



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2020

Members

Group A: *Patricia Alder, Dr Bernard Arambepola, Hasan Boluceh, Nick Chanda, Muhammad Ibrahim, Rabbi Yuval Keren, Rabbi Emanuel Levy, Revd. Mark Meatcher, Marina Robb, Jill Saxton, Navaratnam Shanmuganathan, Rubbina Umar, and 6 x vacancies*

Group B: *The Revd. Ian Crofts, The Revd. Dr Gordon Giles (Vice Chair), Stephen Miller, Sally Moore, The Revd. Tina Kelsey and 1x vacancy.*

Group C: *Sabah Raza (Chair), Hannah Croton, Becky Shah, Ozlem Onay and 4 x vacancies.*

Group D: *Cllr Ergin Erbil, Cllr James Hockney, Cllr Michael Rye OBE, Lucy Nutt, Peter Nathan and Cllr Mahtab Uddin*

Italics denotes absence

Also Attending

Julia Diamond Conway – RE Advisor

Pauline Swain – SACRE Administrator

Samantha Manipon – Chace Community

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Group A

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Bernard Arambepola and Rabbi Emanuel Levy

Group B

Apologies for absence were received from The Revd. Dr Gordon Giles

Group D

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Nathan, Director of Education

Apologies for absence were received from Irene Richards, Humanist Observer

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

REPORTED that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council shall be chosen from Members of the SACRE and shall be elected at the first meeting in each municipal year for a period of two years.

The current Chair and Vice Chair had been appointed in June 2018. No nominations had been received. Nominations were invited from those present, none were forthcoming

RESOLVED that, due to personal circumstances, Sabah Raza would remain as Chair on a term by term basis for this academic year and that a replacement for the Vice Chair post be considered at the earliest opportunity given the resignation of The Revd. Dr Gordon Giles.

NOTED that Cllr Michael Rye OBE proposed that a Teacher or member of the Faith Community would be ideally suited as Chair and Vice Chair, but that if necessary, he was prepared to step in to serve the SACRE.

RESOLVED that a list of duties to be compiled summarising the role of Chair, to support members considering the post of Chair or Vice-Chair.

ACTION: CHAIR

RESOLVED that the Chair would also need to consider a new Chair for Group B to replace The Revd. Dr Gordon Giles.

ACTION: CHAIR

3. **MEMBERSHIP AND WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

Observer

Samantha Manipon – Head of RS Department Chace Community.

The following amendments to membership were reported by the Chair:

Appointments

Lucy Nutt, Head of School & Early Years Improvement – Group D

The Chair warmly welcomed Lucy and was delighted that she had joined the SACRE, she felt that contributions from an education perspective would be important and valued. It was also hoped that Samantha may, going forward, consider joining the SACRE as a Secondary Teacher representative.

Resignations

The Chair advised that the SACRE Vice Chair, The Revd. Dr Gordon Giles had resigned as he had been appointed as Canon Chancellor of Rochester Cathedral. The Revd. Dr Gordon Giles had been a longstanding member of the SACRE both as Vice Chair and as a representative on Group B for over 17 years. His advice had always sought to achieve outcomes that would benefit pupils, schools and religious education. His valuable contribution would be sorely missed. Members asked that warm congratulations be passed onto the Revd. Dr Gordon Giles on his appointment

RESOLVED that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Canon Chancellor Revd. Dr Gordon Giles and that members would send a photo of themselves, perhaps holding up a message or a short video clip to Marina Robb, who would compile an online presentation that we will send to him, thanking him for his service to the Enfield SACRE over the past 17 years.

ACTION: CHAIR AND MEMBERS

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2020**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following issues arose through consideration and discussion of the Minutes:

NOTED to consider creating a Virtual Places of Worship List in Enfield and that Rabbi Yuval Keren investigate preparing as a start a virtual tour for Year 4 Children of a Sukkah.

ACTION: RABBI YUVAL KEREN

Item 5 - NOTED agenda item for discussion at this meeting.

Item 6 (a) – NOTED that given current circumstances, it was unlikely that the Holocaust Memorial Day event 2021 would be live and it was suggested to investigate whether it was possible to arrange for live streaming of the HMD event, enabling a wider audience to be part of it.

ACTION: CHAIR and RABBI YUVAL KEREN

Item 6 (b) - NOTED that the Faith Forum had not met for some time. There had been some changes in LA leadership. It was hoped that this would be picked up later in the year.

RESOLVED that Nick Chanda as a member of the Enfield Faith Forum would feedback at future SACRE meeting.

ACTION: NICK CHANDA

Item 7 e (i) - NOTED that RE comments from Enfield Ofsted Inspection Reports circulated to SACRE members were missing extracts focussing on RE from the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) reports on Church of England Schools in Enfield inspected in the last two years. Schools are given an overall grade and then separate grades for RE and collective worship.

RESOLVED that Sally Moore as representative of the London Diocesan Board of Schools would undertake an analysis and provide a feedback at the next SACRE meeting.

ACTION: SALLY MOORE

Item 10 (b) - NOTED that due to current circumstances that the update from the Chair on RE training specifically for children with special needs would need to be carried forward. In addition, the Secondary RE Teach Meet could not go ahead.

