**monitoring RE AND collective worship: EXAMPLE SACRE LETTER TO SCHOOLS**

Dear colleagues

In order to assist the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) in fulfilling its remit to support and advise on the development of RE and collective worship, we would be grateful if you would ask your **RE co-ordinator or Head of Department** and **person i/c collective worship** to complete the attached questionnaire. The SACRE is only sampling a selection of schools each year and in order to get as accurate a picture as possible it is important to hear from as many schools / academies as possible. It will only need to be done once every three years.

There is no compulsion to complete the survey, but we hope that Headteachers and School Governors will see the survey as an opportunity to fulfil their continuing statutory requirements regarding RE and collective worship and for schools to make a periodic **assessment of the RE** **and collective worship** being provided. This will provide useful information for both Ofsted and SIAMS inspections.

An analysis of the questionnaires will be included in SACRE’s annual report and will assist the Council in providing targeted support for RE and collective worship. No school will be specifically identified in any public report. We are asking academies and church schools as well as community schools to complete the questionnaires as we believe that all can benefit from SACRE’s support – through materials published on the AMV website and courses offered through the CPD programme.

The survey and process should be completed electronically within a month of receipt, please, and submitted to [NAME AND EMAIL OF CONTACT].

It is envisaged that the RE leader will complete the section relating to RE and the Headteacher will complete the section on collective worship and that the whole will be shared with relevant members of staff and the governing body.

This term, your school is in the group being asked to complete the survey. Other schools will be surveyed in forthcoming years and the cycle will then be repeated.

SACRE looks forward to receiving your completed questionnaires in due course.

Yours sincerely