

## **Somerset SACRE**

### **Report from the Diocese of Bath & Wells      September 2023**

#### **Context**

The Diocese of Bath & Wells has 183 schools in three local authorities. In B&NES and North Somerset all church schools are in strong multi-academy trusts. In Somerset the diocese works with nine different trusts but there are still around 60 church schools in Somerset yet to academise or in the process.

#### **SIAMS (Statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)**

The new SIAMS Framework is now active and at time of writing one school has had notification. Schools have one week's notice and this school is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> September. The school's Ofsted inspection was at the end of last term, so the result of that will have a bearing on the SIAMS judgment.

#### **Training and support for RE, CW and SMSC in our CPD brochure (mainly for primary/middle schools)**

- 'Help! I've been given RE', for new RE subject leaders in primary schools: 5<sup>th</sup> October
- Improving Collective Worship in school: 14<sup>th</sup> November
- 'Understanding Christianity' the RE Today resource: 30<sup>th</sup> November
- RE annual conference – speaker Adam Robertson, subject TBC: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024
- Headteachers annual conference: 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- SIAMS training runs termly
- Termly briefings for Heads and Chairs of Governors
- Bespoke support and staff meeting training as requested

#### **Learn, Teach Lead RE**

The conference in June was a great success. Dates are being planned for the LTLRE hubs this academic year and should appear on the LTLRE website shortly.

## **Finally**

It was a pleasure to be involved in the appointment of the primary adviser and I really look forward to working with Rebekah in supporting the RE in our primary schools.

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