



Committee	Name	Notes	Attended	Apologies	No Apologies
1. Religious Faith Groups	Ruhi Altun				None Recv'd
	Hasan Bolucek	Alevi	Attended		
	Dulmini Wimalasekera	Buddhism			None Recv'd
	Priya Reid	Jain/Hindu			None Recv'd
	Sheikh Yasar Zaman				None Recv'd
	Omer Dogan				None Recv'd
	Rumana Rafique	Islam	Attended		
	Naftali Loewanthal		Attended		
	Rabbi Roni	Judaism		Received	
	Raj Dharma	Sikhism			None Recv'd
	Justin Madubuko	Catholic	Attended		
	Rev Andrew Letby	Methodist	Attended		
Ivor Millman	Christian Other		Received		
2. Church of England	Lynn Hargreaves				None Recv'd
	Rev J Westcott				None Recv'd
	Prebendary Rosemia Brown				None Recv'd
3. Teachers	Sandra Hall	NEU	Attended		
	Sheena Merchant	NEU	Attended		
	Michelle Byrne	NEU			None Recv'd
	Natalie Petzel	NEU		Received	
	Nasima Ephraim	NEU	Attended		

3. Teachers

	Brenda Humphreys	NESUWT		Received	
	Jon Pedlar				None Recv'd
4.Local Authority	Harvey Odze (Cllr)	Councillor			None Recv'd
	Katie Hanson (Cllr)	Councillor			None Recv'd
	Kam Adams (Cllr)	Councillor	Attended		
	Jessica Webb (Cllr)	Councillor		Received	
	Sade Etti (Cllr)	Councillor		Received	
	David Pollock	Humanist	Attended		
	Stacey Burman	Adviser	Attended		

Item	Notes/discussion	Actions
<b>1 Welcome, Introduction and Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandra Hall (SH) opened the meeting at 16:35</li> <li>Stacey Burman (SB) advised that John Pedlar has resigned from his position on SACRE. SB has two people in mind, who could possibly replace John. SACRE members <b>agreed</b> for SB to approach these people to invite them to join SACRE.</li> <li>All were directed to the membership list.</li> <li>SB asked what had been decided with regards to Sheikh Yasar Zaman (SYZ). Justin Feltham (JF) advised that SYZ had contacted SACRE as we had the incorrect email address. JF had sent the papers and invite to today's meeting to his new email address but hasn't had any response.</li> <li>SB advised that she is normally informed at the beginning of the year which Councillors have been assigned to SACRE but didn't hear anything this year from Gareth Sykes. Cllr Kam Adams (KA) advised for SB to contact the Chief Whip (James Peters)</li> </ul>	ACTION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SB noted that a new Hindu education board has been set up. The Hindu education board have released a national report and are very keen to get involved to make sure representation of Hinduism in schools is active. As part of this they asked parents in schools to contact them if they are concerned. It is therefore wise for us to make sure we have representation on our committee. Priya Reid is our Hindu rep but SB believes that it would be prudent for Hackney SACRE to have a second representative.</li> <li>SB advised she contacted two Hindu representatives that are on the Hackney Faith Forum but hasn't heard back. Andrew Letby (AL) noted that he will speak with Cllr Sade Etti (SE) to follow this up.</li> <li>KA advised there is a Hindu temple close to where he lives and he worked with the temple when he was Speaker. KA will obtain details and pass these to SB so she can contact them.</li> </ul>	ACTION ACTION
<b>1.2 Representation of Hinduism and Secondary Schools</b>		

<p><b>2 Apologies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Apologies and absence were accepted from those who had informed the clerk/chair before the meeting as per above. Absence from the meeting from those who had not sent apologies was not accepted.</li> <li>● JF confirmed the meeting was quorate.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3 Minutes of previous meeting</b>  3.1 Minutes to be agreed   3.2 Actions from last meeting   3.3 Matters arising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The minutes from the 10 February 2021 were <b>agreed</b> as a true record, subject to the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No amendments necessary</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Actions from last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please see the separate action list.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ KA advised that some councillors were unable to attend the meeting if it was being held at 16:30. SB and SH noted that members were polled at the last meeting and JF also sent out an email to all members with a poll of times and the 16:30-18:30 times were preferred by the majority.</li> <li>○ JF will send out another poll to all members requesting their preference again.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">ACTION</p>
<p><b>4. Locally Agreed Syllabus</b>   4.1 REal Support Materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SB reminded members to send her REal video resources.</li> <li>● Sheena Merchant (SM) updated to state that she will send a video, but at present her place of worship isn't set out in the normal way due to COVID. Therefore she feels it would be better to wait until things are back to normal to then take viewers around the space and talk about personal views on her place of worship. SM also asked if SB had any example videos to share so she could get an idea of what is needed.</li> <li>● Naftali Loewenthal (NL) asked if he should submit one 10 minute video covering all aspects or individual short videos. SB advised it is best to submit separate videos.</li> <li>● SB showed an example video on Alevism</li> <li>● NL advised that some of the example video on Alevism did not address every point requested by SB. SB advised that as there isn't a textbook on Alevism and so this video isn't as structured the same way as expected for the other faiths and beliefs..</li> <li>● SB showed an example video on a Mosque tour.</li> <li>● SB showed an example video on Shabbat</li> <li>● Rumana Rafique (RR) asked if she could present images instead of being on camera, SB advised she can.</li> <li>● Members advised they will submit their videos as soon as possible.</li> </ul>	

