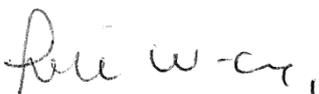


Date of issue: Tuesday, 6 November 2018

MEETING	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
DATE AND TIME:	WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 2018 AT 4.30 PM
VENUE:	HINDU CULTURAL SOCIETY, SLOUGH, HINDU TEMPLE, KEEL DRIVE, SLOUGH, SL1 2XL
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER: (for all enquiries)	NADIA WILLIAMS 01753 875015

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Chief Executive

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Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education – Meeting held on Wednesday, 27th June, 2018

Present:-

Committee 1 – Christian Denominations and Other Faiths

Sue Elbrow, Waqar Bhatti, Hardip Singh Sohal and Ashpreet Singh Nainu

Committee 2 – Church of England

Rev Andrea Allen

Committee 3 – Representatives of Teacher Associations

Lynda Bussley (Chair for this meeting) and Linda Lewis

Committee 4 – Representatives of the Local Authority

Councillors BS Bains, Bedi, Brooker and Smith

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Sharif and Zubayr Abbas-Bowkan, Julie Siddiqi, Isles, Sparrow and Abbas-Bowkan

CHAIR OF THE MEETING

SACRE members appointed Lynda Bussley as chair for this meeting.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Members introduced themselves and welcomed Mr Gulzari Lal Babber to the meeting as an observer and a prospective Hindu representative.

35. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 7th March 2018

Resolved - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 March 2018 be approved as a correct record subjected to 'Aspreet' being amended to read 'Ashpreet'.

36. Matters Arising

Brain Crisell, professional advisor reported that 30 responses had been received to date from head teachers confirming the names of the leads/co-ordinators of Religious Education (RE) in their schools.

It was agreed that the RE resourcing catalogue project should be included as standard item on the SACRE agenda. The resources were currently being stored at St Mary's CE Primary School.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

Hardip Singh Sohal joined the meeting.

37. SACRE Membership Update

The Clerk advised that the Council had appointed Shujah Hamid as a Sikh representative on SACRE and that all membership vacancies for this group had been filled.

Linda Lewis announced that she would be standing down as the VOICE representative member on SACRE at the close of this meeting.

SACRE gave a vote of thanks to Ms Lewis for all the work and support she had provided during her membership. Members commended Ms Lewis for her commitment and contribution to SACRE and extended good wishes for the future.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

38. SACRE Membership News (An update from members regarding activities undertaken since the last SACRE meeting)

Councillor Brooker announced that he had retired after serving as a Church Warden for six years.

SACRE members were warmly invited to the following events:

- International Sunday event at Theatre Royal Windsor – Sunday 8 July 2018.
- Dharmic Mela 2018 event at Khalsa Primary School – Sunday 1 July 2018

Further details regarding the above events would be sent to the Clerk for circulation by e-mail to all members for information.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

39. Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub Meeting Notes and Prompts - Summer/Spring Term 2018

The professional advisor updated members on the Pan-Berkshire Summer Term Hub meeting held at Shut End, Wokingham on 24 April 2018.

It was noted that the future of the Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub had been the main discussion at the meeting. The Hub had been initially set up in order to pool resources, offer consistency across the six Local Authorities (Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, Slough Borough Council, West Berkshire Council, Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council) to work on joint projects, primarily, the Crossing the Bridge Project and revising the Agreed Syllabus.

The issue was raised about the future of the Hub and whether the six SACREs would wish to continue subscribing to ensure its continuation now

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that the joint venture on the Agreed Syllabus was nearing completion. The consensus at the meeting was for joint working between the six councils to continue via the Hub subject to sufficient funding contributions being received from the six councils.

Funding subscription of £1700 in 2017-2018 from each of the councils had included the cost of work on the review of the Agreed Syllabus which had been completed and the final draft was being reported to the Agreed Syllabus Conference meeting for approval on the rising of the SACRE meeting. Subsequently, the contribution for 2018-2019 had therefore been costed at a reduced rate of £900.

It was noted there had been lengthy discussion on draft Agreed Syllabus review at the meeting as detailed in the notes of the meeting attached to this agenda. There had also been a long discussion relating to secular teaching where the question was raised about the consensus following consultation to specify Humanism as the study of a non-religious world wide view in Key Stage 3. Nevertheless, it was noted that schools could add additional religious and belief systems as relevant to their community.

The professional advisor had been the sole representative at the meeting and members were reminded that the Hub meetings were open to all SACRE members.

Members noted the Slough SACRE would be launching the revised Agreed Syllabus on Thursday 12 July 2018 from 1pm to 4.40pm at Eden Girls' School.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

40. Pan-Berkshire Religious Education Agreed Syllabus Review 2018-2023 - Update

Members received the final Pan-Berkshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2018-2023, which was being reported to the Agreed Syllabus Conference meeting at the rising of the SACRE meeting for approval.

