

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

Appointed by: Council

Proportionality: Does not apply

Membership:

4 members of the Council (2 Majority and 2 Opposition members) included in the membership:

GROUP A A representative from the following faith communities:

Baptist
Buddhist
Catholic Church
Evangelical Free Churches
Greek Orthodox Church
Hindu
Methodist
Muslim x 3 (working towards representation from the Sunni, Shia, and Turkish Islamic communities)
Non – religious world view (e.g. Humanist, this is not intended for a political world view representative.)
Orthodox Jewish
Pentecostal Church
Progressive Jewish
Religious Society of Friends
Salvation Army
United Reformed Church

GROUP B 6 representatives appointed by the London Diocesan Board in consultation with the Church of England Area Dean.

GROUP C Secondary Headteacher
Primary Headteacher
Special Headteacher
Primary teachers x 2
Secondary teachers x 2
Special teacher

GROUP D 4 Members of the Council (2 from the majority party and 2 opposition members)
2 officers from the Local Authority

CO-OPTED (non-voting members)

Individual representatives of Enfield faith/belief communities, with an interest and commitment to the work of the SACRE, may be appointed as Co-opted members, with a one-year term of office (renewable).

SACRE has the power to co-opt members as agreed by formal vote by the groups.

All members are entitled to speak and vote on any issue. Co-opted members may speak but not vote at any meeting. SACRE will always try to reach decisions on a consensus basis but when voting is to be exercised only one vote is allowed from each group A, B, C or D.

In the event of an equality of votes on any issue the Chair may exercise a casting vote.

The membership must be drawn from: As above

All members shall be delegates who are interested in education in general and religious education in particular.

Each member of SACRE shall have a term of office of 3 years and shall remain until the end of their term of office or such time as they will have resigned or removed from membership under the rules dictated by their appointing organisation/body.

Chair and Vice-Chair appointed by: SACRE

The Chair and Vice-Chair 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. In the absence of the Chair or Vice-Chair at any meeting SACRE can elect one of its own members to act as the Chair for that meeting.

Public / Private meeting: Public

Substitutes: No

If members are unable to attend a meeting and wish to contribute to discussion, they should contact the SACRE administrator 24 hours before the meeting. Their comments will then be reported at the meeting.

If a member is absent for 3 or more consecutive meetings for any reason not acceptable to the Council, there shall be deemed to be a vacated place to be filled by the appointing body for that member.

Quorum:

A meeting will only be quorate if there is one representative from each of the Groups.

Frequency:

Usually 3 meetings per year. The dates of the main meetings will be decided at the first meeting in the academic year.

Terms of Reference:

- (i) Advise the Local Education Authority on such matters connected with religious education in accordance with an agreed syllabus as the authority may refer to the SACRE or as the SACRE may see fit; e.g., methods of teaching, choice of materials, provision of training for teaching staff.
- (ii) Advise the Authority on all matters connected with religious worship in relation to multi-faith acts of collective worship.

- (iii) Advise and require the Authority to review any agreed syllabus on religious education.
- (iv) Consider complaints concerning RE and the act of collective worship.
- (v) Publish an annual report which will:-
 - 1) specify those areas on which the SACRE has given advice to the Authority;
 - 2) describe the nature of the advice given; and
 - 3) give reasons why the SACRE felt the need to offer advice to the authority on any matter;
 - 4) Meet statutory requirements from the DFE.
- (vi) Determine the criteria by which requests from Headteachers to withdraw from or modify the requirements of the Act regarding collective worship would be considered.
- (i) Provide quality input into the RE provision on which Enfield schools can draw and to work towards bringing local faith groups and schools together to enhance the teaching of RE in the Borough.