

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report for Information

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1) Purpose of Report:

- 1.1. To inform SACRE of the activities and findings of the Monitoring sub group

2) Contextual Issues:

- 2.1. This paper supports the Corporate Strategy (maximising well being) by ensuring children's provision in religious education is secure.

3) SACRE monitoring visits.

- 3.1. The group scrutinised the reports of visits made during the spring term 2010 to observe RE teaching and learning in 9 primary phase schools. The members of SACRE who had accompanied the RE Inspector on the monitoring visits were: Chris Hughes, Jean O'Reilly, Mohammed Ansar, Maeve Gordon-James and Anna McNair Scott and their responses informed the reports. In order to observe and disseminate good practice in the subject, RE managers who have regularly attended RE development group meetings were invited to host the SACRE visits.
- 3.2. The reports of the visits indicated that the RE in all the schools visited was of a very high standard, with a number of schools ensuring outstanding provision for pupils. In the large majority of the schools seen, the teaching of RE was good or outstanding with one example of satisfactory teaching. In all the schools pupils demonstrated enthusiasm and interest in RE and their learning was in line with and often above expectations. Planning and guidance for RE was clear and accessible in all the schools visited, without exception, and resources provided were well used. All observations

indicated that teachers, and in a number of cases the pupils, were familiar with the cycle of learning from the agreed syllabus and learning was consistently focussed on a conceptual enquiry approach to good effect

- 3.3. Examples of good practice observed during the visits have been disseminated on the County RE website, the RE Moodle site and through the Summer Term issue of the Primary RE News.
- 3.4. Schools that demonstrate outstanding provision will receive a letter, on behalf of SACRE monitoring sub group, to congratulate them on their hard work and achievements, as approved at the last SACRE meeting (Spring 2010).

4) Hampshire SACRE's 5 Year Plan.

- 4.1 The group looked at the SACRE's last 5 year plan as a model for implementing the revised agreed syllabus and for providing support and guidance in relation to collective worship and community cohesion. Issues were discussed and ideas shared in consultation with the County RE team resulting in a proposed plan for SACRE members' endorsement. (Appendix 1)

5) Recommendations:

- i) That SACRE notes the report.
- ii) That SACRE endorses the proposed 5 year development plan to inform its future activities.

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

Appendix 1:

Appendix 2: