

Advice from Welsh Government to SACREs on non-compliance of RE requirements in light of the new Welsh Bacallaureate

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Dear Clerk to SACRE,

Following the WASACRE Executive meeting on 29 September, members have asked me to share some advice offered to them by Welsh Government colleagues in a meeting on 13 September.

Welsh Government were asked to confirm what action could be taken by SACREs in the event of a school or schools within their LA, that as a result of the new Welsh Bacallaureate qualification are currently not meeting their statutory requirement for Religious Education in KS4.

The advice was given as follows:

- In the first instance SACREs are advised to formally inform/advise the Local Authority.
- If the situation remains the same and the school or schools involved continue to not meet the statutory requirement for RE, SACREs are advised to inform the Wales Association of SACREs.
- WASACRE is advised to write to the Local Authority involved to advise/remind them of their duty.
- WASACRE is advised to pass the information on to Welsh Government.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any further questions regarding this issue, please let me know.

With best wishes

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