



# Rutland County Council

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

A meeting of the **RUTLAND SACRE (STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)** will be held via Zoom - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82328319599> on **Tuesday, 5th December, 2023** commencing at **4.30 pm** when it is hoped you will be able to attend.

Yours faithfully

Mark Andrews  
**Chief Executive**

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## **A G E N D A**

### **A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

We gather together here today intent on doing good work.

We seek to represent fairly and well, those who have given us this task.

May our efforts be blessed with insight, guided by understanding and wisdom.

We seek to serve with respect for all.

May our personal beliefs give us strength to act honestly and well in all matters before us.

### **1) WELCOME AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

### **2) RECORD OF MEETING**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Rutland SACRE held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.  
(Pages 7 - 14)

### **3) ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

No.	Ref:	Action	Allocated to:
1	3	It was agreed that the Chair and the	<b>Gurdev Singh &amp;</b>

		SACRE/RE Adviser would write a draft letter on behalf of the Rutland SACRE to all Councillors and the local MP regarding RE teacher recruitment.	<b>Amanda Fitton</b>
<b>2</b>	4	A further breakdown of the examination results, including destination, cohort size and statistical neighbours' data, would be provided once the examination results were verified.	<b>Lizzie Papworth</b>
<b>3</b>	4	The Service Manager also confirmed that a congratulatory letter to the appropriate schools would be drafted on SACRE's behalf and sent to the appropriate Rutland schools once the examination results data were verified.	<b>Lizzie Papworth</b>
<b>4</b>	4	It was proposed that the RE Adviser should meet with the two Secondary Teacher Representatives to discuss how the statutory requirement that all pupils were entitled to religious education to the end of Year 11, was being fulfilled by Rutland schools.	<b>Amanda Fitton, Kieran Hughes &amp; Sam Brooks</b>
<b>5</b>	4	It was proposed that a letter from SACRE should be sent to all Rutland schools once the examination data had been verified, to promote the values of religious education and positively influence the decision maker.	<b>Gurdev Singh</b>
<b>6</b>	5	The RE Adviser confirmed that the training timetable would be distributed to all schools.	<b>Amanda Fitton / Lizzie Papworth</b>
<b>7</b>	6	It was agreed that a SACRE sub-group, consisting of Rev McWhirter, Lizzie Papworth, Councillor McRobb, Amanda Fitton and Sam Brooks would identify and clarify SACRE's role and duties for approval at the next meeting.	<b>Rev McWhirter</b>
<b>8</b>	9	The RE Adviser would be meeting with Mary-Anne Marples to discuss what schools actually wanted from the network meetings and the possibility of inter-county meetings with Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. The RE Adviser confirmed that, following the meeting, she would distribute feedback to the Rutland SACRE members for discussion at the next meeting.	<b>Amanda Fitton</b>

#### **4) SACRE'S ROLE AND ENGAGEMENT WITH SCHOOLS**

##### **A. SCHOOLS INSPECTED BY OFSTED**

To receive a presentation from Amanda Fitton, SACRE Adviser on the different types of schools, which are inspected by OFSTED for RE and SACRE's responsibilities.

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##### **B. OFSTED ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

To receive a verbal briefing from Amanda Fitton, SACRE Adviser regarding the quality of RE teaching in schools as stated in the Ofsted Annual Report for 2022-23: [Ofsted Annual Report 2022/23: education, children's services and skills - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/107122/Ofsted-Annual-Report-2022-23-education-childrens-services-and-skills.pdf)

##### **C. SACRE SUB-GROUP**

To receive a briefing from Rev. McWhirter following the sub-group's meetings to identify and clarify SACRE's role and duties for approval by the Rutland SACRE.

#### **5) SACRE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023**

To review and approve the Rutland SACRE Annual Report for 2022-2023.

(Pages 27 - 42)

#### **STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **6) AGREED SYLLABUS**

To receive a verbal update from Amanda Fitton, SACRE Adviser regarding an amendment on Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

##### **7) UPDATE ON NETWORK MEETINGS**

To receive an update from Amanda Fitton, RE Adviser for Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Rutland County Councils.

(Pages 43 - 44)

##### **8) TRAINING ATTENDED BY SACRE MEMBERS**

To receive a verbal update from Members of SACRE on any training attended.

##### **9) MONITORING OF RE IN SCHOOLS AND OFSTED INSPECTIONS REPORT**

To receive a verbal report from Lizzie Papworth, Service Manager – Learning and Skills and to receive any Ofsted Inspection Reports.

- [Empingham Church of England Primary School](#)

- [Casterton College Rutland](#)

## 10) WORK PLAN

To review/update Rutland SACRE's Work Plan for 2023-2024.  
(Pages 45 - 46)

## 11) ANY URGENT BUSINESS

## 12) DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 4.30 p.m.

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## DISTRIBUTION

### MEMBERS OF THE RUTLAND SACRE (STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION):

<b>GROUP A – Representatives of faiths (other than Church of England) and worldviews</b>		
1.	Gurdev Singh (CHAIR)	The Sikh Faith
2.	Bjoern Finke	The Roman Catholic Church
3.	Julia Ewans	Humanist UK
4.	Madeleine Gilbert	The Baptist Church
5.	Sheila Gewolb	The Jewish Faith

<b>GROUP B – Church of England Representatives</b>		
6.	Daniel Alfieri	Peterborough Diocese
7.	James McWhirter (Revd) (VICE CHAIR)	Rutland Deanery
8.	Mary-Anne Marples	Peterborough Diocese

<b>GROUP C – Teacher Representatives</b>		
9.	Cara Topping	Primary Teacher Representative
10.	Kieran Hughes	Secondary Teacher Representative
11.	Megan Davis	Primary Teacher Representative
12.	Sam Brooks	Secondary Teacher Representative

<b>GROUP D – Local Education Authority Representatives</b>		
13.	Councillor Christine Wise	Rutland County Councillor
14.	Councillor Steve McRobb	Rutland County Councillor
15.	Councillor Rosemary Powell (SUBSTITUTE)	Rutland County Councillor

**Quorum:** One representative from each group must be in attendance.

<b>Local Education Authority Officers</b>		
16.	Amanda Fitton	RE Adviser, Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Rutland County Councils
17.	Lizzie Papworth	Service Manager – Learning and Skills, RCC
18.	Jane Narey	Clerk, RCC