## Worcestershire SACRE: Primary RE Conference

# **RE with impact: thinking hard and learning lots** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Venue: TBC

9.15am-3.30pm (Registration and refreshments from 8.45am)

This one-day conference will support schools in planning and teaching great RE that has an impact on pupils. It will focus on practical classroom ideas and strategies, based on the latest research and practice. It will explore ways of helping pupils to build on and make sense of prior learning, using engaging resources and activities that make children think hard, as well as contributing to their wider personal development.

Keynote 1 RE and personal development: thoughtful, resilient and informed Lat Blaylock

In this session, Lat will offer a range of practical ideas for engaging pupils in exploring living religion and developing virtues.

#### Session 2: Choose one from two workshops:

- A. RE ideas for 4-7s Lat Blaylock This session offers six practical examples for high quality-learning.
- B. Teaching non-religious worldviews Fiona Moss

In the UK, 53% of people are non-religious, according to the 2016 British Social Attitudes Survey. Many children in our classes come from homes with no particular religious affiliation. This session will explore thoughtful ways of helping pupils to understand something of the variety of nonreligious worldviews held in the UK.

#### Session 3: Choose one from two workshops:

#### C. Making the most of visits and visitors Lat Blaylock

Engaging strategies for enabling pupils to learn lots from visits and visitors, with thoughtful questions and intriguing ways in.

#### D. Classroom ideas from local RE teachers

Members of the Worcestershire Hub leaders project group will share tried and tested ideas they use in their classrooms, and the impact these have on their pupils' learning and progress.

#### Keynote 2: Models of assessment in RE Fiona Moss

This session will explore a range of the latest models of assessment used by teachers around the country. It will weigh up some advantages and disadvantages of different models, focusing on practical, manageable and worthwhile assessment processes that make a difference to pupils' learning.

Copies of all resources used on the day will be available to take away, and electronic copies available to download afterwards. A wide range of resources will be available to purchase or order on the day.

#### Fee:

**£100 or £175 for two teachers from the same school, including refreshments, lunch and resources** Booking form attached.

#### Who is it for?

The conference is aimed at teachers of RE from primary schools, including subject leaders, TAs and head teachers. It will also be valuable for governors to find out about best practice in RE.

Middle school teachers can attend this primary conference or the secondary conference on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Puckrup Hall Hotel, GL20 6EL.

#### Aims

- To support schools in continuing to embed the new Worcestershire Agreed Syllabuses for RE, with its increased flexibility and extra support for planning RE
- To provide practical strategies, guidance and resources for teachers and subject leaders in planning creative, thoughtful, rigorous RE to promote deep learning and the personal development of pupils
- To model examples of thoughtful RE, challenging all pupils and promoting deeper thinking

#### Why should I attend?

Previous conferences have been well received. Here is a representative selection of comments from Worcestershire and Herefordshire teachers from 2017:

- Very good conference with lots of useful ideas and resources to take back to school. *St Barnabas CE First & Middle*
- Great ideas and resources, thank you. Cherry Orchard Primary
- Fantastic opportunity to share ideas in a friendly and informative way. Teaching strategies suggested (e.g lesson starters, everyone/no one believes, can be adapted for all age groups). Great to share experiences of places of worship/visitors. *Whittington CE Primary*
- A very useful course full of lots of interesting, valuable and useful ideas that can be implemented in the classroom. Good provision of resources that can be used in the classroom straight away. *Wigmore Primary*
- Fantastic conference full of brilliant ideas to share with others back at school. Thank you. *Holmer CE Academy*
- Great as always! Trinity Primary, Hereford
- Thank you so much for an interesting day. Some lovely practical activities for the classroom; I shall use these! *Clifford Primary*
- Thank you. Enjoyed it. Lots of new ideas to bring RE to life. St Thomas Cantilupe

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