



CONSTITUTION of the EAST SUSSEX SACRE

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SACRE shall have a maximum of 30 voting members and up to 3 non-voting co-opted members.

In addition, SACRE meetings will be attended by the clerk, the RE adviser to SACRE and, from time to time, other East Sussex education advisers in order to promote effective communication with the School Improvement Service. SACRE meetings are open meetings, so that members of the public may also be present.

The chairman will be an elected member of the Children's Services Authority, chosen by the Authority's representatives acting together. The Vice-Chair will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Chair and Vice-Chair person are elected for a period of 4 years and can be re-elected.

The main Christian denominations and groups will be offered representation and other world faiths that are mentioned in the East Sussex Agreed Syllabus or found locally: Bahá'í faith, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Sikhism.

All members must be nominated by a representative body. This should be a local body, wherever possible. In exceptional circumstances this may be a national body. Members will normally be expected to live or work in East Sussex.

All members, including the chairperson, will serve for up to 4 years, after which they may be re-elected by the nominating body for a further 4 year period(s).

Any member who does not attend 3 consecutive meetings without valid reason will be deemed to have resigned and the nominating body will be asked to name a new representative.

SACRE members may suggest groups without representation on SACRE which they think should be included. Groups with an interest in the work of SACRE may themselves offer a representative. Decisions about allocation of places for co-opted members will be taken by the SACRE.

The quorum will be an attendance from each representative group (A-D), as actually constituted, of one third of the members of that group (to the nearest whole number).

Where the SACRE is not unanimous on a decision, a majority from a group vote will be taken with each of the 4 representative groups having a single vote, which vote need not represent a unanimous decision by that group. Dissenting views may be recorded. In the event of a casting vote being required, this will be given by the chairman.

The representative groups

Clause 390(4) of the Education Act 1996 requires that the Local Authority appoints members representing the following groups to constitute the SACRE. The maximum number of members in each group is indicated below:

- A Such Christian and other religious denominations (other than the Church of England) as in the opinion of the Authority, will appropriately reflect the principal religious traditions in the area. **15 (11)**
- B The Church of England **4 (4)**
- C Such associations representing teachers as, in the opinion of the Authority ought, having regard to the circumstances of the area to be represented. **6 (5)**
- D The Authority (appointed in conformity with the political balance). **5 (5)**

Total number of voting members **30**

Non-voting co-opted members. Placed in Group A (to be discussed by SACRE) **3 (1)**

Advisers to SACRE **2**

Clerk **1**