During discussion, the question of students over the age 14 not taking RE as an exam subject at GCSE was raised. The professional advisor explained that schools were legally required to provide GCSE RE course work but there was no statutory requirement for students to take an exam in the subject. It was also highlighted academies were not required to adopt the Slough Agreed Syllabus but under the terms of their Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State, academies were required to provide RE for all their pupils, except for those whose parents exercised the right of withdrawal.

The SACRE discussed whether there were any measures in place at schools for pupils at KS3 who were not taking GCSE RE and considered that it would be useful to put this question to Heads/ Re Leads at secondary schools. For

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schools that did not have any provisions, Slough SACRE could offer support by assisting in the provision of materials resources.

It was agreed that the Chair and the professional advisor would draft a letter to be sent to schools after GCSE results data had been published. Members discussed that RE provision at KS3 for non-GCSE pupils should be included on the agenda for the next meeting and requested the GCSE results for RE as well as Maths and English to be provided to enable comparison/analysis to be made.

Resolved:

- i) That the Chair and professional advisor draft a letter to head teachers and RE leads/co-ordinators requesting details about the provisions in place for non-GCSE RE students at the school and ask what material resources they may require that SACRE could support the schools with.
- ii) That data for RE, Maths and English GCSE Exam results be provided at the next SACRE meeting.

41. Invitation to the launch of the new Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education for Slough - Thursday 12th July 2018

Members noted the invitation and programme for the Agreed Syllabus launched on 12 July 2018 aimed at RE teachers and RE leads.

All SACRE members were warmly invited to attend and would be sent the invitation electronically so places could be booked directly.

Resolved – That the Invitation to the launch of the new Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education for Slough on 12 July 2018 be noted.

42. SACRE Finance - Update

It was discussed that the sum of £1,300 should be ring fenced to fund the provision of RE resources.

After due consideration and discussion, members decided to continue to subscribe to the Pan Berkshire SACRE Hub and agreed to make the required contribution of £900 for 2018-2019. It was noted that details of forthcoming projects would be confirmed in due course.

Resolved – That the sum of £900 be agreed as contribution to the Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub for 2018-2019.

43. Update on Costed Draft Action Plan for 2018 - 2019

The professional advisor presented the draft Action Plan for April 2018 – March 2019.

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Members noted that £1,800 had been spent to date and requested a breakdown to be provided so that it was clear which aspects of the action plan had been funded.

The total cost of funding the proposed actions set out in the Action Plan amounted to £3,472.50, excluding the cost of distributing the Agreed Syllabus to schools once it had been approved by Cabinet in July 2018.

Resolved – That the costed update on the Draft Action Plan for 2018 – 2019 be noted.

44. Information Items:

Resolved - That the following circulated information items be note:

- i) Diversity of Religion and Belief: A guidance and resource pack for primary schools in England and Wales - Executive Summary (Resource pack is available on request from the SACRE Clerk)
- ii) National Association of Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (NASACRE) Briefing: Issue 18 – please click on the link below to access:
<https://mailchi.mp/4f695192a0a2/6g3v9uvmy6-1233061?e=63a7f02ab2>
- iii) The 67th Buddhist Society Summer School

45. SACRE Members' Attendance Record

Resolved – That the Members' attendance record be noted.

46. Date of next Meeting - Wednesday 7th November 2018

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at the Slough Hindu Temple and it be rescheduled to Wednesday 14 November 2018 due the Diwali festival celebration taking place in the Temple on 7 November 2018.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 4.35 pm and closed at 5.47 pm)

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Slough SACRE - Draft Annual Report

2017 - 2018

A short explanation of SACRE

SACRE is the **S**tanding **A**dvisory **C**ouncil on **R**eligious **E**ducation

Each local authority is required to support and fund a SACRE

A SACRE:

- Advises the local authority on matters relating to the teaching of religious education and collective worship
- Has the responsibility to advise on the methods of teaching and resourcing religious education
- Has the authority to grant determinations to schools which have applied to have daily worship which is other than broadly Christian in character
- Has the responsibility for providing an Agreed Religious Education Syllabus and revising it every 5 years

Partnership Working

Slough SACRE works with NASACRE (the National Association of SACREs)

Slough is also a member of the Pan Berkshire hub of six SACRES that work together in order to give a cohesive approach to religious education and collective worship across the county.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the main areas of concern dealt with during the past year.

Minutes of this year's meetings, the terms of reference and make up of the SACRE can be found at: [http://www.slough.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/standing-advisory-council-for-religious-education-\(sacre\).aspx](http://www.slough.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/standing-advisory-council-for-religious-education-(sacre).aspx)

Support for SACRE

The Slough SACRE is supported by:

Brian Crisell - Professional Adviser
Nadia Williams - Clerk to the SACRE

Slough SACRE

For the whole of the year the SACRE has been chaired by Julie Siddiqi with Hardip Singh Sohal as vice – chair. Brian Crisell has replaced Jan Lever as adviser to the SACRE.

Without doubt the topic which has occupied the greatest amount of time and energy this year has been the drafting, writing and launching of the new Agreed Syllabus.

The regular SACRE meetings have still gone ahead but after each of these there was a meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

The first meeting of the year was held at the Curve in Slough on Wednesday 8th November 2017, The March meeting was held at the council offices in Slough and the final meeting, in June was held at St Mary's Church in Slough.

