

# Nottinghamshire County Council SACRE Meeting

St Paul's Wilford Church  
Tuesday 26 November 2024

Groups meet at 6.15pm -6.45pm

Full SACRE at 7.20 pm – 8.15 pm

Present	Representing
Bryony Charnock-Walmsley	NCC
Cllr Boyd Elliott	A Council
Cllr Richard Butler	A Council
Craig Moxham	B Church of England
Dr Anne Lumb	B Church of England
Gemma Pettifor	D AOG Joined on Teams
Godfrey Nix	D Ba'hai
Irfan Malik	D Muslim
Mike Follen	C NAHT
Naomi Posner	D Jewish Faith
Sally MacDonald	Secretary
Sara Klapowski	B Church of England - newcomer
Val Jones	NCC/minuter
Will Richardson	D Humanist UK

**1. Welcome, refreshments and presentation.**

Chris Belton Headteacher at Jesse Gray gave a lovely presentation on the relationship of Jesse Gray Primary children with St Paul's church, great interaction with Christmas celebrations and Tim Fox the vicar explained further how good the relationship is with the school and the local community.

**2. Apologies & Membership**

Apologies received from Bethan Inglis, Caroline Hornsby, Cllr Sam Smith, Christine Cushing, Claire Stones, Ian Coles, Joy Buckley, Kate Charlesworth, Mary Moran.

**3 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes agreed to be a true record of the last meeting.

**4 Vice Chair Election**

Craig Moxham was appointed vice chair from group B

**5 Matters Arising not itemised below.**

Activist SACREs – Sally discussed further the Spirited Art competition. Dr Lumb said it was very appealing and Boyd said we could display the artwork – perhaps at the new NCC County Hall – Oak House at Wighay. Craig said it would be good for SACRE to be praising schools for good RE work and raise SACRE profile in schools. Sally discussed with the RE network asking for examples of good RE practice to share, received just one response.

**ACTION Sally will start to organise the Spirited Art Competition**

**6 Constitution revised to include updated names of Humanists UK, Sanatana Dharma and 2 members representative of Islam.**

**ACTION revised Constitution accepted unanimously.**

**7 Monitoring:**

Ofsted review. Boyd said Sam is willing to send letter to Ofsted this week.

**ACTION Sam Smith will send letter to Ofsted.**

**Engagement record:**

Sally received very positive results from the SACRE summer survey sent to schools. Boyd said regarding the Notts survey over 1000 responses received but asked if anyone has ideas of promoting surveys. Godfrey said the Ba'hai faith had several banners describing different faiths which they used in teaching in schools. A member of each faith could be present at the banners to discuss their faith and pupils could see all different faiths in one session. Boyd said we must be careful not to be promoting any particular religion. Sally said it is difficult to get faith visitors to come into schools.

**8 Draft Annual SACRE report.**

All present agreed with the content of the draft Annual SACRE report.

**ACTION Sally to make sure the report is ratified.**

**9 Review and update of SACRE Effectiveness/Development Plan 2021-2026**

Updated to include recent monitoring activities and presentation to primary senior leaders. Peter McConachie wants further work to be done in engaging with Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) regarding the teaching of RE and questioning what SACRE is able to do in working with MATs. Sally said this was also endorsed by Karen Hughman. Dr Lumb said the church trusts have responded to questions but not much from other MATs. Craig asked what is SACRE's duty regarding RE in schools as RE still not on the national curriculum. Sally willing to go to Peter and Karen to ask further what the SACRE role is in engaging with schools and who is responsible for RE in MATs? Richard said that some Ofsted reports give very good positive observations in RE in schools. Boyd discussed using some budget to work with schools.

**ACTION Sally to question Peter and Karen further regarding role of SACRE in MATs**

**ACTION Boyd to see if SACRE can access funding to enable to work with MATs.**

**10 Reports from NASACRE training**

How can SACREs make use of Ofsted's Deep and Meaningful report – Ian Coles was presenting but not able to attend tonight's meeting.

East Midlands Hub – Gemma Pettifor joined the meeting via Teams to enlighten SACRE regarding funding and SACRE can access more than we get. We can bid for 2% of NCCs £35 million which adds up to £105,000 allocation for Notts SACRE. We need to look into this for the 2025/2026 budget which could help keep meetings quorate by using Teams more. We could create resources to be distributed in schools to promote good RE teaching in schools. We have sent a primary RE survey, shouldn't we now also have a secondary RE survey? Also discussed that we have vice chairs appointed yearly but suggested it maybe more beneficial to be a fixed role.

**ACTION Boyd to make a case for additional funding to create resources for schools and create secondary surveys.**

NB Thanks to Bryony for getting Gemma and Teams to work.

**11 SACRE Budget update – Document J**

**12 Agreed Syllabus for 2026**

Work in progress for starting the new Agreed RE Syllabus for 2026. Sally to speak to city in 2 weeks, we have the joint meeting in February. Craig said schools are asking why we have to pay for the Notts syllabus when they can get the Lincolnshire report for free? Dr Lumb said it didn't sit

well with SACRE when the directive came to charge for the syllabus in 2020. The previous time the launch paid for the syllabus but the covid pandemic meant the syllabus was launched online.  
**ACTION Sally to feedback the feelings of SACRE members regarding charging for future syllabus.**

**13 National Updates:** documents L and Li noted the GCSE & A level results in Notts not yet available. Should be ready by the next meeting.

**12 Local faith and world views groups news & events** -nothing happening currently in the faith groups.

**14 Future meetings of SACRE 2024-2025**

Thursday 27 February 2025 – Bluecoat Academy - Aspley – Joint meeting with City Sacre

Wednesday 2 July 2025 Holocaust Centre - Laxton

Meeting closed 8.30pm