ACTION: CHAIR

BUSINESS ITEMS

Improving standards in religious education and collective worship

6. REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018 – 2020

REPORTED that Members within their group had been asked to review the development plan and agree new objectives for 2020 – 2022 and the Chair to feedback their group review of their allocated dimension

Group A

Dimension 4: The Monitoring and improvement of the provision and quality of Collective Worship

RESOLVED to follow up with the 11 schools who have expressed an interest in having a SACRE member attend Collective Worship at their school (identified in the online survey) asking for a possible visit date.

ACTION: CHAIR

RESOLVED to issue support/guidance to schools for updating their RE page on their school's website.

ACTION: CHAIR

RESOLVED to add a clear Collective Worship (CW) proforma for SACRE members to use when visiting a school (on Google Drive or another secure alternative). Update members and allocated school visit list.

ACTION: CHAIR and MEMBERS

RESOLVED to add visits update to each SACRE agenda.

ACTION: SACRE ADMINISTRATOR

Group B

Dimension 1: The Monitoring and improvement of the standards, quality and provision for RE

RESOLVED to send letters to schools to celebrate their REQM achievement

ACTION: CHAIR

RESOLVED that RE Data centrally would be obtained to obtain a fuller picture to inform the Annual Report.

ACTION: LUCY NUTT

Group C

Dimension 3: The effectiveness of the Locally Agreed Syllabus

RESOLVED to communicate with the 8 schools identified not following the Enfield Agreed Syllabus.

ACTION: CHAIR

RESOLVED that an update would be added to the Termly Governance Newsletter, reminding schools of their statutory responsibility to teach the Enfield Agreed Syllabus.

ACTION: LUCY NUTT/JULIA DIAMOND CONWAY

RESOLVED that the Chair would consider and research other existing Syllabi and schemes of work in preparation for Enfield's Agreed Syllabus renewal in 2022.

ACTION: CHAIR

RESOLVED in light of the Coronavirus, Faith leaders across Enfield are invited to create a virtual tour/photo pack of their place of worship that schools could use online to enhance their teaching, instead of making a visit.

ACTION: Members of Groups A and B

Group D

Dimension 5: The contribution of SACRE to the promotion of social and racial harmony.

Chair

Dimension 2: The partnership between SACRE, the LA and other key stakeholders.

RESOLVED that the Chair would amend and update the current development plan to reflect the review of each objective across all 5 dimensions

ACTION: CHAIR

7. UPDATE FROM JULIA DIAMOND-CONWAY – RE CONSULTANT

RECEIVED a comprehensive National RE Update for Summer 2020 that included details of:

- Recent HMI Ofsted Subject Lead for RE appointment
- REchatUk
- Open University course on Religious Literacy
- RE teachers' engagement with research
- Home learning
- UK Council for Subject Association directory launch
- BBC Bitesize
- Inter Faith Network
- RE Developments in Wales

Members thanked Julia for a comprehensive update on RE developments.

8. SUMMARY OF WEBSITE MONITORING

REPORTED feedback from the Chair following her analysis

NOTED that the SACRE Website had been updated with the exception of the DVD and CD ROM Clips.

RESOLVED to investigate whether a secure section of the website could be created as a forum for discussion between SACRE members.

ACTION: CHAIR

<http://www.enfieldsacre.co.uk/>

9. SACRE MEETING DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 202-2021

REPORTED that the Autumn Term 2020 meeting date is: Tuesday 17 November 2020. Venue to be confirmed, it was possible that this would be a virtual meeting.

RESOLVED the **dates for the 2020-2021 calendar of meetings.**

Spring Term 2021	Tuesday 9 February 2021
Summer Term 2021	Tuesday 15 June 2021
Autumn Term 2021	Tuesday 16 November 2021

NOTED that dates are set in accordance with school terms, religious dates and Council meetings, however the dates were subject to full Council approval in accordance with the Municipal Calendar.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(i) **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2021**

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2021 is: **Be the light in the darkness.**

It encourages everyone to reflect on the depths humanity can sink to, but also the ways individuals and communities resisted that darkness to 'be the light' before, during and after genocide.

Be the light in the darkness is an affirmation and a call to action for everyone marking HMD. This theme asks us to consider different kinds of 'darkness', for example, identity-based persecution, misinformation, denial of justice; and different ways of 'being the light', for example, resistance, acts of solidarity, rescue and illuminating mistruths.

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/>

(ii) **INTERFAITH WEEK – 8 NOVEMBER TO 15 NOVEMBER 2020**

This year's Inter Faith Week takes place from Sunday 8th to Sunday 15th November.

The aims are to strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels, to increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society.

<https://www.interfaithweek.org/>

RESOLVED to investigate whether the Enfield Faith Forum would be able to lead on this event this year.

ACTION: NICK CHANDA

RESOLVED that Becky Shah would liaise with the Chair on the possibility of arranging an online event inviting all schools to participate.

ACTION: CHAIR/BECKY SHAH

SACRE Groups are warmly invited to make recommendations, through the Chair, on matters and topics of business for future meetings;

To note the date of the Autumn Term 2020 meeting to be held on: 17 November 2020 at 5.30pm. If not virtual, venue to be confirmed.

CLOSE OF MEETING