



Information (1 2016-17) for RE and Collective Worship leaders in Southampton

Review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus for RE

The review is now complete and the syllabus is going through the processes to enable a launch for Southampton Schools on Monday 28th November 2016 at The Gregg School.

Head teachers, Leaders of RE and Governors are invited to attend the launch to be held at The Greggs School 5.30-6.30pm. You will hear about legal requirements for RE in schools, the revised syllabus will be presented and there will be a display of resources that could support the teaching of RE in your school. There will also be opportunity to meet SACRE members and speak to representatives from the RE Centre, Falcon House who will take orders for resource packs on the night. A series of short films produced by Solent University in conjunction with children from a Southampton School will also be available to view.

If you are able to attend the launch please confirm by emailing SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk, confirming your name, school and role so I have an awareness of numbers for seating and refreshments.

Training for Primary will be provided through three sessions (2.30-5pm) during this academic year to be led by Justine Ball (Hants Primary Advisor for RE). Bookings can be made through training support – flyer will be sent out to schools:

Dates: 26 January, 9 March and 3 July 2017, 2.30-5pm, Startpoint Sholing

Secondary colleagues are welcome to attend this meeting to engage with Primary colleagues as to the teaching of RE at Primary level. Please contact through SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk if you are interested. Courses for Secondary colleagues can be accessed through HLTC website <https://learningzone.hants.gov.uk> and provide strong networking opportunities with other Secondary colleagues.

Monitoring of Collective Worship and RE

Two schools again have made a Head teacher request for monitoring this academic year. Schools selected by SACRE have been to agree visit dates for the process this year. It is intended that all schools would undertake a monitoring visit within a five year cycle. We are currently in Year 2 of the cycle. Nine schools across all phases have been visited so far, with a further nine planned for this year. The visit is evolving and a report outlining collective strengths and areas for development will be presented to the SACRE at the final meeting of each academic year. This will be included in the SACRE Annual report which will be sent to all schools, other stakeholders and the DFE as per the SACRE statutory requirements. If you would like to know any more about this process please request information via: SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk

Advice document for Schools

This document is available to all schools and will be hosted on the web shortly. The SACRE would like to invite any questions to include in the update to be carried out next term to be emailed to SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk throughout this term or you can register these questions at the launch event.

If any staff or faith group members would like to be included in the first review to be carried out during Spring term 2017 please contact the SACRE as soon as possible.

The Muslim Council of Southampton have also developed specific guidance for supporting Muslim children in schools, more information on this is hoped will be available at the revised syllabus launch. Also representatives from the RE Centre, Falcon House will be attending with exemplar resource packs for schools.

Where to find information in Southampton

Please look out for a new website for Southampton SACRE, we hope this will become a one stop shop for RE in Southampton and will include the Locally Agreed Syllabus "Living Difference III". Website address will be confirmed at the launch on November 28th.

Resource development – an exciting media project has been completed in collaboration with Solent University, Southampton SACRE and pupils from Highfield CE Primary School. Films exploring "when children notice difference" have been created for use by schools. The resources will be available to schools via the new SACRE website in time for the launch of the new Syllabus. If any schools may wish to become involved in further developing this work during this academic year, please make an expression of interest via SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk

Additional information

There is still the regular **free e-newsletter** from the RE centre, Hampshire. The RE centre is happy to add any Southampton RE teachers' details to this free distribution list, indeed many of you continue to take up this offer. The newsletter advises RE leaders of new resources, courses and national items of RE news. If interested please contact: **Lydia Revett**, County RE Centre, Tel: 01962 863134, re.centre@hants.gov.uk or speak to her at the syllabus launch.

There are also various courses and workshops running to support RE for Secondary, Primary and Special schools via the [HTLC site](#) to which Southampton teachers are more than welcome, costs are outlined on the site. For example:

- 08.11.16 [Collective worship issues in primary schools](#) [RELI1858]
- 21.11.16 [Senior leader briefings for RE](#) [RELI0867]
- 23.11.16 [RE for children and young people with special needs](#) [RELI1860]
- 08.12.16 [Teaching Islam at KS2](#) [RELI0865]
- 08.12.16 [Teaching Islam well at KS3 in readiness for high challenge at KS4](#)
- 12.01.17 [Getting to grips with the RE agreed syllabus \(primary\)](#) [RELI1868]
- 25.05.17 [Primary RE conference 2017](#) [RELI1869]

For ideas/help with planning/resources

<http://re.hias.hants.gov.uk/> (open access, no need to login) The [moodle site](#) is open access, unless your school wishes to upload/share material, schools can simply ignore the logon and access the site as a guest.

<http://www.hampshire-reweb.co.uk> (Southampton schools need to subscribe to have access, see price link)

If you have planning/resources that you feel others could benefit from and would like to be hosted on the new SACRE website please contact me through the SACREinfo@southampton.gov.uk with ideas you may have.

To note: Launch of the revised RE agreed syllabus in Hampshire LA

Living Difference III will be launched for Hampshire Schools on 8 December 2016, for delivery from 2017 as in Southampton.

2016 RE primary publications catalogue

A completely revised *Islam for KS2* pack is now ready to purchase (RE040 price £25 for subscribing schools) which replaces the *Visit to a Mosque* pack (RE018). It includes four units with the overarching theme: *What does it mean to be a Muslim today?* with the concepts *belonging, community (Umma), ritual and peace*. Please order using the [online order form](#)

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