

Nominee for SACRE Chair – Tricia Martin

I confirm that Susan Shaw asked my permission to nominate me as Chair of SACRE and that I am willing to accept this nomination. I have been seconded by Karen Burke.

I am passionate about RE and collective worship and the role of SACRE. I have chaired Devon, Torbay and Plymouth SACREs in the past and served for 6 years on the NASACRE executive. My experience of SACREs is therefore varied and broad. I chaired Devon SACRE through the pilot Ofsted of SACREs and we achieved 'outstanding'. I have a B.Phil (Ed) Hons in Religious Education and an MA in Jewish –Christian relations. I have worked as an RE Advisor/Education Officer/ Assistant Diocesan Director of Education for a number of years in the dioceses of Exeter and Canterbury. My teaching experience covers 5-18 year olds and I have held the post of Senior Lecturer at the University College of St Mark & St John, Plymouth. I am Ofsted and SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) trained. My present position takes me into schools frequently. At present I am supporting schools in Kent Challenge and understand the pressures they are under. I regularly run INSET sessions for teachers and governors.

Kent is a large Local Authority with a corresponding number of schools. It has been well served in the past by experienced Chairs. Both Religious Education and Collective Worship are in a position of uncertainty. Our children and teachers deserve the best support we can give. Together, we CAN make a difference to the quality of RE and CW in Kent schools. We need to be proactive in this uncertain educational climate and take a lead. I would like to offer my breadth of experience, my knowledge and my passion to the position of Chair of Kent SACRE.

If elected, I would like to assure members of SACRE of my commitment to this post.

God Bless,

Tricia

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