

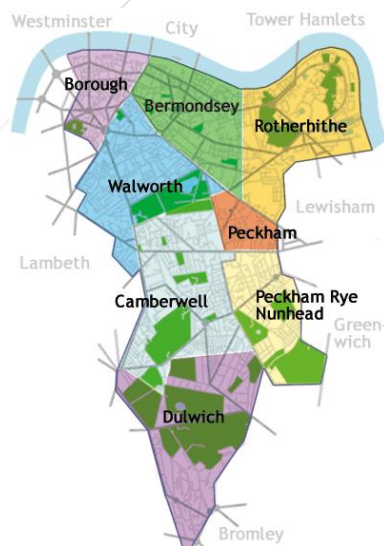


SOUTHWARK STANDING ADVISORY  
COUNCIL  
on  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Southwark SACRE)

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020



Southwark SACRE is proud to be a  
member of NASACRE.

## Contents

Foreword.....	3
1. Introduction.....	4
2. Meetings.....	4
3. Religious Education.....	4
4. Standards in Religious Education.....	5
5. Collective Worship.....	6
6. Other work of Southwark SACRE.....	6
7. Management of SACRE.....	7
8. Membership of Southwark SACRE.....	8

## **Foreword by the Chair of SACRE**

It has been another successful year for Southwark SACRE which has continued to work well to monitor and advise on Religious Education and Collective Worship within the Local Authority.

**James Lewis**

**Chair of Southwark SACRE**

## **1. Introduction**

Since 1988, each Local Authority (LA) has been required by law to have a Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

The remit of a SACRE is principally to oversee the Religious Education (RE) and collective worship within the authority principally to:

- require Southwark Council to review the locally agreed syllabus for RE at least every five years. RE in community schools and foundation schools which do not have a religious character is to be delivered in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus;
- advise Southwark Council on teaching methods, choice of materials and teacher training in religious education and collective worship;
- advise Southwark Council upon matters connected with religious worship in community schools and in foundation schools which do not have a religious character.

It is also a requirement that each SACRE produces an annual report of its work. This report must be published and is to be sent to the LA, local schools and other interested parties.

The reporting period of the 2019-2020 report starts from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and runs to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

## **2. Meetings**

In the academic year 2019-2020 Southwark SACRE held 2 meetings:

26th November 2019 at Southwark Council London SE1 2QH  
25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 via Zoom

The first meeting was quorate, the second inquorate.

A meeting was also scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020. This had to be cancelled due to safety concerns surrounding Covid-19.

## **3. Religious Education**

Agreed Syllabus

3.1 RE is not part of the national curriculum. Each LA is required to produce and Agree a Syllabus for RE. Each LA is required to begin reviewing the current Agreed Syllabus within 5 years of its production.

3.2 Southwark's Agreed Syllabus was launched on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and is now being fully followed by community schools and foundation schools that do not have a religious character.

3.3 No formal complaints about religious education were received this year.

#### Teacher Training

3.4 Three RE Coordinators' meetings were held throughout the 2019/20 academic year. As far as possible, meetings of Subject Coordinators are planned in response to their requests and areas for development that have been identified by the adviser. The main focus of each Coordinators' meeting was as follows:

26<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Creative RE activities.

15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (recorded session) – Lesson ideas. Focusing on those units in the Agreed Syllabus for which fewer resources are provided.

25<sup>th</sup> June – Teaching Islam in the primary school.

3.5 During meetings, Subject Coordinators were introduced to a range of resources, including new online resources from London venues such as Westminster Abbey and the British Library.

3.6 Subject coordinators were contacted with information regarding free NATRE resources and an additional newsletter, both in response to COVID-19.

3.7 In school training was planned for dates during the second half of the school year. Unfortunately, this could not take place face to face as planned due to the lockdown. Schools were given the opportunity of online training, but the option was taken to defer until the next academic year.

3.8 Throughout the year, advice is given by telephone and email to teachers and head teachers who request this.

3.9 A presentation was made to the Head Teachers' meeting in January, detailing the RE support available within the borough.

## **4. Standards in Religious Education**

### Introduction

4.1 With the increased number of Academies, it is difficult to ascertain the level of specialist RE teachers in Southwark schools and monitor the quality of RE. Therefore, monitoring of quality and standards of education has been done through the RE Coordinators at the network meetings. It is also done through the websites of schools, with each member of SACRE taking 4 or 5 schools to look at.

4.2 In general, SACRE is able to monitor standards in RE by scrutinising GCSE and A Level results. However, school level data for summer 2020 was not published by the DfE or

submitted to the Local Authority. Therefore, SACRE has relied on school workforce data rather than exam data in order to monitor RE for the academic year 2019/20.

