

NASACRE UPDATES:

- NASACRE Briefing 37 (January 24) attached
- **AGM and Conference** on Monday 20 May 2024, at Venue: Hilton York
Theme: How can SACREs support high quality RE & Collective Worship?
Maximum 2 delegates per SACRE, after which a waiting list will be offered.
Whilst we hope that many of you will join us in person, we also offer an online Zoom option at the same price.
- **NASACRE Executive Elections:** At the AGM, there will be elections for at least 3 new members, plus the Secretary and Treasurer roles. There will be nomination forms on the website.
- **'Managing SACREs'** page contains some items, e.g. relevant FAQs and responses.
- **Ofsted and RE:** In its annual report from the Chief Inspector. Ofsted said the following about RE:
"RE in schools is generally of poor quality. Although it is a statutory subject, schools often consider RE as an afterthought. As a subject on the curriculum, it is under-valued. RE is a complex subject, and the lack of clarity and support from government makes schools' job harder. Some schools steer through these challenges well, but most do not."
(Please see attached document for further details)

NASACRE Items for SACRE agenda:

- Ensure that schools have up-to-date Ramadan guidance:
In 2024 Ramadan begins on March 10th plus or minus a day, dependent on the moon sighting. Prayer times for Ramadan may be found on many mosque websites.
Eid-ul-Fitr (the festival marking the end of Ramadan) falls on 9th April (plus or minus a day).
As a SACRE we may wish to remind schools to support the needs of Muslim pupils and staff during the fast. As in previous years, teachers will appreciate that the routine of Muslim families is entirely different during Ramadan. Young children may well become more tired or excitable during school time, even if they are not fasting themselves. Those students who are fasting may become very tired and thirsty during the school day.
- Sign up for NASACRE webinars: see attached document.
- Explore the RE Hubs website.
- Discuss the Ofsted report: to be considered under RE Update
- Consider nominations to the Executive and who to book for conference.