

## **Havering SACRE, Local RE update: Summer 2021**

### **Subject Leaders' meetings**

This term, the Subject Leaders' Network was held from 4-5:30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> May. The meeting had a focus on the use of story in RE. Subject Leaders were provided with several re-tellings of stories from a range of religions and worldviews that they will be able to keep and use in their schools. Each of the re-tellings supplied are stories which have links to Havering's syllabus for Religious Education. Subject Leaders discussed which ones would be appropriate for their own school settings and how best to use each. This was followed by a look at children's novels and picture books with a focus on religions and worldviews that could be used in RE, but could equally be utilised in a cross-curricular manner or in subjects including English and PSHE.

During the next academic year, there will be two Subject Leaders' Network meetings per term rather than the usual one. The meeting dates for the Autumn term are 23<sup>rd</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> November. It is envisaged that there will be one face to face meeting each term and one virtual.

### **Virtual Visits and Visitors Scheme**

Currently, Romford Evangelical Free Church and Romford Baptist Church have resources for schools to use on Havering's portal.

Havering SACRE's application for a Westhill/NASACRE grant was unsuccessful, these resources can remain on the site for schools to use. There may be opportunity for grant funding in the future in order to extend this scheme.

### **RE Syllabus Review**

Trevor Cook (Assistant Director of Education) has put forward the executive decision process for commissioning the syllabus rewrite. This does not require approval, it is for information. A second executive decision has been lodged regarding accepting the new syllabus when it is completed. The LA has until July 2022 to do this.