

Supporting schools with Collective worship: a proposal from RE Today Services

The broad role of SACRE is **to support the effective provision of RE and Collective Worship in schools**. The functions of SACRE are detailed in section 391 Education Act 1996 (as amended). Other responsibilities are outlined in: Religious Education in English Schools: non-statutory guidance 2010; SACRE and Self Evaluation: A guide Ofsted 2005; Circular 1/94 (Collective Worship).

These responsibilities include:

- **to advise** the Authority on such matters connected with Religious Education and Collective Worship in City of Stoke-on-Trent Community schools, Foundation schools without a religious character and Voluntary Controlled schools.
- **to receive, determine and review** applications from headteachers that the requirement for **Collective Worship** in community schools to be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character shall not apply to the collective worship provided for some or all of the pupils at that particular school.

It is part of the duty of SACRE to support schools with their Collective worship. To this end RE Today Services have worked with several SACREs to produce a booklet for schools with associated training for schools. The booklet contains a variety of resources including a policy, aims, legal requirements, planning principles, themes, strategies and approaches as well as many other elements of guidance resources for use in collective worship in schools.

The associated training is offered at the launch of the booklet and in other places the webinars and training events have been extraordinarily popular, several attracting over 50 teachers and school leaders.

RE Today services would be pleased to work with SACREs to create a version of this resource that is suitable for your schools and provide training. Do contact us if this is something you would like to take further.

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