

To ensure that there is mutual clarity about the purpose, function and remit of visits by SACRE members to schools SACRE has issued the following code of practice to its members:

Code of Practice

- SACRE members are **not** visiting the schools in an inspectorial role
- Members of SACRE visit schools as **representatives of SACRE** and not as representatives of a particular faith tradition or group
- SACRE members will request school visits in writing with the Head teacher at least **one month in advance**. The date and time of any visit will be arranged at the mutual convenience of the school and the SACRE member
- SACRE members will seek to act in a **supportive** capacity to the RE teacher and the school at all times
- SACRE members should at all times be **sensitive** to the situation and context in which they find themselves
- Observations arising from school visits should be treated **in confidence**. Where discussion is felt appropriate at a SACRE meeting such discussion should be of a general nature with no individual teacher or pupil named
- Members of SACRE should seek to **avoid** RE lessons focussing on their **own faith tradition, group, or belief system** unless specifically invited to do so
- Members of SACRE should be mindful at all times of the professional context in which teachers operate and use the opportunity to **extend their own learning** rather than seek to make judgements

I agree to follow this agreed Code of Conduct when visiting a school as a representative of SACRE

Signed.....

Committee.....

Date.....