

NAME OF COMMITTEE:	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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IS THE REPORT EXEMPT?	No
IS THE REPORT CONFIDENTIAL?	No

SUMMARY: This update provides SACRE members with an update of education matters affecting the Diocese.

DISCUSSION: N/A, report is for information.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted and any comments made as necessary.

APPENDICES – Appendix A

BACKGROUND PAPERS: There are no background papers, as defined in the Local Government Act 1972, which were relied upon in writing this report.

APPENDIX A

In June, the Church of England Education Office released the most recent version of the Statement of Entitlement for RE. This sets out the expectations in relation to RE in C of E schools and academies. There are several key elements to note:-

1. Specific reference to secure religious and theological literacy as the key aim to be achieved
2. A greater emphasis on the responsibility of senior leadership teams, including governors, to promote and support RE as a core subject. This includes reference to the expectation that senior leadership teams will aim for 10% curriculum time for RE and that at least one member of staff will be supported to gain RE-related qualification.
3. Reference to the recently launched Understanding Christianity resource as one way of meeting the expectations in relation to the teaching of Christianity in RE.

In this Diocese, we have recently begun the Understanding Christianity training with representatives from a wide variety of schools. We will begin a second tranche of training in March 2017.

I recently supported Dr Mark Plater with the *Places of Worship Learning Walk*. This was an alternative offered to those delegates who had booked a place on the conference that we, unfortunately, could not run. The walk was very successful and really helped the participants to recognise, not only the range of places of worship in Lincoln, but also the rich internal diversity of some of the religions represented in Lincolnshire.

I continue to carry out school visits, run and participate in networking meetings and provide the termly RE newsletter (the latest edition will be sent out within the next fortnight).