

Wolverhampton SACRE

Agreed Syllabus Review 2019

Proposal within the RE Today contract

SACRE is aware that our syllabus 'runs out' this year and should be reviewed / renewed. Please note:

- 5 years ago we invested heavily in a scheme of work, and this has been welcomed by our schools.
- Our syllabus itself is very brief, and now seems a bit outdated – nothing on the new EYFS, fundamental British values, new GCSEs
- The latest HMI requirements frame the planning of subjects around 'intention, implementation, impact'. This will be important framing in the coming 5 years.
- The September 2018 CoRE report identifies weaknesses in current provision and ways forward for RE while calling for legal change – but the government has rejected this.
- Our syllabus relies on the unit plans to describe achievement, but maybe having nothing on outcomes led assessment is a weakness
- Can we give teachers more help with SEND, meeting the inclusion needs of RE better?

In the light of this set of issues, my proposal to SACRE – within this year's budget and contract – can be summed up in four points.

- We should conduct a light touch review of our syllabus aiming to strengthen the use of our scheme of work for the coming 5 years.
- Revision of the scheme of work is too expensive and extensive to do – last time we spent nearly £8k on the scheme, which we don't have unless we seek additional funds
- I'm proposing that we expand the brief syllabus pages to address all the issues in column one helpfully for teachers, and republish it with the scheme of work.
- RE Today advisers can do this work as part of the current contract, but the production / publication / web-hosting of the syllabus looks like an additional cost.
- Timescale: review from May 2019 – Feb 2020. Production / publication for the new financial year.

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