



Title of meeting: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
Date of meeting: Wednesday 14 November 2018
Subject: SACRE Monitoring Group Report
Report by: Patricia Hannam

- 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 in October 2018. 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.
- Recommendations:** That SACRE receive the report
- Background:** The monitoring group met on 8th October 2018 at 15.00.

Present:- Mike Stoneman, Jane Kelly, Sam Duddles, Elizabeth Jenkerson, Peter Davies,
Patricia Hannam (who chaired the meeting on this occasion) , Joanne Wildsmith

Apologies: Cllr Ryan Brent

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.

3.2 Monitoring Visits: No monitoring visits have been undertaken in this period; however it was decided that one additional monitoring visit will be arranged and will take place before the March SACRE meeting.

3.3 KS4 RE and RS GCSE Results: Although GCSE data had not been received into the Authority at the time of this meeting, a general discussion was held regarding the National data for Religious Studies GCSE. We anticipate that the entries for GCSE will have continued to fall but that the achievement will be high. There continues to be concern therefore about the quality of religious education that young people who are not being entered for GCSE have access to.

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

(none identified)

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

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