

Recent contacts, etc. with schools, County Hall, etc.
(from 6.6.18 to 1.10.18). Phil André

6.6.18: attend the SACRE meeting, County Hall.

6.6.18 and 8.6.18: engage in various tidying-up tasks as a result of the SACRE meeting on 6.6.18 (e.g. discuss matters arising from the SACRE meeting with SACRE members present and absent, contact some schools/teachers about possible articles for forthcoming SACRE newsletters, etc.).

8.6.18: discussions with Dave C. about a CE school in the County which presently uses the LA's RE Agreed Syllabus but has requested permission to use instead the diocesan RE syllabus. The legal situation as it applies to different types of school with a religious character is clarified/discussed and a possible way forward that meets at least some of the school's desires is outlined.

9.6.18, 15.6.18, 18.6.18 and 19.6.18: an email is sent to the RE subject lead, The Duchess High, to see if he would like the SACRE chair, on behalf of the SACRE, to write a letter to the DfE, the exam boards, etc. expressing concern about the nature of the new GCSE exam specifications, which some secondary and high school teachers feel may undermine student interest in the subject. He would like such a letter written, so Wayne and I enter discussions about the composition of such a letter, etc. On behalf of Wayne, a draft letter is composed and, after it is examined/approved by Dave C., forwarded to Wayne for final cosmetic surgery, etc. Addresses of the exam boards are supplied to make life a bit easier for Wayne.

14.6.18, 18.6.18, 3.7.18, 4.7.18 and 14.7.18: text for the September 2018 SACRE Newsletter drafted and/or edited.

18.6.18: information requested from Dave C. about the RE and collective worship schools' survey/questionnaire and the November CPD event involving the Ofsted Subject Lead for RE so articles can be drafted for the September SACRE Newsletter.

26.6.18: minutes for the 6.6.18 SACRE meeting are examined on behalf of Andrea and a few changes made for technical purposes.

29.6.18 and 2.7.18: text prepared for the SACRE Development Session on 18.7.18 and this and the minutes for the last SACRE meeting forwarded to Andrea.

2.7.18, 10.9.18 and 20.9.18: discussions with the RE subject lead, Collingwood School and Media Arts College, about CPD options for the staff, including making RE more interesting for pupils and students, and assessing RE. A CPD session for all the staff is agreed for 23.10.18.

4.7.18: discussions with Andrea and Dave C. about the September SACRE Newsletter and the SACRE Development Session.

3.7.18 and 4.7.18: discussions with school-based staff about articles for the September 2018 SACRE Newsletter.

15.7.18 and 21.7.18: discussions with various SACRE members before and after the SACRE Development Session.

21.7.18 and 25.7.18: discussions with Andrea about one of the teacher representatives and whether it is necessary to consider a replacement for him.

22.7.18: text for the September 2018 SACRE Newsletter completed and forwarded to Dave C. to confirm a few things for accuracy, etc.

23.7.18: text and two photographs for the September 2018 SACRE Newsletter forwarded to Andrea so the task of laying-out and printing can begin.

23.7.18 and 24.7.18: discussions with Dave C. to firm up the content of the survey/questionnaire about RE and collective worship to be circulated to schools in the Autumn term 2018.

24.7.18: for Dave C., the notes/summary of the July SACRE Development Session checked to ensure information about a SACRE's statutory and non-statutory responsibilities are accurate, etc.

3.8.18: the proof for the September SACRE Newsletter checked for accuracy, etc.

17.8.18: the "best" copy of the September SACRE Newsletter received from Dave C. and a copy forwarded to some of the people who wrote articles for it. Contact made with Karenza Passmore at the NE Religious Resources Centre to ask her to attend the 16.11.18 RE CPD event (Choppington Welfare Centre) and/or provide delegates with leaflets, etc. about the Centre and how the Centre can help teachers/schools improve RE provision.

23.8.18: discussions with Dave C. about the draft survey/questionnaire soon to be circulated to teachers/schools about RE and collective worship in Northumberland. One/two last-minute ideas shared to enhance the survey/questionnaire.

27.8.18, 3.9.18 and 18.9.18: discussions with the RE subject lead, Seahouses Primary, about possible workshops and an assembly about Judaism in the half-term leading up to Christmas.

21.9.18: discussions with various people, a delegate included, about the 16.11.18 RE CPD event.

22.9.18: discussions with the RE subject lead, Berwick St. Mary's First, about the possibility of members of faith groups visiting the school to help with workshops about the world religions and Christian Aid Week.

25.9.18 and 28.9.18: discussions with SACRE members about the forthcoming SACRE meeting and the Commission for Religious Education's final report.

28.9.18: discussions with Andrea about the agenda for the next SACRE meeting.

1.10.18: this contacts' list completed and forwarded to Andrea for circulation in advance of the next SACRE meeting.