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Dear Roger

Conference to Review the Kent Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education

It is the responsibility of each local authority (LA) to review its locally agreed syllabus for religious education within five years of the last review, and subsequently every five years after the completion of each further review. The current Kent Agreed Syllabus was published in 2012.

Since that last review, reviews of the primary and secondary National Curriculum have taken place, and are being implemented in schools, also recent changes to GCSE, and GCE examinations are being introduced. As Religious Education (RE) is not part of the National Curriculum a separate subject review has been undertaken and a national curriculum framework for RE (NCFRE) comprising a non-statutory programme of study has been published.

As a result of these developments, Kent SACRE wishes to initiate a review of the Kent Agreed Syllabus with a view of introducing a revised syllabus for implementation in schools by September 2017.

In order to undertake this review, Kent County Council is requested to convene an Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) in accordance with Schedule 31(2), Education Act 1996. The ASC will have the same composition, membership and Chairman as the SACRE. It will undertake its responsibilities in accordance with the non-statutory guidance on Religious Education 2010, published by the DCSF (pages 13 and 14).

It is anticipated that the first meeting of the ASC will take place on 23 November 2015 at the rising of the SACRE. I would ask that you give approval for the convening of the ASC and enable the review process to commence, as indicated above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Manion', written in a cursive style.

Steve Manion
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Mr Gough Agreed convene ASC.