

Rotherham SACRE Development Plan 2026-2027

Priority Objective	Key Actions	Lead Responsibility	Timescale	Success Criteria / Impact
Develop RE subject knowledge for Rotherham primary teachers and subject leaders	Deliver three RE network meetings; provide resources; establish communication network; gather feedback.	HL	Autumn 2026, Spring 2027, Summer 2027	Increase in schools represented; improved confidence and curriculum implementation.
Launch new Rotherham agreed syllabus	Network meeting to introduce syllabus Syllabus shared with all schools	HL	November 2026	
Review and carry out determinations for collective worship	Audit determinations; publish guidance; process requests; provide annual report.	SACRE Members	Ongoing	Schools compliant with collective worship requirements.
Develop links with Sheffield and Doncaster SACREs	Termly liaison meetings; share resources; explore joint training; invite representatives.	HL / LM	Termly	Greater regional collaboration and shared practice.
Improve multifaith resources available to schools	Develop faith network links; create directory; publish guidance and resources.	HL / SACRE Members	Spring-Summer 2027	Improved access to authentic faith communities.
Increase prominence of RE through Rewards Celebration	Promote participation; celebrate excellence; share effective practice.	LM, Mayor's Office, VG, HL	Summer 2027	Higher profile for RE across Rotherham.
Promote community cohesion through Together for Tomorrow Project	Participate in panels; gather pupil voice; share impact findings.	SACRE Members	Summer 2027	Improved understanding of faiths and worldviews.
Provide virtual tours of local places of worship	Produce tours; create lesson materials; pilot and publish resources.	HL, Steve Forster, Faith Leaders	Autumn 2026	Accessible virtual experiences for schools.

Recruit an RE Adviser to SACRE	Advertise; recruit; induct; agree annual programme.	SACRE Chair / LA	By Spring 2027	Improved capacity to support SACRE priorities.
Monitor quality of RE provision	Annual survey; analyse findings; identify support needs.	HL / RE Adviser	Spring 2027	Evidence-informed planning and support.
Monitor implementation of the Agreed Syllabus	Review implementation; gather case studies; share practice.	HL / RE Adviser	Summer 2027	Greater curriculum consistency.
Strengthen SACRE communication and visibility	Update webpage; publish updates; promote opportunities.	HL /Governance advisor	Termly	Increased engagement with SACRE communications.
Strengthen SACRE membership and engagement	Review membership; recruit; induct; monitor attendance.	SACRE Chair / LA	Annual Review	Full representation and improved engagement.

End-of-Year Success Indicators

- Increased engagement from schools in RE professional development.
- New local agreed syllabus launched
- Improved access to high-quality multifaith resources and local faith communities.
- Stronger regional partnerships with neighbouring SACREs.
- Better understanding of RE provision and Agreed Syllabus implementation across Rotherham.
- Increased visibility and profile of RE within schools and the wider community.
- A fully functioning SACRE supported by effective membership, communication systems and specialist advice.