

Overview of the work of SACRE

Since 1988, each Local Authority (LA) has been required by law to have a Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

The remit of a SACRE is principally to oversee the Religious Education (RE) and Collective Worship within the authority principally to:

- advise Enfield Council upon matters connected with religious worship in community schools and in foundation schools which do not have a religious character. Religious Education in these schools is to be given in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus;
- advise Enfield Council on teaching methods, choice of materials and teacher training in Religious Education and collective worship;
- require Enfield Council to review the locally agreed syllabus for religious education at least every five years.

The reporting period of the 2024-2025 report starts from September 1st 2024 and runs to August 31st 2025.

SACRE met on 3 occasions during the academic year 2024-2025, Tuesday 12th November 2024 (at the British Alevi Society, London) Monday 10 February 2025 (at Freezywater St George's RC Primary School), Tuesday 10th June 2025 (at Palmers Green Mosque). All three meetings were quorate.

Standing agenda items in meetings:

- Apologies for Absence
- Membership and welcome
- Minutes and matters arising/review of agreed actions
- Update from SACRE RE adviser
- AOB

Additional agenda items in meetings:

- **12th November 2024** – Inter Faith Week, 10-17 November 2024, SACRE Meeting Dates 2024-25, Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January 2025, New log in details for SACRE training;
- **10th February 2025** – Inter Faith Week, 9-17 November 2025, Holocaust Memorial Day 2025, SACRE Meeting Dates 2024-25, Constitution, GCSE Information, New Agreed Syllabus, SACRE Vision Statement, Governorhub Folder for SACRE;
- **10th June 2025** – Election of Chair in light of resignation, GCSE Information (deferred from the last meeting) Feedback on Implementation of the New Agreed Syllabus, SACRE Meeting Dates 2025-26, National Inter Faith Week 9 – 16 November 2025

Membership

The list below demonstrates the composition of Enfield's SACRE. The SACRE welcomed new members to all Committees during the reporting period.

SACRE were pleased to welcome Suzanne Rowson as a Headteacher Rep to Committee C, Rachel Knightley as a Teacher Rep to Committee C, Cllr Mahym Bedekova as a Councillor to Committee D, Muneerah Ali, as an Islam Rep to Committee A, Panos Fellas, as a Humanist Rep to Committee A and Rabbi Danny Newman as a Judaism Rep to Committee A.

Meeting membership from the reporting period of the 2024-2025 - report starts from September 1st 2024 and runs to August 31st 2025.

Enfield SACRE membership 2024-25	
Chair	Cllr Destiny Karakus (<i>up until 10 Feb 2025 – date of resignation</i>)
Chair	Cllr Emma Supple (<i>effective from 10 June 2025</i>)
Vice Chair	Father Vince Sheehan
<u>Group A – 18 Members</u> Vacancy x 8	<u>Religious traditions and Christian churches</u>
Hasan Boluteh	Alevi
Vacancy	Baptist
Dr Bernard Arambepola	Buddhism
Marina Robb	Greek Orthodox Church
Mrs Kaj Seth	Hinduism
Vacancy	Evangelical Free Churches
Mohammad Tariq Sediq (<i>from June 24</i>)	Islam
Muneerah Ali (<i>from Nov 24</i>)	Islam
Vacancy	Islam
Rabbi Emmanuel Levy	Judaism
Rabbi Danny Newman (<i>from June 25</i>)	Judaism
Vacancy	Methodist Church
Nick Chanda	Pentecostal Church
Vacancy	Religious Society of Friends
Vacancy	Roman Catholic Church
Vacancy	Salvation Army
Vacancy	Sikhism
Dr John Strange	United Reformed Church
Panos Fellas (<i>from June 2025</i>)	Humanist
<u>Group B – 6 Members</u> Vacancy x 4	<u>The Church of England</u>
Ms Judith Tomiokas	London Diocesan Board of Schools
Father Vince Sheehan	Freezywater St Georges
Vacancy	
Vacancy	
Vacancy	
Vacancy	

Group C – 8 Members
Vacancy x 3 Teachers

Headteachers

Caroline McGivern

Josh Newham

Suzanne Rowson (*from Nov 2024*)

Teacher Associations

Deputy Headteacher

Primary Headteacher

Virtual School Headteacher

Teachers

Jenny Barton

Rachel Knightley (*from Nov 2024*)

Vacancy

Vacancy

Vacancy

Group D – 6 Members

The Local Authority

Councillors

Cllr Mahym Bedekova – (*from June 2025*)

(replaced Cllr Destiny Karakus)

Cllr Doris Jiaage

Cllr Emma Supple

Cllr Reece Fox

LA Officers

Ms Lucy Nutt

Peter Nathan

Head of Schools & Early Years Improvement

Director of Education

Co-opted

None

Clerk to SACRE

Felicia Ferraro

Meeting attendance from the reporting period of the 2024-2025 - report starts from September 1st 2024 and runs to August 31st 2025.

Autumn Term 2024: 12 November 2024

Committee A – 7 members

Committee B – 1 member

Committee C – 1 member

Committee D – 1 member

Spring Term 2024: 10 February 2025

Committee A – 4 members

Committee B – 2 members

Committee C – 1 member

Committee D – 2 members

Summer Term 2024: 10 June 2025

Committee A – 7 members

Committee B – 2 members

Committee C – 1 member

Committee D – 3 members