

Hillingdon SACRE 19th July 2017

Commission on Religious Education Call for Evidence

Purpose of Paper: To ask SACRE to consider the evidence that Hillingdon SACRE wishes to offer to the Commission on Religious Education.

SACRE being asked to: Decide whether evidence should be submitted on behalf of SACRE and what that evidence might be.

“We hope that you will illustrate your responses with reference to your own work, observations and experiences over the years”

The terms of reference for the commission are:

- To consider the nature, purposes, and scope of religious education;
- To identify the enabling factors that currently promote high quality RE, and the barriers that currently limit it;
- To identify what changes are needed to ensure the highest quality provision of RE;
- To ensure that recommendations focus on realistic and specific proposals aimed at both immediate and long-term implementation in the context of continuing educational reform.

The Commission on Religious Education has suggested that people submitting evidence consider the following questions:

1. What should be included in the scope and content of RE?
2. What changes (if any) should there be to the current legal framework for RE?
3. Should there be a common baseline entitlement for RE which applies to all types of school?
4. How should the development of RE standards, curricula, or syllabuses be best organised?
5. Are there changes to primary and secondary teacher education that could improve the delivery of high quality RE?
6. What factors lead to high quality learning and teaching in RE, and what are the main obstacles to this?

You are at complete liberty to address only those issues above which most concern you or in which you have expertise.

I suggest that we submit evidence about the issue(s) that most concerns us as a SACRE:

Questions for SACRE

Does SACRE feel it is worth giving a written submission to CORE?

Which issue 1-6 does SACRE feel it has evidence and experience about to be able to offer a pertinent submission?

What message is most important for Hillingdon SACRE to convey?

Does Hillingdon SACRE chair and consultant write the submission on SACRE's behalf?