

SACRE monitoring report overview

September 2018

To date the following proportions of schools have received a SACRE monitoring visit:

40% of Primary schools

25% of Special schools/ Alternative provision academy/ PRU

50% of Secondary schools

Total: 40%

By the end of July 2019 the aim is to reach:

53% Primaries

58% Secondary Schools

38% of Special schools/ Alternative provision academy/ PRU

Total: 54%

Monitoring visits occur over an agreed half day and include discussions with Senior and subject leaders, discussions with pupils, observation of a Collective Worship, visits to Religious Education lessons, time to review learning in books, review of related policies and processes in addition to anything that the school wishes to share additionally.

Schools are written to requesting Head teacher requests firstly. There is then a random cycle in place to ensure all schools are offered a visit. Each year so far we have received on average 3 Head teacher requests for visits.

All visits have enabled schools to have a focus on the quality of their provision for Religious Education and Collective Worship.

Schools are all at different stages of development with both these aspects. There have been many elements of excellent practice found within schools visited. The visit has enabled schools where the elements are not as well embedded/ established or there is new leadership to have focussed school improvement discussion regarding these two elements. It has also enabled SACRE members to signpost for schools for strong practice exists locally that they can draw on to support their own improvement.

Currently all schools visited follow the Locally Agreed Syllabus bar one. This is legal given the status of the school. The Catholic Schools follow their own Diocesan syllabus.

The Collective Worship guidance for schools has been developed as a result of requests from schools for support with this aspect.

The intended five year cycle, will need to be extended to at least six years to ensure we offer all schools the opportunity to receive a monitoring visit.

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