

**The recent Schools' Survey about RE and Collective Worship:
possible action points based on the content of the report.**

Ask schools that have not filled in the survey to do so, so our data, etc. are more reliable than is already the case.

Remind schools of their statutory responsibilities re RE and collective worship, perhaps especially at KS4 and KS5, while indicating that existing data suggest most schools fulfil such responsibilities (and the benefits of doing so?).

Urge schools (individually or within partnerships, or in clusters in a specific geographic area) to identify what their training needs are re RE and collective worship, and confirm that the LA can arrange for suitable people to provide such training.

Encourage schools to designate a governor responsible for RE and collective worship.

Encourage schools to review/revise their policies for RE and collective worship at least every three years.

Encourage schools to teach about religions and secular world views other than Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism, perhaps especially if the religions and secular world views have a presence in the school/ local community.

Remind schools of their statutory right to apply for permission to suspend the requirement to provide collective worship that is “wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character”.

Remind schools of where they can access good quality RE and collective worship resources.

Urge schools to collect/continue to collect accurate data on the number of pupils/students withdrawn from RE and collective worship and the reasons given, if known.

Remind schools how to access the RE Agreed Syllabus and the County's “Policy and Guidelines for Collective Worship in Community Schools” (and the benefits of doing so?).

Urge schools to share examples of good practice re RE and collective worship via the termly SACRE Newsletter, perhaps especially good practice that enables pupils/ students to think spiritually, ethically and/or theologically.

Arrange the occasional competition for schools re RE and collective worship.

Write to the Secretary of State for Education to express concern that nothing substantive will be done about the recommendations contained in 2018's Commission on RE's “Religion and World Views: the way forward”, a report that has enjoyed widespread/almost universal support/approval in the RE community.

