

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

Thursday 5 February 2026 at 5.00 pm
Neasden Hindu Temple, Pramukh Swami Road,
Neasden, London NW10 8HW

Members are asked to note that this is being held as an in person meeting at the Neasden Hindu Temple, Pramukh Swami Road, Neasden, London NW10 8HW.

The meeting is not therefore scheduled for live webcast.

Membership:

Chair: Bhupinder Bhasin

Vice Chair: To be confirmed

Adviser: Nadia Nadeem

Representatives of:

- Local Authority
- Church of England
- Brent's other faiths and denominations
- Teachers unions

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Arrangements for SACRE meeting to be held at Neasden Temple - 5 February 2026

The following arrangements have been confirmed for those members attending the SACRE meeting on Thursday 5 February 2025.

Meeting to be held in person at:

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Neasden Temple)
Pramukh Swami Road
NW10 8HW

Website: [BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir \(Neasden Temple\)](http://BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Neasden Temple))

Members are advised:

- Parking is available in the Shayona car park opposite the temple as you turn into Pramukhswami Road.
- Once you have parked your cars, please enter the temple complex through gate 4, where you will go through security.
- Upon arrival, Upasana or Kiritbhai will be at the entrance or you can ask for them.
- At the Neasden Temple, the dress code is to dress modestly. Given that this is a formal meeting, business casual attire would suffice.

Outline Schedule for the Evening

5.00 pm - Arrive and be shown around the mandir by Upasana and Kiritbhai

5.45 pm – SACRE Meeting

6.45 pm – Opportunity for SACRE members to join evening worship

7.15 pm – Invitation for SACRE members to dine at Shayona restaurant across the mandir

If you have not already done so, please could you ensure you advise Abby Shinhmar if planning to attend this meeting in order to confirm the number of people attending.

Agenda

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1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence	
2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Actions	1 - 5
<p>To consider and approve the minutes from the last SACRE meeting held on Thursday 9 October 2025 as well as any actions.</p>	
3 Election of Vice Chair	
<p>To undertake the election of the SACRE Vice Chair.</p> <p>Members are asked to note that in accordance with the SACRE Constitution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The local authority has agreed not to exercise their right to appoint the Vice Chair, meaning the appointment will be a matter for SACRE to agree; and• The appointment of Vice Chair will be for a term of office covering the remainder of the 2025-26 academic year, with future elections to take place at the last SACRE meeting of each preceding academic year.	
4 Determinations	
<p>There are no determinations to consider.</p>	
5 SACRE Annual Report 2024-25	6 - 15
<p>To consider the SACRE Annual Report 2024-25 provided by the SACRE Advisor.</p>	
6 General RE Update	16 - 18
<p>To receive an update from the SACRE Advisor on any general SACRE and RE related issues.</p>	
7 NSACARE Update	19 - 22
<p>To consider the NASACRE update provided by the SACRE Advisor.</p>	

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Date of Future Meetings

SACRE is asked to note the date for the final meeting during the 2025-26 academic year as follows:

- Thursday 9 July 2026 at 5pm – to be undertaken online

SACRE are also asked to consider and comment on the draft programme of dates identified for meetings during the 2026-27 academic year, as follows:

- Thursday 8 October 2026 at 5pm
- Thursday 4 February 2027 at 5pm
- Thursday 8 July 2027 at 5pm

Following the discussion at the previous meeting, members are asked to consider if they would prefer to undertake one of these meetings in hybrid format or to keep them all online.

Date of the next meeting: **Thursday 9 July 2026**