Christian

Contact Name: Major Mary Wolfe

Contact Address: as above

Telephone: 023 9282 1164

Email: southsea@salvationarmy.org.uk

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code N/A

Noise N/A

Touch/handle code N/A

Limits of access N/A

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

There is a Community Centre known as The Lighthouse which is part of the complex, details can be found at: www1@salvationarmy.org.uk/southsea

Resources for schools and college and pupil activities can found at: [www1@salvationarmy.org.uk/schools and colleges](http://www1@salvationarmy.org.uk/schools_and_colleges).

Salvation Army
The Salvation Army Citadel
Lake Road
Portsmouth
PO1 4HQ

Christian

Contact Name: *Majors Cedric and Lyn Hills*

Contact Address: *as above*

Telephone: *023 9289 0953*

Facilities available *Worship Hall and Haven Community Centre*

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby at Tesco

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information *N/A*

Portsmouth Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Christian

This community does not have a purpose built place of worship.

Contact Name: *The Treasurer*

Contact Address: *Friends Meeting House
25 Northwood Road
Hilsea
Portsmouth P02 9QT*

E-mail: *Portsmouth.Quakers @ gmail.com*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *None*

Noise *Meeting for worship is held in silence, apart from Ministry*

Touch/handle code *None*

Limits of access *The Meeting House is a detached family house, now converted.*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available from Friends House (address below)

Other information

Information about the Society of Friends (Quakers) available from Quaker Life, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. Tel: 020 7663 1000
Meetings for worship are held on Sunday mornings at the address above – 10.30 am – 11.30 am.

United Reformed Church

Christian

Buckland United Reformed Church
174, Kingston Road
Portsmouth
Hants PO2 7LP

Contact Name: *The Rev. Cliff Bembridge*

Contact Address: *As Above*

Telephone: *023 9269 7320*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached limited space

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code }

Noise } *respectful whilst in Church*

Touch/handle code}

Limits of access }

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Church Secretary: Michael Waites

E-mail: mick@bucklandurc.org.uk

United Reformed Church

Christian

*Cosham United Reformed Church
Drayton United Church
Havant Road
Drayton
Portsmouth*

Contact Name: *Mrs P Miller*

Contact Address: *72 Courtmount Grove
Cosham
Portsmouth PO6 2BN*

Telephone: *023 9237 5903*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached limited space

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code }

Noise } *respectful whilst in
Church*

Touch/handle code}

Limits of access }

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Church Secretary: Pat Miller
Tel: 023 92 375903

EMAS

Craneswater Junior School Site
St Ronan's Road
Southsea
Portsmouth
PO4 0PX

Ethnic Minority Achievement Service

Contact Name: *Mrs Mary Badham*

Contact Address: *As Above*

Telephone: *023 9273 3130*

Email: mary.badham@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Facilities available

- Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment*
- Toilet facilities*
- Car park attached limited space*
- Parking available nearby*
- Disabled access*
- Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies (this may incur costs)*
- Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school (this may incur costs)*
- Resources are available for use in the classroom*

Other information

EMAS have a selection of resources to support diversity, culture and RE lessons. These resources can be loaned to schools for limited periods on request.

Vedic Society Hindu Temple

Hindu

**79-195 Radcliffe Road
Northam
Southampton
SO14 0PS**

Contact Name: *Mr Ravel*

Contact Address: *As above*

Telephone: *023 8063 2275*

Email: secretary@vedicsociety.com

Facilities available

- Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment*
- Toilet facilities*
- Car park attached limited space (Including coach space)*
- Parking available nearby*
- Disabled access*

Dress code *Modest dress and removal of shoes*

Noise *respectful whilst in temple*

Touch/handle code *No artefacts to be touched*

Limits of access *N/A*

- Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies*
- Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school*
- Resources are available for use in the classroom*

Other information

School parties need to arrive no later than 9:45am to observe Hindu worship which starts at 10:00am every weekday. After observing Hindu worship pupils will have the opportunity to receive a talk and ask questions. Should pupils need to eat whilst visiting us, a food hall can be made available. Respectfully, we ask children to pack a vegetarian lunch if eating on the premises.

HINDU

Hindu

**30 Draycote Road
Horndean
Hants PO8 0NE**

Contact Name: Nila Sodha

Contact Address: As above

Telephone: 023 9234 8781

Email: Nilasodha30@hotmail.com

Facilities available

- Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment
- Toilet facilities
- Car park attached limited space (Including coach space)
- Parking available nearby
- Disabled access

Dress code N/A

Noise N/A

Touch/handle code N/A

Limits of access N/A

- Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies
- Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school
- Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

I am always prepared to talk to teachers and pupils about matters related to Hinduism.

Humanist

No place of worship to visit

Humanist

Contact Name: *At present there is no local contact for this group. Please use the information below to contact The Humanist Association*

Contact Address: British Humanist Association,
1 Gower Street
London, WC1E 6HD

Email address: *naomi@humanism.org.uk*

Telephone: 020 7079 3580

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

The British Humanist Association www.humanism.org.uk
info@humanism.org.uk (general enquiries and publications)
education@humanism.org.uk (educational queries and requests)

Jewish

**The Synagogue
The Thicket
Elm Grove
Southsea
P05 2AA
Tel: 023 92 865356**

Jewish

Contact Name: Mrs Ruth Guyer

Contact Name: Mrs Ruth Guyer (Visits to School)
Tel: 023 9273 3817
Email: ruth.guyer@ntlworld.com

Contact Name: Mr David Callahan

Contact Name: Mr David Callahan (Visits to Synagogue)
Tel: 023 9226 2536
Email: david@theclans.me.uk

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby (street parking only)

Disabled access

Dress code *Modest dress, males must wear head covering*

Noise *Respectful*

Touch/handle code *No touching items unless invited*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom (leaflets on request)

Other information *N/A*

Portsmouth Jami Mosque and Islamic Centre

Muslim

Victoria Road North
Southsea

Contact Name: Mr Abdul Jalil – President
Telephone: Mosque: 023 92 832541

Contact Name: Muhammad Muhi Uddin Azhari - Imam
Telephone: Mobile: 07581 845182
Email: iman_ask@yahoo.com

Contact Address: as above

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code loose clothing and head covering for girls

Noise respectful

Touch/handle code with supervision

Limits of access as directed

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information

Arrangements by letter please

Muslim (Shia)

*Wessex Jamaat
Al Mahdi
Fontely Road
Fareham
Hampshire
PO15 6QR*

Muslim

Contact Address: *As above*

Telephone: *00329 842742*

Email: [*info@almahdi.org.uk*](mailto:info@almahdi.org.uk)

Website: [*www.almahdi.org.uk*](http://www.almahdi.org.uk)

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *loose clothing and headscarves for women*

Noise *respect for our neighbours*

Touch/handle code *with supervision*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom (limited)

Other information

Individual families interested in visiting one of our functions can be facilitated by prior arrangement.

PRENO

Portsmouth Race Equality Network Organisation

Unit 4

The Friendship Centre

Elm Grove

Southsea

Portsmouth

PO5 1JT

Contact Address: *As above*

Telephone: *023 9287 7189*

Email: [*info@preno.org.uk*](mailto:info@preno.org.uk)

Website: [*www.preno.org.uk*](http://www.preno.org.uk)

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *respect for our neighbours*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom (limited)

Other information

PRENO's mission is to empower the local BME Community to have an effective voice when challenging race inequality. PRENO work with service providers to promote race equality. PRENO can provide information about Race, Faith and Cultural matters.

Sikh

Sikh

The Gurdwara
5 Margate Road
Southsea
P05 1EY

Contact Name: **Harmeet Singh Brar (added 08/01/2015)**
Mr Jaswant Singh/Nelham Singh/Jhead Singh

Contact Address: **Nelham Singh, General Secretary**
address as above

Telephone: **07824 642056 (Harmeet Singh Brar)**
023 92 824961/92 429340 (07850 291867)
023 92 824 965

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code **head covering and trousers – males and females. Shoes removed at entrance**

Noise

Touch/handle code **No alcohol/tobacco**

Limits of access **indicated during visit**

Representatives may lead/participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom (limited literature)

Other information

Further contact point: Buksis Singh Diggall, President (023 92 789848)

If further resources/literature are required Mr Jaswant Singh is happy to supply addresses.

Spiritualist

No place of worship to visit

Spiritualist

Contact Name: *Mr R Pomroy MSNU*

Contact Address: *46 Sydenham Court
Berkshire Close
Portsmouth P01 1RF*

Telephone: *023 9234 1507*

Facilities available

Able to receive groups of pupils by appointment

Toilet facilities

Car park attached

Parking available nearby

Disabled access

Dress code *N/A*

Noise *N/A*

Touch/handle code *N/A*

Limits of access *N/A*

Representatives may participate in school assemblies

Representative is able to contribute to RE lessons in school

Resources are available for use in the classroom

Other information *N/A*