

### **Proposed support for Walsall SACRE, schools and pupils 2018-19**

Retoday have supported Walsall SACRE and schools for several years. The support is mainly given by Fiona Moss and Lat Blaylock although occasionally other Retoday advisers come and offer their expertise.

During the year 2017-18 we have supported SACRE and run extremely well attended network meetings. The Primary network meetings are attended by approximately 20 – 30 primary teachers, HLTAs and TAs who are teaching and leading RE in Walsall schools. During the year we have tackled subject such as Teaching about Islam, Teaching about non-religious worldviews and teaching and learning linked to the new Agreed syllabus. Teachers who attend this group often arrange to meet with Fiona before or after the network for additional support. Fiona also offers additional support and advice by email and phone between meetings where requested.

Unfortunately we were not asked to support the NQT programme this year despite offering. This has been very well evaluated in previous years and we hope to be able to organise this either later this academic year or for next academic year. Elaine and Fiona will liaise on this.

We are also beginning the excellent RE which is part funded by SACRE and match funded by REToday and NATRE using funds from a trust for this purpose. Between 13 and 15 schools have signed up for this significant development programme. The first meeting is this term and then there is a meeting each term until Spring 2019. Schools will be supported to improve RE in their schools during face to face training and will also complete gap tasks between each meeting. This project has been rolled out successfully in other areas and we are over the moon at the enthusiasm and speed with which heads have signed up their teachers.

We therefore propose the following as a suggested support programme for discussion for 2018-19. We are aware that decisions will need to be made based on funds available.

Excellent RE (Primary) will continue with no further cost to SACRE

<b>Project</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Primary network meetings	3 meeting per year- held as half days 1 per term.	Ongoing popular group. Attendees report that they share what we do with teachers and it is raising standards in RE in schools. They also have contact with an RE expert when needed for any difficult situations e.g.	1 adviser for 3 half days plus travel, set up and admin time between meetings supporting teachers	£1800

		dealing with parental withdrawal.		
NQT training day	1 day for nqts as part of their training programme. I advise SACRE to expect this to be funded from outside SACRE from NQT training funds which should be held within the Education dept unless this has been outsourced.	Statistics teach us that most teachers starting teaching have had between 0-3hours of RE training. This is not enough to support them to teach RE well.	1 adviser for 1 day	£600
RE Expert Support for SACRE meetings	We can offer a range of levels of support. This can range from attending meetings when requested to attending all meetings, preparing reports for individual items e.g. statistics on compliance and writing the annual report.	RE today are aware of RE nationally and have access to statistics through their work with NATRE. SACREs sometimes find it hard to get this expert support from their LA.	Dependent on how many meetings and the level of support required	From £0 to £2500
Primary pupil day	Pupil conferences – one for Yr 5 primary pupils on values. SACRE to find and fund venue and to provide admin to recruit schools	These conferences provide pupils with resources to run a similar conference back in schools. This is covert CPD as schools attend this and send teachers with pupils when they wouldn't normally access training.	2 advisers for 1 day (includes travel and accom)	£1800

Secondary pupil day	Pupil conference-one for secondary students, on science and belief. SACRE to find and fund venue and to provide admin to recruit schools	It is difficult to work with secondary schools – this would provide a good link into schools.	2 advisers for 1 day (includes travel and accom)	£1800
Collective worship booklet for all Walsall schools	A project to provide guidance on school worship and assembly for all Wolverhampton schools	SACREs often spend more time on RE than collective worship however both are their responsibility. This would provide support into all schools.	2 days	£1200
Collective Worship training day	Training on the above guidance	See above	1 day	£600