

Walsall SACRE Action Plan 2015/16

Review July 2016

KEY PRIORITIES

1. Development of new Agreed Syllabus.

Agreed Syllabus successfully developed and approved by SACRE and Council. Launch has taken place and sent out to all schools and placed on the LINK.

2. Support of NQTs.

Annual training has continued but attendance was low.

3. Stimulating the sharing good practice at secondary level.

There has been limited success in this area. Secondary colleagues were involved in developing the new Agreed Syllabus. A few secondary colleagues came to the launch. It has proven difficult to arrange for meetings between secondary RE coordinators.

4. Continuing and developing further the Primary Coordinators network.

The termly meetings for primary teachers have continued and have been well attended.

5. Arranging the annual conference at Aston Villa for primary schools facilitated by secondary schools

Conference was a great success with ten primary schools and one secondary involved in the conference at the Banks stadium.

6. Developing the information and resources on Walsall Link to support all schools/academies

The new syllabus has been placed on Walsall LINK. The units of work will also be put on Walsall LINK shortly.

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FURTHER DETAILS OF PLAN

1. Development of new Agreed Syllabus.

A group of RE Coordinators from across the borough have volunteered to be part of a working party which is engaging in this activity. They have arranged a series of meetings where they will consider the changes which are needed to the current Agreed Syllabus. The group is being chaired by someone from RE Today. Once the Syllabus has been produced in draft, it will then be brought to SACRE for discussion and final approval. The intention then is that the Local Authority would offer training to all schools/ academies on the new Syllabus.

2. Support of NQTs.

A termly programme of courses will be offered to all NQTs which will focus on sharing good practice and working on the challenges which NQTs face. A key thing this year will be to ensure that this training is publicised more effectively.

3. Stimulating sharing good practice at secondary level.

Last year there was meeting for RE Coordinators which was well attended. This was the first such meeting for over 10 years. Further meetings will be arranged this year to build on this success.

4. Continuing and developing further the Primary Coordinators network

This group has met for a number of years and the attendance has been in the region of 15-20 attendees. The intention is to publicise these meetings more effectively so that attendance increases.

5. Annual conference at Aston Villa for primary schools facilitated by secondary schools

Last year for the first time we held a conference for Walsall Schools alone. Twelve schools were involved. This conference will be held again this year with a different theme and with 12 different schools .

6. Developing the information and resources on Walsall Link to support all schools/academies

Information on Walsall Link will be developed to support and publicise all of the above.