

Education Durham: Report to Durham SACRE November 2021

Durham Revised Agreed Syllabus for RE 2020.

An approach was made by Darlington Local Authority to adopt the 2020 Revised Durham Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. This is being considered by Darlington SACRE.

Education Durham Support to Schools in 2020-2021 to date

Education Durham have continued to provide termly network meeting for primary and secondary leaders and teachers of Religious Education from Durham and beyond, for schools that buy a School Support Service Level Agreement. The network meetings are also available at a cost to other leaders and teachers. Both the primary and secondary networks have their own Education Durham MS Teams channel where teachers can post questions and information can be shared outside of the network meetings. The networks are facilitated by Catherine Robson, an externally procured Religious Education Adviser through the Durham County Council Education Durham Provider Panel 2021 – 2025.

Education Durham have continued their membership of NATRE and RE Today to support the delivery of networks and to be able to signpost supportive materials to schools.

In addition, Education Durham are providing network support and SACRE to Hartlepool Local Authority and networks to South Tyneside Local Authority.

Subject Leader Network foci for 2021-22 Autumn term

Secondary 12th October 2021

- Ofsted subject review: implications for classroom practice, staff development and improvement planning
- Review of 2021 outcomes – discussion on attainment and progress
- Impact of decisions regarding 2022 exam series
- National and local updates
- Needs analysis

Primary 18th November 2021

The focus of the network is on building subject confidence around teaching Islam in the RE classroom and is in response to the Ofsted subject review in religious education considered at the Summer Term network. Imran Kotwal from Muslim Learner Services will be presenting and all Y6 teachers are invited to attend this section of the network. This will support teachers to deliver the unit of learning about Islam within the agreed syllabus and the use of the exemplar planning materials.

Personal Development 7th October 2021

A new secondary personal development network has been established for 2021-2022 which is designed to bring together leaders in school who have a focus on personal development. This reflects the position of personal development as a separate judgement in the current Ofsted Inspection framework. Advisers with specialisms which support this element of education are contributors to this network. This includes Religious Education and Social, Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural and development.

In school support for Religious Education - April to October 2021

Since April there have been 11 individual RE support contracts generated to support primary (5), secondary (2), and special schools (4) through the Education Durham School Support Service Level Agreement. This amounted to 50 hours of support. The requested support has been focussed on new and existing leadership of Religious Education, reviewing provision and curriculum planning.

Support to SACRE members

NASACRE membership has been continued for 2021-2022.

The 2021-2022 NASACRE SACRE members training programme consisting of 9 webinars has been purchased by Education Durham and made available to all SACRE members. Members have been provided with details of how to access the training. Some members have already taken advantage of this training, including training for new SACRE members and the new SACRE reporting template. The next virtual training session is what do SACREs need to know and understand about worldviews and takes place on 10th November at 7pm.