School	Character	Type	Time Yr7 Perc 2019	Time Yr8 Perc 2019	Time Yr9 Perc 2019	Time Yr10 Perc 2019	Time Yr11 Perc 2019	% GCSE entries 2019
Ark All Saints Academy	Church of England	ACADEMY SPONSOR LED	2.7	6.3	4.6	7.1	8.8	99.1
Ark Globe Academy	Does not apply	ACADEMY SPONSOR LED	2.2	3.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	0
Ark Walworth Academy	Does not apply	ACADEMY SPONSOR LED						0
Bacon's College								91
City of London Academy (Southwark)	Does not apply	ACADEMY SPONSOR LED			1.1			0
Compass School Southwark	None	FREE SCHOOLS						0
Harris Academy Bermondsey	Does not apply	ACADEMY SPONSOR LED	4.8	4.2	7.9	6.6	5.6	97.7
Harris Academy Peckham	Does not apply	ACADEMY SPONSOR LED	4.1	4.3		2.7	2.1	43.1
Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich	Does not apply	ACADEMY SPONSOR LED	2.9	4.7	4.9	1.2	1.1	9.5
Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich	Does not apply	ACADEMY SPONSOR LED	0.7		1.8			0
Highshore School								0
Newlands Academy								0
Notre Dame Roman Catholic Girls' School	Roman Catholic	VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOL	9.0	8.9	9.7	10.6	8.4	84.5
Sacred Heart Catholic School	Roman Catholic	ACADEMY CONVERTER	6.6	6.0	8.8	12.9		97
Spa School, Bermondsey								0
St Michael's Catholic College	Roman Catholic	ACADEMY CONVERTER	11.6	13.0	12.9	10.9	10.4	100
St Saviour's and St Olave's Church of England School	Church of England	VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOL	4.5	5.7	5.1	5.6	4.9	99.2
The Charter School East Dulwich	None	FREE SCHOOLS				1.8		
The Charter School North Dulwich	None	ACADEMY CONVERTER	8.3	8.3	9.7	2.3	1.9	0
The St Thomas the Apostle College	Roman Catholic	VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOL	8.9	9.0	15.7	15.1		83.2
Treasure House (London) CIC								0
University Academy of Engineering South Bank	None	ACADEMY SPONSOR LED						0

The data here shows that whilst some schools teach RE throughout Years 7-11, others that would be expected to do so may not be teaching this subject.

## 5. Collective Worship

5.1 A guidance document on making Collective Worship interesting and relevant is on the Southwark Schools website along with a list of trained speakers.

5.2 Southwark SACRE's Determinations procedure is available on request. There have been no applications for a determination (to alter the character of collective worship for some or all pupils in a school) in the reporting period.

5.3 There have also been no complaints concerning Collective Worship referred to SACRE during this academic year.

## 6. Other work of Southwark SACRE

6.1 SACRE's annual competition had the theme of 'Living Together in Harmony?'. In the Summer Term meeting, SACRE made the decision to continue this theme into the next academic year. The prize will be awarded in Summer Term 2021.

6.2 SACRE produced a statement to be shared with faith groups and at an interfaith meeting. The aim of the statement was to support colleagues in faith groups and networks working to alleviate families' worries about sending pupils back into schools as lockdown eased. This statement was also aimed at schools in order to provide them with information on how to help pupils access outstanding RE at this time, support pupils' wellbeing and to offer any help necessary.

## **7. Management of SACRE**

The Council pay for 10 days for an RE Consultant to attend meetings, run a network once per term and give advice to schools. There is a representative from the Council's Education Department at every meeting and a clerk to SACRE and refreshments are also provided.

Meetings have been quorate this year. SACRE has a number of vacancies and will need to increase membership.

## 8. Membership of Southwark SACRE and attendance (indicated by numbers)

	26/11/2019	19/03/2020	25/06/2020
GROUP A: Jane Harris	Attended		Attended
GROUP A: John Bonnici	Attended		APAC
GROUP A: Mariano Marcigaglia	Attended		Attended
GROUP A: Trevor Moore	Attended		Attended
GROUP B: Bruce Gill	Attended		Attended
GROUP B: Linda Coplestone	Attended		APAC
GROUP B: Lisa Bewick	APAC		NOAP
GROUP C: Betty Joseph	Attended		Attended
GROUP C: James Lewis	Attended		Attended
GROUP C: Karen Bates	Attended		NOAP
GROUP C: Kristan Engmann	Attended		APAC
GROUP D: Julia Diamond-Conway	Attended		Attended
GROUP D: Lee Souter	Attended		Attended

### Attendance Key

APAC - Apologies/absence consented to    APNA - Apologies not consented to.  
 NOAP - No apologies received    NOAC - No apologies required