

**Recent contacts, etc. with schools, County Hall, etc.**  
**(from 10.4.19 to 27.5.19). Phil André**

12.4.19: discussions with Dave C. and Andrea about the agenda and papers for the April SACRE meeting.

15.4.19 and 17.5.19: an A4 flier with a list of important festivals for 2019 sent to schools requesting it.

24.4.19: attend the SACRE meeting, County Hall.

25.4.19: various tidying-up tasks undertaken following the SACRE meeting: to clarify who can continue to fulfil their responsibilities as teacher union and "other" faith group reps, to confirm the content of the 2017/18 SACRE annual report, to provide two SACRE members with information about the new PGCE RE/RS course at Sunderland University for secondary teachers, to share with the chair of the SACRE in Darlington the idea about pooling information arising from surveys about RE and collective worship undertaken in different local authorities in the North-East, etc.

26.4.19: text for the next SACRE Newsletter arrives from Dave C. and Andrea. Drafting/editing of the text begins.

2.5.19: discussions with two SACRE members about possible teacher union/association reps. One possible rep sounds especially suitable, given she teaches in a primary school and we presently lack a primary school teacher as a union/association rep.

8.5.19: the contact details of two SACRE members passed to other SACRE members who want to make contact with them.

10.5.19, 13.5.19 and 25.5.19: text for the September 2019 SACRE Newsletter drafted.

11.5.19: minutes for the 24.4.19 SACRE meeting are examined on behalf of Andrea and a few changes made for technical purposes.

11.5.19. discussions with the National Secular Society about accessing hard copies of "Exploring Secularism", whether costs apply to the hard copies and whether the resources can be downloaded from the NSS website for free.

16.5.19 and 17.5.19: a list is drafted of possible questions senior school leaders might want to ask about RE and collective worship at the start of every academic year, with a focus on continuing professional development and resources. The list is forwarded to Dave C. for consideration/ amendment.

22.5.19 and 23.5.19: discussions with Dave C. and Andrea about the agenda and papers for the next SACRE meeting.

26.5.19: following receipt of an email from Cardiff University about a guidance and resource pack about primary RE published in 2018, contact is made with various teachers, etc. in the County for whom the pack might be of use. Recipients of the email are advised that they can take part in a short survey based on the pack's content and usefulness.

26.5.19: following receipt of an email from Birmingham University about a survey that teachers responsible for RE can take part in about their religion and/or world view and their role "as character educators", contact is made with various teachers, etc. in the County who might find the exercise of interest.

27.5.19: papers for the next SACRE meeting are firmed up and forwarded to Andrea for distribution to SACRE members.