

Time commenced – 6.02pm

Time finished – 6.21pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
25 March 2021**

Present:

**Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths**

Raj Bali	Hindu Faith
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Alan Barker substituting for Lucy Care - Religious Society of Friends	
Eve Sacker	Jewish Faith
Qazi Abdul Mateen	Islamic Faith
Judith Willers	Baptist Church

**Group B – Church of England**

Zoe Higgins  
Anita Matthews

**Group C – Teachers' Associations**

Chelle Byrne substituting for Kieren Picken (NEU)  
Martin Cain (ASCL)  
Wendy Hardy (NEU)  
Melvin Harris (NASUWT)

**Group D – Local Education Authority**

Councillor Kus  
Councillor Skelton  
Councillor Wood  
Councillor J Khan

**Co-opted Members**

Samantha Hussain	The Open Centre
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In Attendance:

Steve Ford	Lead officer to SACRE
Dominic Monahan	Clerk to SACRE

**17/20 Apologies**

Apologies were received for Hardial Dhillon, Rachael Snowdon-Poole, Lucy

Care and Viv Lawrence.

## 18/20 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

There were none.

## 19/20 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

## 20/20 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 6 January 2021 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2021 were noted.

## 21/20 Journeys of Destiny Award

The SACRE noted that the Journeys of Destiny project had won the National Council for Voluntary Organisations' Children and Young People's Arts and Culture Award 2020.

Members of the SACRE commented that this was a very positive development. SACRE Members also stated that they were pleased to see this project win an award.

### **Resolved to:**

- 1. Congratulate Ava Hunt on winning the National Council for Voluntary Organisations' Children and Young People's Arts and Culture Award 2020.**
- 2. Invite Ava Hunt to attend a future SCARE meeting to talk about the Journeys of Destiny project.**

## 22/20 Implications of the Equality Act in a post pandemic world

The SACRE noted that the Equality Act 2010 placed an obligation on schools and local authorities to reduce inequalities and to foster good relations between communities. It was reported that in February 2021 the Runnymede Trust had released a report titled 'Facts Don't Lie' which argued that inequalities had worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic; due to the failure of successive governments to enact parts of the Equalities Act 2010.

It was noted that Ofsted would be looking at how schools were meeting their obligations under the Equalities Act 2010 and that schools therefore needed to be explicit about how they were meeting these obligations.

**Resolved to revisit the Equalities Act and to look at the values of the Equalities Act at a future SACRE meeting.**

## **23/20      A course and conference programme for RE 2021-2022**

The SACRE noted that the Agreed Syllabus had been successfully launched. It was reported that traditionally, a course and conference had been held after the launch of an Agreed Syllabus.

It was suggested that rather than offering a course and conference on the Agreed Syllabus it may be more beneficial to conduct a survey with schools to find out what training and support on the Agreed Syllabus schools and teachers would find beneficial.

A teacher commented that they thought conducting a survey was a sensible suggestion.

Members of the SACRE expressed their gratitude to schools and teachers for the work undertaken by them during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Resolved to:**

- 1. Acknowledge the effect of the pandemic on schools and teachers and to commend the work they have done.**
- 2. Conduct a survey at an appropriate time to find out what support and training on the Agreed Syllabus would be helpful for schools and teachers.**

## **24/20      Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

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