

Summary of activities

The academic year 2019-20 has been a challenging one. It has been a year where schools have had to close for extended periods over the summer and autumn term, continuously responding to the challenge of the pandemic, whilst balancing keeping pupils in school with preventing the spread of Covid-19.

In addition to this, two important consultations were held, offering substantial changes within the Religious Education field and also to WASACRE procedures.

Here is a rough summary of activities since the last full meeting.

Previous SACRE meeting, 15/02/20 - agreed that the Operational Panel would look at some samples of schools' Self-Evaluation reports and pass a cross-section to the SACRE.

- Schools SACRE Operational Panel Meeting, 11/03/20, 14:00, Quiet Room.
- Scrutiny of schools' SA reports: Goronwy Owen, Fali, Rhoscolyn, Tywyn, Llanfawr.
- March 2020 - Schools closed due to Covid-19.
- 28/05/20 - GH worked with Napfre to respond to the Religion, Ethics and Values consultation.
- 02/06 - Shared resources: Advice to schools on Collective Worship during the pandemic.
- 09/06 - Operational panel responded to the consultation. Shared Napfre's comments.
- 20/06 - Task and Finish Panel. Virtual through Teams. Letter of dissatisfaction sent to Welsh Government regarding the consultation.
- 06/10 - Napfre Panel shared resources. GH passing them on to schools.
- Adjourned the 20/10 Operational Panel. Teachers under pressure to prepare changes before the short firebreak.
- Helen Roberts, Bangor University agrees to become a member of the SACRE Operational Panel to check quality, monitor and offer guidance.
- New meeting date 12/11 Operational Panel.
- Zoom practice with the SACRE panel 6/11.