

OFSTED PUBLICATION 'TRANSFORMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'

Report By: Clerk to SACRE

Purpose

To bring to SACREs attention the publication by Ofsted 'Transforming Religious Education'.

Background

1. On 6th June 2010 OfSTED published their report 'Transforming Religious Education' The OfSTED website states that:

'Ofsted's latest survey on religious education finds that in many of the schools visited RE was no better than satisfactory, and in some cases inadequate, because teachers are unsure about what they are trying to achieve in the subject.

The survey showed that because the curriculum for RE is determined locally, there is wide variability in the quantity and quality of support provided to schools by local authorities and relevant advisory councils.

There were a number of specific concerns about the teaching of religious belief, and many schools visited did not pay sufficient attention to teaching the core beliefs of Christianity.

Despite these weaknesses, the report *Transforming religious education* says that a major success in the teaching of religious education in both primary and secondary schools is the way it supports the appreciation and understanding of different values by pupils.

2. An extract from the report is attached for Members convenience. The full report can be seen at

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Thematic-reports/Transforming-religious-education>

3. At the meeting the RE Consultant will comment on any key points arising for SACRE and the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT SACRE notes the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified.