
NOTICE OF MEETING

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 4.30 PM

THE PORTSMOUTH COLLEGE, TANGIER ROAD, PORTSMOUTH PO3 6PZ

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Membership

Group A Representatives - One representative of each of the religions and other bodies listed in the constitution

Baha'i - Elizabeth Jenkerson
Baptist - Geoff Wheeler
Evangelical Church - Pastor Chris Thomas
Humanist - Barbara Spiegelhalter
Humanist - UK Geoff Wade (nominated reserve)
Muslim - Sheikh Fazle Abbas Dato
Methodist Church – Revd Ray Goddess
Jewish – Samuel Hilsenrath
Quaker - Sarah Coote
Sikhi - Jaswant Singh-Digpal
United Reformed Church - Christine McMillan

Group B Representatives - Church of England

Sue Bowen
Revd Sam Duddles
Jane Kelly

Group C Representatives - Six teachers representing the various key stages and an association recognised by the Authority for the purposes of consultation and negotiation.

Kari Laing - Post-16 Representative
Rachael Osborne - Primary Headteacher Representative
Helen Reeder - Teacher Liaison Panel
Beth Smith - Secondary School Representative

Group D Representatives - Four representatives of the Authority, at least two of whom shall be elected members of the Authority

Taki Jaffer
Councillor Benedict Swann
Councillor Asghar Shah
Councillor Abdul Kadir

Co-opted members

Jessie Wilson - Council of Portsmouth Students representative

Public health guidance for staff and the public due to Winter coughs, colds and viruses, including Covid-19

- Following the government announcement 'Living with Covid-19' made on 21 February and the end of universal free testing from 1 April, attendees are no longer required to undertake any asymptomatic/ lateral flow test within 48 hours of the meeting; however, we still encourage attendees to follow the public health precautions we have followed over the last two years to protect themselves and others including vaccination and taking a lateral flow test should they wish.
- We strongly recommend that attendees should be double vaccinated and have received any boosters they are eligible for.
- If unwell we encourage you not to attend the meeting but to stay at home. Updated government guidance from 1 April advises people with a respiratory infection, a high temperature and who feel unwell, to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. From 1 April, anyone with a positive Covid-19 test result is still being advised to follow this guidance for five days, which is the period when you are most infectious.
- We encourage all attendees to wear a face covering while moving around crowded areas.
- Although not a legal requirement, attendees are strongly encouraged to keep a social distance and take opportunities to prevent the spread of infection by following the 'hands, face, space' and 'catch it, kill it, bin it' advice that protects us from coughs, colds and winter viruses, including Covid-19.
- Hand sanitiser is provided and all attendees are encouraged to make use of hand sanitiser on entry to the meeting.

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

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AGENDA

1 Welcome and Introductions

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Moment for Quiet Reflection

4 Declaration of Members' Interest

5 Minutes of the Previous meeting held on 7 June 2022

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2022.

6 Matters Arising from the minutes

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on 7 June 2022.

7 Chair's announcements

To receive any announcements by the Chair of the SACRE.

8 Monitoring Group (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive a report on the activities and discussions of the monitoring group in relation to implementation of Living Difference IV and monitoring of RE across Portsmouth.

SACRE members are asked to read pages 105-107 of the syllabus at <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/HIAS/living-difference-IV-2021.pdf> before the meeting as this will inform the discussion around the approach to religion in Living Difference IV.

RECOMMENDED - that SACRE notes the findings of the monitoring group meeting and requests SACRE volunteers to join the Monitoring Group in the Spring term 2023.

9 Membership report (Pages 9 - 12)

To receive an update on membership of the SACRE.

RECOMMENDED that the SACRE:

- a) **Welcomes Councillors Abdul Kadir, Ashgar Shah and Benedict Swann to the Portsmouth SACRE following their appointment to Group D by the Cabinet (21 June 2022).**
- b) **Notes Taki Jaffer was reappointed to Group D as a Local Authority representative by the Cabinet on 21 June 2022.**

- c) **Notes that Debbie Lucas, Secondary School representative (Group C) resigned on 10 October 2022 and that it conveys its thanks to her for her significant contribution to the Portsmouth SACRE in recent years.**
- d) **Appoints Beth Smith (Mayfield School) as Secondary School representative (Group C).**

10 SACRE Annual Report 2021-22 (Pages 13 - 26)

RECOMMENDED that the SACRE receives its Annual Report 2021-22.

11 National RE matters

To receive a report of significant national RE matters and consider the implications. To consider the recent debates about Worldviews and Religious Education in National Training events.

12 South Central SACRE Hub

To receive a verbal report of the activities of the South-Central SACRE RE Hub.

13 Date and venue of the next meeting

RECOMMENDED that the SACRE notes the following meeting dates and agrees a venue for the full SACRE meeting in March 2023:

- a) **SACRE Meeting - 4.30pm on 28 March 2023**
- b) **Monitoring Group meeting - 4.00pm on 22 February (on Teams)**

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