

Havering SACRE, Local RE update: Spring 2021

Subject Leaders' meetings

The Subject Leaders' Network for this term was held 4-5pm on 3rd February. The main focus was assessment and we thought about this with links to the Agreed Syllabus. Due to the current circumstances, we could not spend as long as usual on our main item, as it was extremely important to include a section on remote learning so that schools could share their good practice and learn from each other.

Next term, the meeting will be held on 13th May and will look at story. This includes books containing good retellings of religious stories that are included in the syllabus. Also, stories to link RE to other subjects, such as the life stories of particular scientists with connections to religion and children's literature with religious themes.

RE Syllabus Review

Maureen Smith (Clerk to SACRE) has approached Havering Education Services to gain clarity on how this matter will proceed after the vote of the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

Virtual Visits and Visitors Scheme

Hannah Griffiths has headed up Romford Baptist Church's contributions to this project. They have created 2 excellent short films. One on special places around the church and the other on important places in the church for serving the community.

These films were briefly introduced at the Subject Leaders' Network meeting in February and will be the focus of the RE article in Havering Education Services' next School Improvement Update.

This scheme and its protocols were also briefly introduced to a group of RE professionals at the national conference of NATRE (National Association of Teachers of RE).