SACRE Development Plan Progress Report – March 2026

Teacher CPD

Teacher CPD continues to be well attended, demonstrating sustained engagement from schools.
This term's session was delivered online and opened to both Sheffield and Rotherham schools.
The focus of the training was on developing oracy in Religious Education, supporting teachers in improving pupils' ability to articulate, discuss, and reason within RE.

Further CPD sessions will continue to be promoted through Forge, ROSIS, and subject leader meetings to ensure broad awareness and participation.

Determinations

All determinations requested by schools that have contacted SACRE have been completed.

However, SACRE is aware that many schools remain non-compliant in this area, and only a minority actively seek guidance or submit requests. To address this gap, two possible actions are being explored:

1. Issuing the annual questionnaire to all schools, reminding them of statutory responsibilities and enabling SACRE to monitor compliance.
2. Conducting a website audit to identify whether schools are publishing the required information regarding Collective Worship.

At present, website audits are not routinely undertaken, but may form part of future monitoring activity.
The annual questionnaire is scheduled to be sent towards the end of the first half of the spring term.

RE Awards Celebration

Planning is underway for the RE Awards Celebration, which will take place in the summer term.
A significant increase in funding is being allocated this year to enhance the event and support wider school participation.

Links With Doncaster SACRE

The Chair currently sits on Doncaster SACRE, providing a link between the two authorities.
However, priorities between the two SACREs differ considerably at present.

Doncaster has recently appointed a new Chair, and contact will be made during the remainder of the academic year to explore any shared priorities or opportunities for collaboration.

Promotion of RE Hubs

SACRE continues to promote RE Hubs to schools through established communication routes, including: Forge, ROSIS, Subject leader networks

This remains a developmental priority to strengthen teacher subject knowledge and regional collaboration.

Together for Tomorrow Project

SACRE continues to actively support the Together for Tomorrow project, particularly through participation in the "Ask Me Anything" panel.

Recent actions include:

- Communications issued to SACRE members and to the interfaith group, encouraging involvement.
- The previously produced promotional video has been shared widely to increase interest in the follow-up phase.
- Ongoing efforts are being made to engage faith communities to support filming at places of worship, although recruitment remains challenging.