

Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE) Newsletter Survey Outcomes

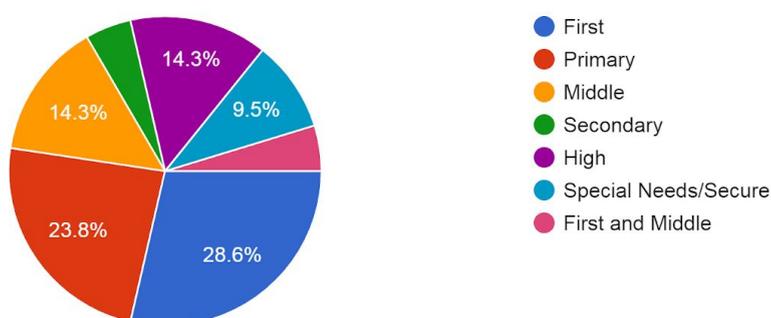
This questionnaire was designed to gather feedback on the SACRE Newsletter that Northumberland County Council sends out to schools. It was designed to determine how it is received, is it frequent enough, what is useful and how it can be improved.

It was distributed as a Google form survey by Northumberland County Council to schools. The questionnaire was open to answers for four months from the end of June 2019 to the beginning of November 2019.

There were 21 responses in total, the results of which are displayed below.

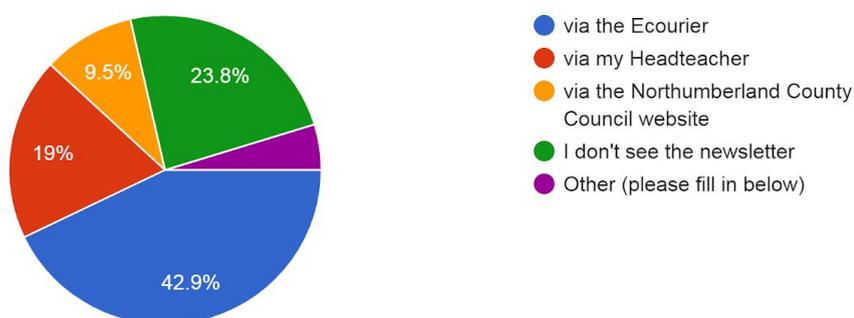
What type of school do you work in?

21 responses



How do you receive the SACRE Newsletter?

21 responses

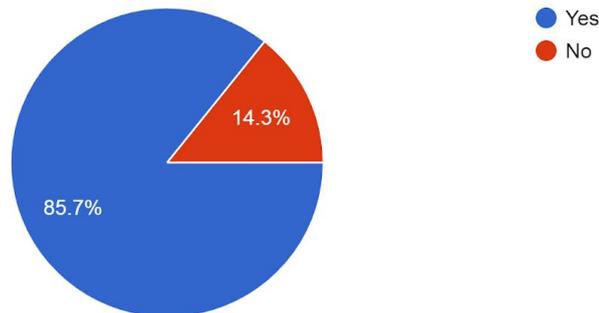


If "Other" selected above please tell us where you heard about the newsletter

I have only become aware of the Newsletter in the last two months. Is it possible to be emailed to school?

Is a termly newsletter frequent enough?

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If you said "no" how often would you like the SACRE newsletter to be published?

- I cannot say as I have not seen the newsletter.
- Is it not monthly? Monthly would be useful to keep up to date with current information.

What is currently good/useful about the newsletter?

- Informative and good ideas
- List of dates
- Information about what is happening locally
- I have never seen the newsletter.
- Interesting topics on how schools do things - very useful for ideas
- So much! Articles on current issues in RE, survey results, focus on teaching methods e.g. thinking skills, calendar of festivals
- A good way to see what is happening within the community and to keep RE relevant.
- Updates us on any changes, courses available and interesting articles involving RE.
- Upcoming events
- reviews/analysis
- Information about festivals and trips to places of worship, or interesting activities that some schools have done to promote RE
- It gives me ideas and it makes me feel connected with others in the area.
- The forthcoming important festivals is useful to have at a glance.
- All the information is welcomed - RE and Thinking Skills, etc
- Ideas from other schools and diary of significant religious events
- Useful information

What could be improved about the newsletter?

- Sent straight to school rather than e-courier or post
- More succinct
- Discussion of moderation, assessment checks etc done locally
- N/A
- It might be useful to have articles on visits that other schools had made to places of worship so that you could see what might be relevant to your own school.
- More opportunities for schools to get involved in producing articles etc for it. Also, perhaps a bigger presence needed in schools as it is rare that I receive a copy and I know other teachers have no idea it is even a thing - which is a shame!
- More technical info about OFSTED and statutory requirements
- I am happy with it's format
- I am happy with it as it is
- Any information on delivering exciting lessons.
- Examples of lesson plans/ideas that include the requirements in the POS. There are ideas in Part 1 of the Agreed Syllabus but more of this would be very useful.
- It would be brilliant if it could be emailed directly to RE leads alongside ECourier access

Please provide any other information you would like to share in the space below:

It is really useful in keeping me up to date with current thinking and practice in RE on a national and on a local scale.

Next Steps:

- A questionnaire such as this could be done on an annual basis to allow for constant feedback and improvement of the SACRE Newsletter
- Run a communications effort to raise the awareness of the SACRE Newsletter with the aim of identifying schools which say they don't receive it.
- Include preferred options on how the newsletter is delivered to schools- e-courier, post, direct to school etc.
- Allow schools to submit their own examples of good RE lessons plans as that would allow schools to have an input and share good practice.
- Include in the newsletter, at specific points or all year round, information on assessment guidelines, OFSTED inspections and statutory requirements.