

DERBY CITY SACRE – ACTION PLAN
ACTION 3 – BUILD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHOOLS.

SACRE wish to develop a close relationship with schools that will enable them to fulfil their statutory responsibilities and offer support to the development of teaching and learning in RE in schools.

SACRE members will make contact with schools through a clear and transparent process and subject to clear protocols. This will be agreed by full SACRE.

From the meeting on 21.2.12 we propose the following:

The purpose of the meeting/contact with schools will be:

1. To raise awareness of the role of SACRE
2. To increase SACRE's knowledge and understanding of teaching and learning in Derby City's schools
3. To enable SACRE to identify areas of confidence in schools (to facilitate the sharing of success) and similarly areas where schools lack confidence (in order to offer productive links for individual schools and, where concerns are widespread, to inform the LA so that this can be addressed in terms of training and development.
[In doing so SACRE believes that it can be more accountable for the quality of learning in schools.]

The proposed format for this contact: as discussed 21.2.12

1. All schools will be made aware of the SACRE plans to visit (LH to write) and the planned "agenda for discussion" would be circulated at that point to all.
2. Schools will be selected to represent all cluster groups equally (in order to identify whether there areas of the city with particular issues).
3. All SACRE members able/willing to be part of this process will meet for training with regard to the agreed protocols for the visit (VL). No SACRE member may undertake a visit without having done so.
4. Contact will be made to arrange a visit between the SACRE member and the school's leader for RE, a Governor representative and (particularly in primary) a teacher from a different KS to the RE leader.
5. Record will be kept of schools declining the visit (this will give another set of perspectives)
6. At the visit the SACRE member should expect to introduce him/herself to the Head but the Head is not expected to join the meeting.
7. The "agenda for discussion" will be followed, completed at the meeting and copied (for the school) before leaving the school
8. The outcomes of all SACRE copies will be collated and published, without identifying the schools
9. Any concerns held by the SACRE member after the visit will be discussed with GF only, in the strictest confidence.
10. Reports from the visits will only be delivered as a collation of all visits made. No commentary regarding individual schools or staff will be shared except as described in (9).
11. The collated outcomes of the visits (and any declined) will be collated by July 2013.
12. SACRE aims to visit 25% of all schools before July 2013.
13. SACRE will signpost structured support (through links to other schools, training opportunities and links to The Open Centre) in 2012-14.