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Dear Clerks to SACRE,

As you will be aware Welsh Government has been working on a supporting framework for religious education for the Curriculum for Wales 2022. This document was originally supposed to be published in draft on 28 January, 2020, for full consultation. WASACRE has been informed that there is a delay in the publication of the draft framework and that it is now due for publication at the end of February.

The WASACRE Executive Committee is keen for all SACREs to respond and provide useful and detailed feedback on this consultation in order to ensure that the voices of individual SACREs and the LAs they advise are heard. Unfortunately, it is likely that many SACREs will have already held their spring meeting by the time the draft supporting framework for religious education is published and as such the WASACRE Executive Committee would urge SACREs to consider holding an extraordinary meeting (possibly regionally with other SACREs, if that's helpful) in order to look at the draft and respond accordingly.

The Executive Board would like to remind SACREs that this document could well become the agreed syllabus for the schools within their Local Authority and as such will be followed by schools as they plan for RE within the new curriculum. It is essential therefore that this supporting framework for religious education suitably reflects the needs of the schools, teachers and learners in their local area and is appropriate to the local demographic.

If you have any questions or require any support, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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