



**Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
SACRE Meeting
Wednesday 8th July 2020
10.00am – 10:40am
Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

Attendees: Lisa Horobin (Vice Chair); Jo Siddle; Andrew Hutchinson; Cllr Sylvia Liddle; John East; Ismail Hasham; Mohammed Tayyab Sidat; Jenny Savage; Safiyya Mulla (minute taker)

Item no.		Lead
1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Jo welcomed all members to the meeting. All members introduced themselves.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Kerry Pollard and Cllr Julie Gunn.</p> <p>Councillor Liddle stated that another rep from the Conservative group will be needed as Cllr Pearson has sadly passed away. Andrew mentioned that we have got a draft terms of reference. Jo explained that today's SACRE meeting is a catch up meeting and no decisions will be made today in terms of the membership. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>The last SACRE meeting was February 2019.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>Jo explained that there is a small amount of funding set aside for the SACRE but that there is a possibility of using the school brokering grant which is linked to the school improvement fund. She suggested that it may be possible to use this funding to hire a consultant to drive through and re-launch the SACRE.</p> <p>Jenny mentioned that a lot of secondary schools don't know that SACRE exists. There used to be a pot of money which was put aside for the RE syllabus. Jenny has started a local group. Jenny also stated that as a SACRE, she doesn't think there has been any help for the schools. Jenny felt that a re-launch would be a good idea.</p> <p>Sylvia explained that in the past a lot of work was getting done through the bursary and that children used to come to SACRE meetings to do presentations.</p> <p>Mohammed mentioned that the Interfaith Forum has a lot of support which can be offered on this travel journey.</p>	

	<p>Lisa agreed that having a consultant to drive things would be a fantastic way forward. It is perfect timing for RE to be on the syllabus. Everyone wants to support the school from when they recover from Covid-19. Jo explained that it would be great to see each school have an Interfaith Day.</p> <p>John questioned about the academies and who is monitoring the academies. Jo explained that since Covid-19, we have wrapped our arms around the academies and that she meet with Trusts and the Regional Schools Commissioner or her representative on a weekly basis. There is close collaboration between all schools in the Borough which enable problems to be resolved before they become issues. John explained the SACRE role is that every school have a religious role with all communities coming together. Mohammed explained that SACRE can play an important role in the Interfaith Forum.</p> <p>Jenny mentioned that any help that is given to the academies will be very welcome Jo explained that in the new school year children will present with specific challenges, some will have been through trauma and some children will find it hard to socialise. We have got some children where their emotional wellbeing has suffered. She added that PSHE and RE will help to provide a good recovery plan. It was agreed that Jo would speak to Jayne Ivory about the proposal to recruit a consultant and she would also put this on the Agenda to speak to the School Improvement Strategy Group to get school buy in to this.</p> <p>Ismail suggested that in order to speed up the process with the consultant for members to pass on any information to Jo.</p>	<p>JoS</p> <p>All</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>This item has been deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>Lisa has spoken to Jo regarding the membership and the Cathedral are willing to meet the consultant and they can be added to the membership.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Ismail asked Mohammed to share an overview of the schools that Interfaith Forum have already worked with. Over the years, the Interfaith Forum have worked quite well across a number of schools in Blackburn with Darwen.</p>	<p>MS</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>To be arranged</p>	