

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
17th November 2010
Report of the Director of Children's Services
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 spring 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. A summary is attached to this paper.

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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Recruitment and retention

The following jobs have been advertised since the last meeting:
Main Professional Scale: Teacher for RE, Queen Elizabeth's Mercian School
Main Professional Scale: Teacher for RE, Alleyne's High school
Subject leader: Madeley High School,

Subject Focused inspections

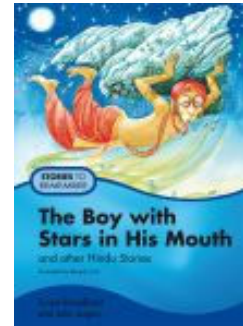
The Report from the subject focused inspection of Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School led by Jacqueline Wordsworth is now published. The subject was judged to be good. Members may wish to send a letter of congratulation to the department. In October a further two subject focused inspections took place. The first took place at Belgrave High School in Tamworth and the second was at Crackley Bank Primary school in Newcastle. Both inspections were carried out by Jacqueline Wordsworth.

Farmington Fellows

The Staffordshire tradition of promoting Farmington fellowships continues with Bev Young from Thomas Alleyne's High School in Uttoxeter working on a project in 2010-2011.

Offers: SHAP Calendar and storybooks

Teachers continue to be offered quality resources at reduced rates through bulk buying by the County. As has been the custom in recent years, the SHAP calendar has been offered to schools at a small discount, and for the second half of the autumn term a pack of five storybooks is to be offered to primary schools. The pack includes stories from the Christian, Hindu and Sikh traditions as well as two books which explore difference within faiths through the eyes of children brought up in the tradition. These offers are always well received.



Approach by Muslims in Burton on Trent

HF has had contact on a number of occasions with Shahid Hussain, a member of the community (07971 338305) who has asked about nominating Idris Mears to be a member of the Staffordshire SACRE

HF has explained that this should be possible, but that an approach will have to be made to the SACRE via the clerk, and the decision has to be taken by the members on behalf of the LA.

Mr. Hussain is aware that the letter of proposal needs to be received by the clerk before any further action can be taken. In a telephone conversation held on 03.06.10 between HF and SH it was agreed that SH would try to do this before the November meeting.

It appears that Mr. Mears is often out of the country so might have difficulty in attending all of the meetings.