**Professional RE Adviser to Dorset SACRE**

**Expression of Interest Form**

Please complete this form to express your interest in becoming the link RE Adviser for Dorset SACRE and return via email to Richard Howes, Dorset Local Authority Officer to SACRE by **12pm on Friday 30th May 2025** ( [Richard.howes@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.howes@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) )

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| School/College/Educator Name:  Full name:  Email address:  Current Job Role: |

Dorset SACRE are looking to receive expressions of interest from an enthusiastic and inspiring individual(s) or organisation/education trust that is committed to and passionate about Religious Education and Collective Worship in schools and academies. Experience of teaching Religious Education, delivering and supporting Collective Worship as well as substantial knowledge of the Religious Education curriculum and assessment for all pupils at all national curriculum Key Stages is essential.

The successful person/organisation will have high expectations for the achievements of all pupils in RE, a demonstrable knowledge of the strategies of effective teaching and learning and be able to advise and support schools/academies on how to provide a rich, varied and exciting RE curriculum based upon Dorset’s Locally Agreed Syllabus.

**SACRE and the Professional RE Adviser Role**

SACRE stands for the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education. A SACRE is unique. The law says that Religious Education (RE) must be taught in all schools/academies. It is Dorset SACRE’s role to advise Dorset Local Authority (LA) on what needs to be done to improve RE and collective worship for schools and academies across the county.

The role of Dorset SACRE’s Professional Adviser will have the following responsibilities and work alongside the named Local Authority Officer and Chair of Dorset SACRE:

* Advising the LA & Dorset SACRE on the provision of training for teachers in RE. Offering strategic advice & national updates.
* Supporting the LA named adviser and chair of Dorset SACRE in managing aspects of Dorset Council’s SACRE work programme.
* Supporting Dorset schools and academies with advice such as curriculum planning, assessment for learning, implementing the agreed syllabus, ensuring progression and rigour in RE and collective worship, and policy writing.
* Leading an annual Dorset RE conference and answering schools’ questions on ways of teaching RE according to the locally Agreed Syllabus, including the choice of teaching materials.
* Supporting the monitoring of standards and achievement in RE and collective worship through school visits and analysis of appropriate data including external examination results.
* Giving advice on ways of teaching RE & World Views according to the locally Agreed Syllabus, including the choice of teaching materials.
* Considering complaints about the provision and delivery of religious education and collective worship referred to it by Dorset LA.
* Being a point of contact for RE/Collective Worship support for schools within Dorset.

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| **Supporting evidence to support your expression of interest**  **Please describe how you as an individual or organisation have developed effective partnership and collaborative working to enhance the teaching of RE and Collective Worship in educational settings. What impact has this had? (500 words max)** |

**Terms and Conditions of the Professional RE Adviser Role**

The role of the Professional Adviser to Dorset SACRE is not an employed role. The role is offered on a three-year fixed term contract. Should the independent adviser wish to resign during this time, they must give three months’ notice in writing and submit a letter of resignation to the Chair of SACRE.

The role will be paid at a rate of £25 per hour. Dorset SACRE expect to commission **up to 40 hours of work** to the Professional Adviser per school term (E.g. Autumn, Spring and Summer). The nature of the work undertaken will be decided by Dorset SACRE and communicated to the Professional RE Adviser by the Chair of Dorset SACRE. There may be some flexibility within these hours, and the above should be used as a guide only.

Shortlisted individuals/organisations will be invited to attend an online interview week commencing Monday 9th June 2025.