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Dear SACRE Clerk

On behalf of the WASACRE Executive, I would like to share our appreciation of SACREs and SACs in Wales for all the commitment and hard work that has gone into producing their new agreed syllabi for RVE. It has been quite a journey for us all, with both time and process challenges, and to have been ready for the roll-out of the Curriculum for Wales is a real achievement. We hope that you have felt supported by WASACRE during this period.

Looking to the future, as part of our continuing support, WASACRE has responded positively to a request from the Welsh Government to undertake a short desk-based exercise, which involves looking at the text of the agreed syllabi for each local authority to get a sense of how faithful these are to the vision and ethos of RVE in the Curriculum for Wales. Within the broader and important context of local determination, we are hoping that this will be a supportive exercise in the first year of the curriculum roll-out and offer an opportunity to share practice across Wales.

The WASACRE Project Team includes: Tania ap Sion, Libby Jones, Kathy Riddick, Rachel Samuel, Elizabeth Thomas, and Paula Webber. All team members have been involved in the drafting of the RVE statutory guidance on Hwb and/or are also involved with the national level professional learning for RVE. The contribution of Elizabeth Thomas has the additional benefit of including on the team expertise relating to schools with a religious character.

Thank you again for all the work that you do for RVE and RE in your local authorities. We can be very proud of the strength of our SACREs in Wales.

Your sincerely,

The Revd Dr Tania ap Siôn

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