4.2 Monitoring Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SB advised that although the syllabus has now been launched, because of COVID and school closures, and the fact that schools have had to make many changes to their curriculum it has not been possible to monitor this year. Therefore monitoring will be started next academic year.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5 Local Updates:</b></p> <p>5.1 RSHE in Hackney</p> <p>5.2 Teacher Training</p> <p>5.3 Ofsted Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SH advised the RSHE working groups haven't taken place this term due to several factors but didn't go into these in any depth here. SH will follow this up.</li> <li>● SB advised that two CPD sessions have taken place with the link programme in conjunction with Hackney Faith Forum. A third is scheduled to take place on 15 June.</li> <li>● RR advised she has been sent a video recording of the session as there had been some technical issues in the session. A number of people have not managed to make their links yet due to COVID.</li> <li>● Following the session on 15 June a linking activity will be recommended. SB advised that schools will be able to receive an award for carrying out a linking activity and so this may encourage more to get involved.</li> <li>● SH asked about the REQM. SB advised that last academic year 3 schools applied. One received a bronze award, one received a silver award and one received a gold award.</li> <li>● SB added that due to COVID most schools put REQM on hold this year, however Benthall Primary school applied but haven't had their assessment yet. The national award for linking will help schools with their quality mark award. More schools should apply next academic year.</li> <li>● SB noted that for secondary schools on 20 May a cross borough moderation session with AQA board was held for GCSE's. All teachers were invited and it was quite well attended. People fed-back it was really helpful in using teacher assessed grades until the end of June.</li> <li>● Further secondary teacher training will be picked up again in September.</li> <li>● JF presented the SB's Ofsted presentation and SB talked through it.</li> <li>● Schools are currently reviewing what good quality subjects are. First to be looked at was RE. SB discussed the three types of knowledge as identified as Ofsted to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 'substantive' knowledge: key knowledge about various religious and non-religious traditions</li> <li>○ 'ways of knowing': pupils learn 'how to know' about religion and non-religion</li> <li>○ 'personal knowledge': pupils build an awareness of their own presuppositions and values about the religious and non-religious traditions they study - Reflection</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The OFSTED report explicitly says it doesn't matter what they are called by schools. Our SACRE syllabus matches the OFSTED report with representation of all three.</li> <li>● The report also emphasised the importance of Concepts in RE to structure learning. i.e. not all religions view scriptures in the same way, so a theme of 'scriptures' or holy books across the religions may not represent the worldviews of all faiths/belief systems fairly. Therefore 'authority' is an example - It is a concept not a title. This is also covered on our syllabus.</li> <li>● OFSTED talks about the importance of building knowledge in a planned sequence.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regarding coverage, Ofsted pointed out the misinterpretation of legislation, and reiterate that the teaching should <b>not</b> be reflected in the same percentages i.e. 51% of the RE teaching to be the study of Christianity and 49% to “other religions.” Our syllabus also avoids this pitfall.</li> <li>● SB gave further exemplification of Ways of knowing - tools - how people learn - one example is looking at artefacts. How, when was it written, has it changed over time, historical context etc. Within our syllabus units we are also ensuring these questions are covered.</li> <li>● SB explained the Ofsted comment that GCSE style questions do not include ways of knowing in their questions, and are viewed as too narrow so not just for KS4 questions.</li> <li>● In our syllabus we have the assessment spectrum which covers these three areas. Substantive knowledge, ways of knowing, personal knowledge.</li> <li>● SB therefore confirmed that our syllabus reflects what the OFSTED report shows in regards to good quality RE.</li> <li>● SH asked if OFSTED obtained samples of agreed syllabus? SB responded that the investigation was carried out by the lead inspector only looking at school curriculum and the quality of education in schools. It may have made reference to the locally agreed syllabus. OFSTED reiterated it is the school's responsibility to put the curriculum together and the schools responsibility to say why they put it together this way and the way of working in the syllabus. Schools need to demonstrate they understand it.</li> <li>● NL asked what Key stages it covers? SB advised it is KS1-KS5.</li> <li>● NL noted that when you have lower key stages they are teaching their own religion within the context of that religion. When it is GCSE you need to follow the syllabus but this might have secular teaching in this. Are OFSTED trying to overrule the general approach to faith teaching? SB responded that the way the report is worded is very clever in that the principles it is talking about will apply in both a faith school and a secular school. One of the phrases used is cohesively enough or collectively enough. The principles are the same e.g. progression of knowledge. It doesn't ever specify what it must include in level of detail. As long as the school can show progressive knowledge and asking questions about ways of learning then it won't fall out of OFSTED for RE. SB to send a link to this to JF and will include in the minutes.</li> </ul>	
5.4 Hackney Faith Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SB advised she has sent requests for REal resources to Hackney Faith Forum. AL confirmed this was sent to Hackney Faith Forum members on 9 March.</li> <li>● SB asked Hasan Bolucek (HB) if he received an invite to the Hackney Faith Forum. HB confirmed he is receiving invites but had a prior commitment when the last meeting was. He will try to make a future meeting.</li> </ul>	ACTION
5.5 RE Calendars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SB thanked members for sending in/confirming dates. These have been included in the latest draft.</li> <li>● At present the calendar is on it's third draft with the latest one including the cover. SB presented some of the artwork that has been chosen. A wide range of schools are included. It was a bit more difficult this year as it needed to be submitted online.</li> <li>● The final design should be with SB towards the end of week commencing 14 June. SB will send this on to all SACRE members for approval. SB requested a very quick turnaround for approval as she is keen to get it printed and sent to schools.</li> <li>● SH advised that she will pick the finished calendars up from the print room and take them to the post room so that they can be sent out in internal post to schools.</li> <li>● DP left the meeting at 17:30.</li> <li>● HB advised he will confirm Alevi dates and SB will make amendments if necessary.</li> </ul>	ACTION

