

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

20th June 2018

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities An Update on Key Issues

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To present members of SACRE with a brief update on key issues that have developed or arisen since the last meeting of SACRE.

2 Summary

2.1 Members of SACRE will receive a brief report on a number of key issues. These are matters which have either been raised at previous SACRE meetings and which have moved forward, or matters on which it is appropriate to brief members of SACRE.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the report and note the contents

4 Background

4.1 Since the summer term meeting of the SACRE there have been developments in a number of areas which had previously been agenda items for SACRE or which have local or national importance for RE.

4.2 Members will be briefed on these key developments.

5 Equal Opportunities

5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

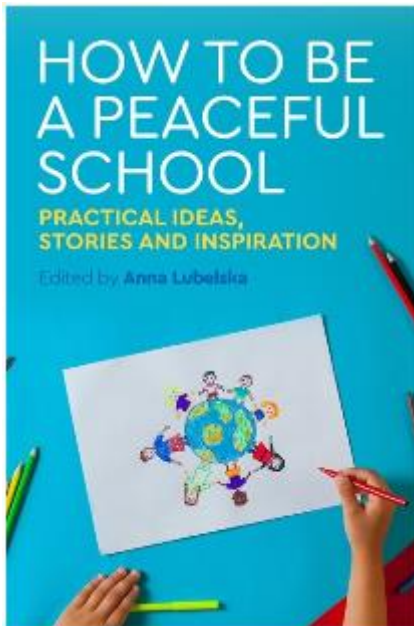
6 Financial implications

6.1 Financial implications may be raised by individual items. These have been dealt with elsewhere, or will be raised at future meetings of SACRE.

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Staffordshire SACRE gets a mention!



How to Be a Peaceful School
Practical Ideas, Stories and Inspiration
Edited by Anna Lubelska

Quick Overview

Promote peace at school with this practical guide, which provides a simple four step system for improving wellbeing and nurturing the potential of pupils and staff. It is full of easy-to-implement anti-stress and anti-bullying strategies, plus ideas for getting children interested in peace on a global level.

Chapter 6: A peaceful Classroom – Creating Space and Using Philosophy for Children was written by Christine Easom, a former Staffordshire RE teacher. At the start of her chapter Christine expresses thanks to Staffordshire SACRE for their support during the project and for helping to put her in touch with schools at which to conduct her research.

Explore – Engage – Reflect Legacy

Following the success of the Explore – Engage – Reflect student conference an email was received from The Youth Net, one of the organisations involved, to inform us that three additional schools have contacted them about booking the exhibition and that potentially a cluster of schools in Stone are planning a whole day conference in the Autumn term.

Additional funding for SACRE's

The Department for Education has offered support for SACREs facing financial and other challenges in meeting their statutory duties. This follows Nick Gibb's commitment to ensuring SACREs are properly funded in the latest settlement.

In response to a parliamentary question by Stephen Timms MP this week, the minister said:

'If the Department is informed that an individual SACRE or ASC is experiencing difficulties in fulfilling its statutory duties, the Department will contact the local authority to remind them of their duty to support their activities satisfactorily.'

A further paper from NATRE will be shared for discussion during the budget item.

A new consultant to SACRE

It is with mixed feelings that I bring to you the news that Emma Jardine-Phillips will be leaving Entrust (and Staffordshire SACRE) at the end of this term.

While we are naturally very pleased for Emma and her career development, we will be very sorry to lose her services to SACRE and her enthusiastic and very professional support of RE across the County.