



RE Leaders Network 25th November 2020

ATTENDEES:

Chris Devanny
Elizabeth Baxter
Andrew Arnold
Claire Simons
Anna James
Sarah McNulty
Silvana Esposito
Roy Gaul
Sarah Kenyon
Mairead Hinchcliffe
Jenny Trotter
Clare Mone
Tom Kowalski
Catherine Wolanski
Sarah Teal
Louise Robinson
Simon Gallacher
J Moran
Liz Snelling
Rachael Garbus

Diocesan Updates:

Friday will have updates for head teachers.

Canonical reviews – not asked for any canonical returns this year due to Covid.

Likely to be summer term if happens at all. Only those schools having a review will be asked for a return. No data asked.

Unlikely to have section 48s in January. There will be no inspections until everyone is able to have a proper inspection – this ensures parity (eg can't have some having a full, normal inspection while others activities are curtailed – need for parity). Will be starting with those that should have been inspected last year (9 primary schools). If you were due this year, unlikely to be inspected until next year. Difficulty with capacity at diocese to inspect.

If inspection after Easter, don't worry about the new assessment. Unprecedented times. Assessment is also only at a pilot stage – conversation about how you are getting on, do you feel supported with it?



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Catholic Compass

Planning sessions per class teacher. Teachers meet online, Chris guides through a topic, using a variety of resources (inc old/new books). Spring 1 topics will have been planned by 14th December. PowerPoint for teacher, interpretation docs (what are expectations asking?), activities to demonstrate, w/s, incorporates some RE Today (referenced to RE Today booklets).

Suggestion that Chris could run similar sessions 2:30-4:30pm online for Bradford/Keighley schools. Looking at expectations and how these are tied into the content and planning.

Each family of schools or Trust could have a half term's support from Chris, create the planning, then share amongst each other.

Chris will send materials already planned for Spring 1 and then send planning from sample schools. In this way, all planning can be completed between the schools and shared.

Have an audit of RE Today materials that we have. Although old materials based on levels, content is still very good. Will be useful for other faiths too.

RECD – hoping to be completed by Summer for September implementation 2022 (?)
No more text books from WTL – new resources will be digitally based.

Assessment Moderation Feedback:

Not all completed due to Covid circumstances. Chris is making a portfolio via PowerPoint.

RE leaders asked to send Louise Robinson examples of moderated work, who will then make a PowerPoint of examples and send to Chris.

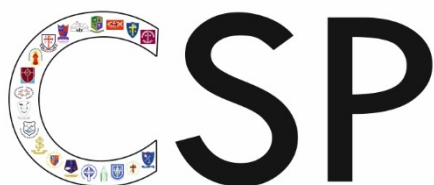
Exemplify an expectation – commentary if possible (Chris will do a commentary)

The I can statements/ self assessment statements – Chris will produce new I can statements. Will support what it looks like both for each year group expectation, plus the year group before and after to give the teacher a sense of where it has come from and where it is going. The planning sessions will unpack the content. GD depth needs to be flexible – might have spoken rather than written evidence. Concentrate on expected for your tracking purposes.

Insights:

Some of the objectives are being tweaked as they go along – Insights will change these at our request, so it can be a work in progress.

Sarah Kenyon will liaise with Chris to ensure that Insights is kept updated.



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Overall assessment that will be tracked on Insights based on teacher assessment, the tracking grid looks at the expectations per unit.

Those schools not in trust should be able to access the Insights RE grids. Dan Copley is the administrator for Assembly so can give permission for RE to be uploaded. RE leaders asked to check whether they have access to the RE objectives on their Insights.

Q: GD – a child might not achieve GD – would it lower the overall judgement? No, the bold objective still allow an expected standard, just allows more opps for GD. You could put any expectation at GD (3). If you want a GD child, you would need to ensure that you note enough expectations at 3/GD.

Moderation is key to ensuring that the judgements are accurate. We might use the data to pinpoint further work/ input/ moderation eg if there is an objective that many children are not achieving more work can be planned on it.

Difficulty of teaching some topics, eg those that have content around eg the Mass. Could priests be filmed conducting Mass? A Treasure Hunt around church to be filmed, talking the kids through?

Chris has excerpts of parts of the Mass, eg the consecration and will send through.

RE Leaders to liaise with parish priests to volunteer to ask him to be filmed and share amongst schools, need someone who is good at explaining things to the children.

Chris will ask Fr Dennis Cassidy in his parish to see if he can be filmed.

Liz Snelling will speak to Fr Walker.

Trust update:

Working party has met several times looking at the vision and mission statements for the trust. Feedback has been taken on board and they have now been adapted eg simplifying language. Drive to see a statement that enables children and staff to live out the mission/vision in our schools. The adapted form has been sent to HTs.

A permanent CEO (Andrew Morley) has been appointed and will also have some input.

The candle and light are key images we want to thread through the logo, vision etc. Candle is key symbol due to BCW. Each school has been given a candle to use in school during advent. Father Andrew has written a prayer for it which can also be used in school. Aim to develop staff and pupils' understanding of who BCW was. All schools have own individual mission/vision/identify, but we want a collective approach as well which will bring us all together as a family of schools.

Assessment and interim framework will also be a focus.



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Action plans – heads have shared SDPs so Liz will be able to extrapolate schools' RE/Catholic Life priorities.

Possibility of some kind of collaboration between schools in summer. There will be a 'BCW' celebration day – day he was beatified – 22nd November. Next November there will be a joint trust celebration.

RSE – most use Journey in Love.

Liz will find out later whether schools/parishes have completed sacramental prep at end of summer.

AOB:

None

Agreed Actions:

Actions	Who
Examples of moderated work to be sent to Louise Robinson	All RE leaders
Powerpoint of examples of work to be sent to Chris Devanny	LR
Liz Snelling/ Louise Robinson to speak to heads to ask for each teacher to be released from 2:30pm	LS/LR
Schools to start using Insights to record RE assessments	All RE leaders to check their Insights includes RE.
RE leaders to liaise with priests to record Mass if they are willing	RE leaders

Next meeting:

Wednesday 27th January 2021, 1:30-4pm via zoom. Link will be sent prior to the meeting.

Thank you for your attendance everyone!