

- to consider applications from Head Teachers and Governors that their school be released from the requirement of Collective Worship to be wholly or mainly of a broad Christian character. This is known as “determination” and is reviewed regularly. Determination may be granted to schools where the large majority of pupils are from families of one of the major faiths other than Christianity (eg. Islam).
- to produce, publish and distribute an Annual Report of its work. This report is sent to QCA, all schools, LEA offices, elected members of the Education Cabinet and Scrutiny Committee.

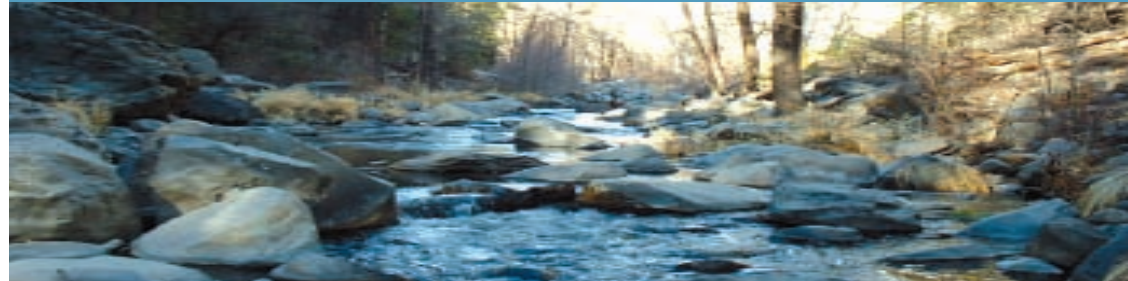
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**SACRE – Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education – is the statutory body, convened by the LEA to advise them regarding the quality, standards, and progress of Religious Education, Collective Worship and Spirituality in community schools. It seeks to include representation from members of faith organisations, denominations, teachers, elected councillors and LEA representatives.**

Sacre meets termly as a full council but also convenes working groups whose main tasks are:

- to give advice on methods of teaching the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, including the choice of teaching materials
- to advise the LEA and contribute to the provision of training for teachers. SACRE organises primary and secondary INSET through conferences, courses, cluster groups
- to support effective provision of Collective Worship and Spirituality
- to maintain the quality and standards of Religious Education. This is largely achieved through the analysis of OFSTED reports, and the writing of a letter to each school in response to the findings. Data is produced to show progression and areas which need support.
- to consider complaints about the provision and delivery of Religious Education and Collective Worship referred to it by the LEA

■ to publish documents to support all the above. Bristol SACRE publications to date include:

- Bristol's Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2005–2010
- Collective Worship Guidance
- Spiritual Development in an Educational Context
- Matters of Faith – Advice to schools on relating sensitively to faith communities
- Key Stage 1 and 2 Scheme of Work
- Key Stage 3 Scheme of Work

