

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)** held at Room 15, Priory House, Chicksands, Central Bedfordshire Council on Tuesday, 22 October 2013.

PRESENT

Group A:	Sister Aiden Richards Mohsin Malik Nina Leigh	Roman Catholic Church Representative Muslim Representative Jewish Representative
Group B:	Rev. Anne Crawford	Church of England Representative
Group C:	Lucy Chapman Kathleen Eldridge Anita Whitehurst	Lower School Representative, Sutton Lower School Secondary RE Specialist, Redborne Upper School St Swithuns School
Group D:	Cllrs: C C Gomm M A G Versallion (in place of Mrs R D Drinkwater)	

Apologies for Absence:	Group A	Mary Sullivan Marion Roberts Ven Akurala Samitha
	Group B	Tom Waterworth
	Group C	Jacquie Binks Janet Day
	Group D	Cllrs Mrs R D Drinkwater and Mrs D Gurney

Officers in Attendance:	Miss H Bell	– Committee Services Officer
	Mr P Harpin	– School Intervention Manager

SACRE/13/76 Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as a correct record.

Councillor M Versallion, Executive Member for Children's Services took the Chair in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the SACRE.

SACRE/13/77 A focus on Judaism

The SACRE received and considered a presentation from Nina Leigh on Judaism.

The presentation focused upon the Journey of Miriam, which was taught and delivered to pupils at Key Stage 1 and 2 in Schools.

The SACRE noted that The journey of Miriam provided an insight into Judaism offering a background and insight into some of the major stories in the testament, including interactive programmes, offering children the opportunity to take the part of the role of a biblical character.

Following on from the presentation, SACRE discussed ways in which Nina's learning tool could be promoted to raise awareness of Judaism. It was agreed that a paragraph providing a summary of the learning tool Nina Leigh provides be included in the Central Bedfordshire "Central Essentials" weekly newsletter.

SACRE/13/78 Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural aspects Ofsted Subsidiary Guidance

The SACRE were invited to consider Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural aspects of subsidiary guidance from Ofsted. A detailed paper containing guidance in each area was considered and noted.

RESOLVED

That the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural aspects of guidance from Ofsted as now submitted be noted.

SACRE/13/79 Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural aspects Comments from Ofsted April 2013- July 2013

The SACRE were invited to note Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural aspects comments received from Ofsted based on one Nursery School, various Lower, Middle and Upper Schools throughout Central Bedfordshire.

The SACRE noted that the overall comments and grades were positive.

RESOLVED

That the comments from Ofsted on Spiritual, Moral Social and Cultural aspects be noted.

SACRE/13/80 GCSE and A Level Outcomes in Religious Education

The SACRE were invited to consider GCSE and A Level achievements in Religious Studies for 2013 throughout Central Bedfordshire schools. It was noted that when compared to figures from 2012, there had been an increase in pupil numbers taking part in Religious Education at both GCSE and A Level.

SACRE commented that it was useful to be able to now look at a measure of take up of Religious Education at GCSE and A Level. Achievements at A –C had increased which should be commended and publicised in “Central Essentials”

RESOLVED

That the GCSE and A Level pupil achievements in 2013 be noted.

SACRE/13/81 Development Plan Update

The SACRE received and considered the Development Plan April 2013/March 2014.

It was noted that Lucy Chapman, Sutton Lower School would undertake to make a presentation to the next meeting of SACRE on the provision of religious education.

RESOLVED

That the Development Plan April 2013/March 2014 be noted.

SACRE/13/82 Annual Report

The SACRE noted the Annual report for 2013.

Paul Harpin would draft the Annual Report with contributions from the Chariman and other members as required.

RESOLVED

That the SACRE Annual report 2013 be noted.

SACRE/13/83 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED

**That the next meeting be held on Tuesday 22 January 2014, 2.00p.m.
Room 15, Priory House, Chicksands, Central Bedfordshire Council.**

(Note: The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. and concluded at 3.24 p.m..)

Chairman

Date