In addition to these meetings a Berkshire Hub meeting was held a few weeks before each one for Chairs and Advisers from each SACRE.

The fine details of all of these meetings are (included in the agenda of the Slough SACRE meetings) which are available on the Borough web-site.

It was decided early on in the year that a data base of schools in the Borough should be constructed which gave the contact details of Heads of RE and RE subject leaders. It was felt that this would help with communication and allow SACRE to contact schools – especially the 'right' person in each school more effectively.

The construction of this data base was fairly time consuming and to date has been successful in identifying either the Head of RE or the RE subject leader in 62% of all schools in the borough. In addition to this the Borough Music Service also asked to be included on the list.

This list became really useful when planning for the launch of the Agreed Syllabus. Many thanks go to Johnny Kyriacou for his help with this process.

Other issues which were discussed during the year included:

- Membership of SACRE and the filling of vacancies (A list of members and their attendance at meetings in 2017-2018 can be found in **Appendix 1**)
- Making more use of and extending the 'Crossing the Bridges' project
- Up-dates from NASACRE
- Discussions about GCSE results in different schools including why some schools did not enter students for any public examination and also what they taught students in years 10 & 11 about RE if the students were not entered into public examinations (**The details of the data for 2017-2018 were not yet released at the time of drafting this report**)

- Resources – there has not been any progress this year on the ordering of the resources held in storage at St Mary's CE Primary School.
- The recently released findings of the A final report from the independent Commission on Religious Education (CoRE), published in September, which calls on the Government to accept its national plan to transform the RE curriculum, which, it says, must better reflect the diversity of modern society. Pupils, it states, are also entitled to be taught by teachers who have “secure” subject knowledge; can address misunderstandings and controversial issues; “demonstrate a critical understanding” of developments in the study of religion and worldviews; and promote the value of scholarship.

Agreed Syllabus Conference

Finally, to report on the main event of the year which was the launch of the new Agreed Syllabus and has also been adopted by the five other boroughs in Berkshire.

The launch for Slough was held at the Eden Girls' school on Bath Road in Slough. Many thanks go to Karim Murcia and his staff for allowing this event to happen in their school on Thursday 12 July 2018.

About 50 teachers, head teachers, governors, and councillors attended the launch in the afternoon.

Julie Siddiqi, Chair of SACRE welcomed everybody along with Karim Murcia Head Teacher at Eden Girls' school.

Slough boroughs's Service Lead School Effectiveness, Johnny Kyriacou, talked about the importance of the Agreed Syllabus.

There were then talks by Anthony Lewis, British Humanist Association, on Humanism and Deep Kailey from Guru Maneyo Granth Gurdwara on Sikhism.

Participants were invited to talk and ask questions and refreshments were served.

At the time of writing all of the resources associated with agreed syllabus were being revised and updated.

**Membership of Slough Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
2017-2018**

Meetings: 8 November 2017, 7 March and 27 June 2018

Representing	Member	Meetings attended
Group A	Christian denominations and other religions	
Free churches	Sue Elbrow	3/3
Black Free Churches	Vacancy	
The Roman Catholic Church	Vacancy	
Baha'i	Vacancy	
Hinduism	Vacancy	
Islam	Julie Siddiqi	2/3
	Zubayr Abbas Bowkan	0/3
	Waqar Bhatti	2/3
	Vacancy	
Judaism	Vacancy	
Sikhism	Hardip Singh Sohal	3/3
	Ashpreet Singh Nainu	2/3
Group B	The Church of England	
	Rev Andrew Allen	2/3
	Christine Isles	2/3
	Andrea Sparrow	2/3
Group C	Associations representing teachers	
ASCL	Vacancy	
ATL	Vacancy	
NAHT	Vacancy	
NAS/UWT	Vacancy	
NUT	Lynda Bussley	1/3
VOICE	Linda Lewis	3/3
Group D	The Local Authority	
	Cllr Brooker	3/3
	Cllr Parmar	2/2
	Cllr Sarfraz	1/2
	Cllr Sohal	1/2
	Vacancy	
	Cllr Bains	1/1
	Cllr Bedi	1/1
	Cllr Sharif	1/1
	Cllr Smith	1/1
Clerk	Nadia Williams	3/3
Professional Adviser	Brian Crisell	3/3



BERKSHIRE SACRE HUB MEETING

17th September 2018

Shute End, Wokingham

NOTES FROM MEETING

All SACREs represented by members and their advisers.

Present: Jan Lever (Hub manager), Anne Andrews (Diocesan adviser and adviser to RBMW and Bracknell Forest), Rev David Taylor (West Berkshire), Karen Butler (RMWM), Sue Elbrow (Slough), Christine Isles (Slough), Michael Feeman (Reading), Steven Vegh (Wokingham), Gareth Barnard (Bracknell Forest), Alison Harris (Adviser West Berkshire and Wokingham), David Rees (Adviser Reading), Brian Crisell (Adviser Slough).

1. Feedback from Launch Events

All members reported a great deal of enthusiasm within their launch events and good feedback about the succinct nature of the syllabus. All had had other speakers as well as the syllabus briefing and good interactions were noted by all. Many felt that there was a large proportion of their schools present.

MF also reported that he had been asked to give a radio interview on Radio Berkshire which had taken place in July with a Humanist representative (who had also been the speaker at the Slough syllabus launch) which had demonstrated the agreement between both participants' viewpoints.

2. Distribution of syllabus – most SACREs had emailed out to schools following their launch. All LA websites hosting the syllabus except possibly Reading and West Berkshire. This to be followed up by Chairs.

3. (and 4) Looked at budget and went on to discuss items 4/5/6 together. JL explained that the diocese would charge the same as JLECT for consultancy time. Discussions ensued around the 2 suggested priorities of updating the existing resources and guidance, this being seen as essential to supporting the implementation of the new syllabus, and the development and dissemination of the Crossing the Bridges project.

GB felt that to maximise the value and opportunity of the new syllabus, a Hub priority should also be to reach harder to reach schools across Berkshire. SV felt that this may be too large a target for the budget available and the focus should be on developing the guidance and support materials as soon as possible. MF agreed that syllabus guidance was the most important priority. A discussion followed about the issues and necessity for a higher profile for SACREs and the Hub and how this could be achieved with the most measurable impact.. It was agreed that:

Syllabus guidance and support materials, to include Crossing the Bridges, would be the priority along with raising awareness and publicity regarding SACREs, the Hub and the support these offer.



Facilitating teachers sharing good practice and supporting each other would be an aim GB concurred and felt that promotion and social media must be a priority. AA suggested that Crossing the Bridges material could be tied more closely to the syllabus by embedding links to it from the syllabus guidance. Group agreed that the 2 priorities would stand and become 3 interconnected priorities including promotion especially to the harder to reach schools.

4. Who should lead the hub? JL raised some different models and these were discussed. Anne Andrews stated she was happy to take on the role but had restrictions placed upon her by the diocese regarding time allowance and her capacity.
David Rees was suggested for the role by JL. KB asked about the other JLECT consultants and AH explained DR had greater experience across secondary than she does and had previous experience in co-ordinating the development of syllabus resources etc. MF suggested that AA and DR share the role. SE asked AA if she was keen to take on the role, AA confirmed that she was. GD formally proposed the role be shared. This was seconded and all voted in agreement.
5. Action plan: AA and DR to communicate and work together to draft action plan. This to be sent to SACRE chairs by 5th October. Must comment and return to AA/DR by 12th October. Details of where/who to send to to be included in email from AA and DR.
KB asked to ensure that best practitioners be approached to be included in the work on the guidance. GB asked that it include some reference to a longer term e.g. 3 years to encourage continued support from the LAs.
6. KB offered a vote of thanks to JL for driving the Hub since its start.
7. Next meetings: Spring term: 21.1.19 4.15-5.30pm, Summer Term: 13.5.19 4.15-5.30pm
Venue tbc
8. The contractual arrangements, administration etc connected to the Hub management role to be confirmed. JL to discuss with WBC (Emily Waddilove) initially.

JL 18/9/18

Slough SACRE Action Plan April 2018 - March 2019

Aim	Actions	Timescales	People Responsible	Cost	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
A. CORE BUSINESS To be a supportive and proactive SACRE enjoying full and well-informed membership	1. Fill membership vacancies	End of July 2018	SACRE Chair SACRE Clerk				
	2. SACRE members attend termly SACRE meetings (3 per year) and, when possible, teacher network meetings and training events e.g. annual SACRE conference	Termly SACRE meetings: Summer 2018 Autumn 2018 Spring 2019 Teacher network meetings and occasional training events	SACRE Chair/SACRE Adviser SACRE members SACRE Clerk	SACRE Adviser to prepare and attend 3 SACRE meetings a year @ £475 per term SACRE Clerk to administer these meetings Refreshments £60	Mtg Weds 27 th June	Mtg Wednesday 14 th November	Mtg Weds March 6 th
	3. Produce annual SACRE Report	Autumn Term 2017	SACRE Adviser and clerk	Adviser 1 day @ £475 Design £40		Bring draft to November 2018 meeting	Presented at March mtg
	Update SACRE leaflet	Autumn Term 2017	SACRE Chair and clerk	Design £40			
	4. Review the action plan at each meeting and update for next year	At each SACRE meeting	SACRE Adviser and SACRE	Adviser time included in A2			
5. Subscribe to NASACRE	Ongoing	SACRE members	Subscription £105	Representative to attend NASACRE conference	Report to SACRE		

	Representation at annual NASACRE conference, NASACRE AGM		SACRE Adviser to organise	<p>NASACRE Conference and AGM</p> <p>SACRE members' tickets and travel £200</p> <p>SACRE adviser time to attend NASACRE conference. 1 day (£475) plus ticket (£100) @ travel approx. £80</p>	2018. (permission not granted)		
<p>B. To support teachers of RE to continually improve RE learning in their schools and</p> <p>C. To support the implementation of the revised Berkshire Agreed Syllabus for RE</p>		<p>Summer term 2018 Agreed Syllabus launch – see below.</p> <p>Autumn term 2018: October 11th 2018:</p> <p>Spring term 2019: February 7th 2019</p>	Led by Jan Lever Education Consultancy				

		Topic and Venue: tba 4-5.30pm					
	Primary Subject Leader Training x 1 half-day sessions	Summer 2019 May date, topic and venue tba	Adviser	Adviser £475			
	1x half day Professional Development on teaching of Sikhism to be confirmed.	Autumn term 2018 October 11th					
		Venue tbc but hopefully at a school in Slough					
		To be discussed					
Pan-Berkshire Hub	Consolidate and develop the Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub. Primary task 2018-19 is to review/revise Pan-Berkshire agreed syllabus. See agreed Syllabus review action plan		SACRE members SACRE adviser 6 Chair from all Berkshire SACREs	Adviser ½ day £237.50	Launch/conference to be planned by Slough SACRE for Summer term 2018 Date: 12 th July Venue: Eden Girls' School Writing and posting of letters to Schools. Adviser 1 day £475 plus postage costs £67 + £58		£3472.5

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SACRE FINANCE - 2017-2018 EXPENDITURE UPDATE

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A0025	8020013240	16/07/2018	201804	Agency Staff	R1100	F201	Matrix Inv 24329 - Jan Lever - Regular - w/e 20-May-2018	1496.25
	8020013851	24/08/2018	201805	Agency Staff	R1100	F201	Matrix Inv 25269 - Jan Lever - Regular - w/e 24-Jun-2018	2493.75
NASACRE Annual Subscription 2018-2019								105.00
Berkshire Hub Subscription 2018-2019								900.00
Total								4995.00

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SACRE MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE RECORD 2017/18

Member	Representing	15.06.17	08.11.17	07.03.18	27.06.18
Sue Elbrow	The Free Churches	p	P	P	P
Julie Siddiqi	Islam	p	P	P	Ap
Zubayr Abbas-Bowkan	Islam	Ap	Ab	Ap	Ap
Waqar Bhatti	Islam	Ap	P	Ap	P
Hardip Singh Sohal	Sikhism	P	P	P	P
Ashpreet Singh Nainu	Sikhism	Ap	P	P	P
The Rev Andrew Allen	The Church of England	P	P	Ap	P
Christine Isles	The Church of England	P	P	P	Ap
Andrea Sparrow	The Church of England	P	P	P	Ap
Lynda Bussley	National Union of Teachers	P	Ap	Ap	Ap
Linda Lewis	VOICE	P	P	P	P
Cllr Brooker	Slough Borough Council	P	P	P	P
Cllr Parmar	Slough Borough Council	P	P	P	
Cllr Sarfraz	Slough Borough Council	P	Ab	P	
Cllr Sohal	Slough Borough Council	P	Ap	P	
Cllr Brooker	Slough Borough Council	P	P	P	P
Cllr Bains	Slough Borough Council				P
Cllr Bedi	Slough Borough Council				P
Cllr Sharif	Slough Borough Council				Ab
Cllr Smith	Slough Borough Council				P
Brian Crisell	Professional Advisor		P	P	P

P = Present for whole meeting
Ap = Apologies given

P* = Present for part of meeting
Ab = Absent, no apologies given

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Places of Worship Directory

Christianity

Buddhism

Hinduism

Islam

Judaism

Sikhism

Other

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AGENDA ITEM 12

Introduction to the Crossing the Bridges Directory, Berkshire

Teachers often report that communicating with Places of Worship about taking children to visit or about inviting speakers into RE lessons, is a challenging process.

Ensuring the appropriateness of speakers and the relevance of the visits is also a challenge. Yet, there is so much rich learning to be gained from first-hand experience of visits and visitors.

The pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub gained pump-priming funding from the Culham St Gabriel's Trust to launch a project to bring together Places of Worship and schools, facilitate communication and enhance learning: Crossing the Bridges.

Additional funding from a Westhill/NASACRE Award enabled the project to be developed in Year 2.

The outcomes of this project to date regarding administration and communication are:

An information page template for places of worship to complete (enabling teachers to have contact details and information regarding content of visits and visitor input)
Common School Booking Form
Host and School Feedback Forms enabling monitoring of visits and effectiveness

The outcomes for teachers across Berkshire so far are:

- Improved access to places of worship for school visits, with hosts having received training relating to RE and the expectations of visits for learning outcomes.
- 4 guided tours of places of worship across Berkshire resulting in increased subject knowledge, face-to-face contacts with Hosts at the places of worship and x9 powerpoint sets of images (one relating to each place of worship visited) to use as teaching resources.
- Teaching/learning materials in the form of interactive enquiry booklets that can be tailored to the age of the pupils and the nature of the learning outcomes sought.

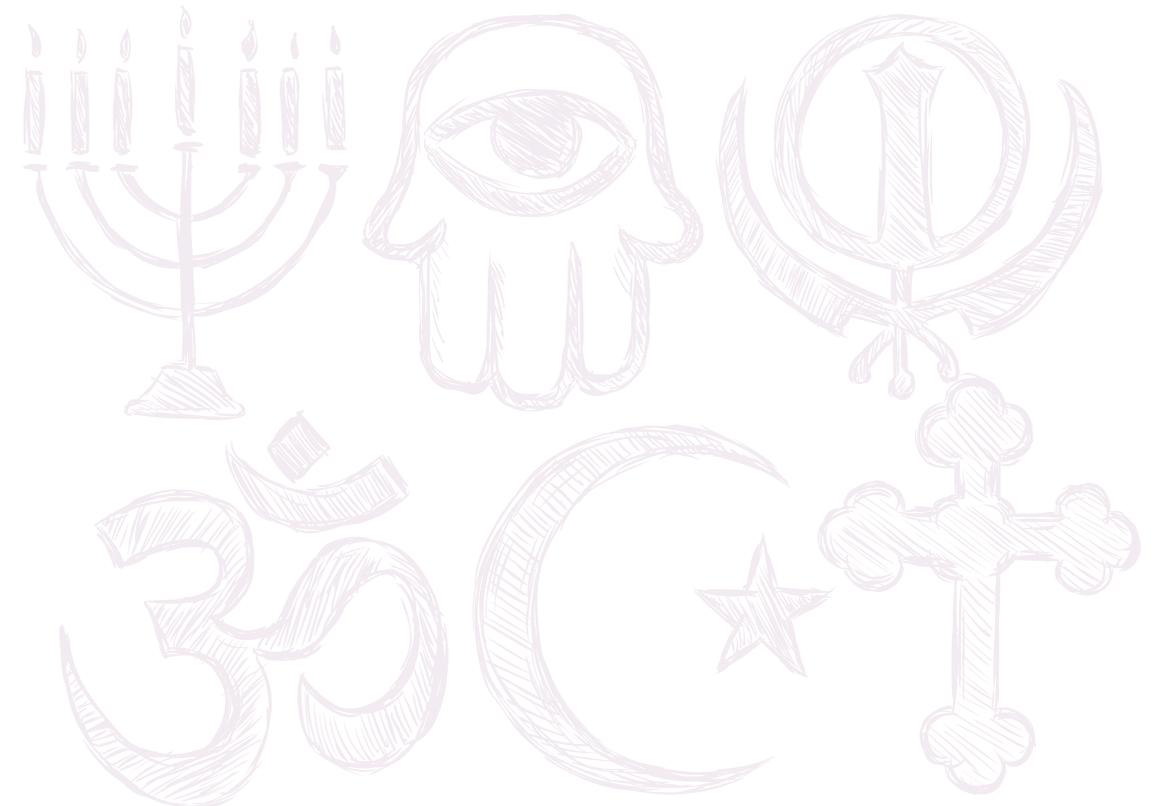
All of the resources listed above are freely downloadable from www.discoveryschemeofwork.com as well as from the 6 Berkshire SACRE web pages and the Oxford Diocese website.

This Directory of places of worship is the final piece of the puzzle, offering teachers an ongoing source of willing and trained hosts at places of worship across Berkshire. This will be updated annually and added to as more places of worship come on board the project.

The 6 pan-Berkshire SACREs are proud of the achievements of this project and invite teachers to make use of the materials they have produced to enhance RE learning for pupils.

Jan Lever

(Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub manager, on behalf of the SACRE Hub)



Crossing the Bridges Directory Overview

Town	Place of Worship	Faith Group	Weblinks
Bracknell	St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow RC	Christian	www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org
Bracknell	Easthampstead Baptist Church	Christian	www.ebc-bracknell.org
Crowthorne	Methodist Church	Christian	www.crowthornemethodistchurch.org.uk
Crowthorne	St John the Baptist CofE	Christian	www.crowthorneparishchurch.org.uk
Finchampstead	St James' Church CofE	Christian	www.parish.finchampstead.co.uk
Maidenhead	Mosque	Muslim	www.maidenheadmosque.org
Maidenhead	Quakers	Christian	www.midthamesquakers.org.uk/local-meetings/maidenhead
Maidenhead	St Lukes' Church	Christian	www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk
Maidenhead	St Mary's Church White Waltham CofE	Christian	www.stmaryswhitewaltham.co.uk
Maidenhead	Synagogue	Jewish	www.maidenheadsynagogue.org.uk
Maidenhead	United Reformed Church	Christian	www.maidenheadurc.org.uk
Maidenhead	Churches Together in Maidenhead (CTiM)	Christian	www.ct-maidenhead.org.uk/misc/docs/ctim_church_info_book.pdf
Newbury	Baptist Church	Christian	www.newburybaptistchurch.org
Newbury	Methodist Church	Christian	www.newburymethodistchurch.org.uk
Reading	Salvation Army	Christian	www.readingcentral.org.uk
Reading/Earley	Earley Gurdwara	Sikh	www.readinggurdwara.org.uk
Reading/Earley	Earley St Peters' CofE	Christian	www.earley-stpeter.org.uk
Reading/Earley	Lower Earley Baptist Church	Christian	www.lowerearleybaptistchurch.org.uk
Reading	St Giles CofE	Christian	www.sgilesreading.org.uk
Reading	Tyndale Baptist Church	Christian	www.tyndalereading.org.uk
Reading	Reading Minster of St Mary the Virgin CofE	Christian	www.readingminster.org.uk
Reading	Wycliffe Baptist Church	Christian	www.wycliffe.church
Reading	Greyfriars Church	Christian	www.greyfriars.org.uk
Slough	Gurdwara	Sikh	www.singhsabhaslough.org
Thatcham	Thatcham Baptist Church	Christian	www.thatchambaptist.org.uk
Tilehurst	Methodist Church	Christian (Blank Form sent)	www.tilehurstmethodist.org.uk
Windsor	St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church	Christian	www.catholicwindsor.org
Wokingham	Baptist Church	Christian	www.wokinghambaptist.org.uk
Wokingham	St Paul's Church CofE	Christian	www.stpauls-wokingham.org.uk
Wokingham	St Sebastian's Church CofE	Christian	www.stsebschurch.org.uk
Slough	Jamia Masjid and Islamic Centre	Muslim	www.jmicsslough.co.uk/Home.html
Slough	St. Paul's Church	Christian	parishadmin@stpaulsslough.org.uk

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Organisations/projects	Weblink	Faith Group	Contact
Jewish Community of Berkshire (JCOB)	www.jcob.org	Jewish	See website
REinspired	www.reinspired.org.uk	Christian	www.ebc-bracknell.org
Wokingham Town RE Trail	http://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/learning-and-teaching/religious-education/teaching-materials/religious-education-trail/	Christian	See contacts on individual church pages
Christian Connections in Schools – (Maidenhead & Windor)	www.ccischools.org.uk/about-ccis	Christian	Wayne Dixon See Website
Learn4life - Reading schools work	www.rscwt.org	Christian	See website
Baha'i Community of the United Kingdom	www.bahai.org.uk www.re.bahai.org.uk	Baha'i	www.re.bahai.org.uk

NB: No representation from Hindu or Buddhist communities.

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Place of worship: Address: Crowthorne Methodist Church 10 Dukes Ride, Crowthorne RG45 6LT		
Faith Leader Name Rev Jackie Case	email revjackie@casehome.plus.com	telephone 01344 411417
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Marjorie Mitchell	email marjoriecrompton@gmail.com	telephone 01344 773869
Host for the visit (if different) Name may vary	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Aall weekdays except Tuesday morning		
Preferred length of visits: 1 hour		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): no charge		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 15-20		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) all		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Aspects of worship and practice in our church, church family, outreach from the church by members
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) reception room, church, vestry and halls
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) envisage a description of the church life in the present day, the history of the building and explanation of Methodism
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? Depending on age and awareness of different types of Protestant denominations
Any materials to bring? as required by school
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Toilets, water, garden outside, halls could be used for workbooks if school provides
Directions and parking information Church is situated in Dukes Ride, just past junction with Bracknell Road and High Street. Some parking is available in New Road or in Kings Road
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) We would expect respectful behaviour but there is no restriction if the children wish to explore areas of the church e.g. pulpit
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Marjorie or Mrs Mitchell

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Place of worship: Address: St John the Baptist church Waterloo Rd, Crowthorne, RG45 7NT		
Faith Leader Name Rev Lisa Cornwall	email revlisacornwall@aol.com	telephone 01344 772413
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name TBA depending on date	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Variable dependent upon church activities/hall users - contact to negotiate		
Preferred length of visits:		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.):		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 2 classes if a tour		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) All		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Open to different aspects - contact us to discuss
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Victorian - Typical features of CofE church & adjacent hall
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) To be tailored to different requirements of schools
Any pre-teaching desirable/required?
Any materials to bring?
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Toilets Water Churchyard outside - can be used if weather fine. Church hall for activities
Directions and parking information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterloo Rd-Immediately after Mango Tree restaurant on the right, take first right into Church Street Park at the back of the church building half way up the street in the unmade gravel road To get into the main entrance of the church, follow the red path at the end of the building round to the covered way, steps and entrance area of St. John's
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) None
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Reverend Cornwall Other hosts may be available eg. Associate Priest Rev David Ramsbottom or suitable church members



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Place of worship: St James' Church		
Address: Church Lane, Finchampstead RG40 4LU		
Faith Leader	email	telephone
Name Canon Julie Ramsbottom		
Contact to arrange visit (if different)	email	telephone
Name Church office	office@stjames.finchampstead.co.	0118 973 0133
Host for the visit (if different)	email	telephone
Name Rev Julie or Rev Hannah		
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): weekdays		
Preferred length of visits: negotiable		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): donations welcome		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): up to 100 people including enough adults to supervise		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) Primary		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Festivals, worship and practice
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) medieval church, saxon font, stain glass windows, apsidal sanctuary
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) negotiable to include talk about the church and tour of churchyard with follow up visits possible
Any pre-teaching desirable/required?
Any materials to bring? pencils
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) toilets, water, outside space
Directions and parking information Parking available for about 40 cars but limited space for coaches
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) none except no food to be consumed in the church
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Rev Julie

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Place of worship: Address: Lower Earley Baptist Church Maiden Place, Lower Earley, Reading, RG6 3EH		
Faith Leader Name Keith Wilson	email minister@lowerearleybaptist.org.uk	telephone 07840161107
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Monday to Friday all day		
Preferred length of visits:		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): no charge		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 90		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all)		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Can cover any pre agreed theme / topic
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Large hall and smaller classrooms, modern church, baptistry
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Flexible to suit school
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? No
Any materials to bring? Pencil paper if required
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) toilets, classroom, outside space, water
Directions and parking information RG6 3EH Large free car park
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) No
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) No



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Place of worship: Address: St. Luke's CofE Church , Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX		
Faith Leader Name Revd. Sally Lynch	email sally514@btinternet.com	telephone 01626 783033
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Parish office or Rev Lynch	email admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.	telephone 01628 622733
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Most days by appointment (except Wednesday mornings)		
Preferred length of visits: Don't mind		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): Free - but donations are always welcome!		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): It depends on activity - we can seat 300 but for moving around 100 max		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) any age group		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Sally is a former RE teacher and had a wide educational experience We can respond to any need and have a team of church members to draw on. We can offer themed workshops (small charge to cover materials) eg. Holy week, being a Christian
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Beautiful mid Victorian Gothic church with WW1 Memorial Chapel, stained glass windows. Space within main worship area. A Presence and Engagement parish - works closely with Mosque & Synagogue
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) Prefer experiential and hands on learning and are not phased by children's questions. Will respond to the school's needs.

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Very flexible - bookings depend on availability of volunteers at church Can offer squash and biscuits (and coffee for staff!) If time allows can follow up in local schools
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? Depends on needs of schools - Sometimes yes, but often good to arrive and absorb first to lead on to questions
Any materials to bring? Bring own writing materials - unless a pre-arranged workshop
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) 2 toilets, drinking water, Some outside space in churchyard - Kidwells Park just along the road No classroom space or shop
Directions and parking information Norfolk Rd is off Cookham Rd in North Town area just off the A4 (5 min walk to Sainsbury and Magnet Leisure Centre) Parking for around 10 cars inside church gates. Coach drop of and park near the Magnet
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) None other than usual courtesy conventions
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Revd. Sally for vicar Christian name usually used for other team members



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Place of worship: St Mary's Church, White Waltham; Address: Church Hill, White Waltham, Maidenhead. SL6 3JH		
Faith Leader Name	email	telephone
Revd David Andrew	waltham.vicar@btinternet.com	01628 822000
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
to be arranged as appropriate		
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Usually available weekdays dependent upon weddings/funerals, not Tuesdays 12-2pm in June/July.		
Preferred length of visits: Dependent on school's needs		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): A cost will be charged if appropriate, but will depend on nature of visit - many will be free.		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 1 class of 30 or so unless using churchyard Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) Any		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? We can design and deliver a talk to meet the school's needs. Teachers could then plan follow up activities, potentially in conjunction with the church or using resources the church already has such as the churchyard study (probably available from September 2017). Just speak to us about your needs and we may be able to tailor something to suit.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Main church with small side chapel. One brass for brass rubbing, some notable memorials. We are currently designing a churchyard study and have some picture quizzes for inside and out (children have to find where the picture depicted on the quiz sheet actually is in the church or on the outside of the church building).
Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) It will link in with teaching about Christianity and Christian worship. It may also link with history through memorials and the churchyard study.

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) This is not prescribed and could be arranged with the teacher to suit the school. A follow-up visit to the school may be possible depending on distance and agreeing a mutually convenient time.
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? To be agreed - depends upon topic matter chosen by the school.
Any materials to bring? Please bring all materials unless previously arranged otherwise.
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Disabled toilet in church, 2 toilets in additional building (The Tree House) in churchyard. Water available both in church and separate building. Large classroom style space available in The Tree House (plus a kitchen); smaller classroom style space in church building. Children could eat packed lunches in either space or outside in churchyard as long as there is no litter left.
Directions and parking information The Church is on Church Hill in White Waltham. Church Hill is off Waltham Road. As you turn up Church Hill from Waltham Road there is parking available on the right in front of a large barn. The church is just a little further up the hill on the left, so children will need to cross the road unless the coach pulls up on the left to drop children off and then parks afterwards.
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) No special dress code. Behaviour code - we would ask visitors to behave respectfully as would usually be expected when visiting a church or someone's home. Please bring packed lunches if required.
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) First names, or to fit in with the school's normal mode during visits.

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Place of worship: Address: Maidenhead United Reformed Church, West Street, Maidenhead, SL6 1RL		
Faith Leader Name Revd David Downing	email revmandm@gmail.com	telephone 07967502710
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): week days by arrangement		
Preferred length of visits: approx 45mins - 1 hour		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): No charge		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 1 class		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) all		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Whichever area would be of interest to the young people.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) The church is 352 years old and is a grade 2 listed building. There are 5 meeting rooms, a hall, kitchen and vestry.
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) To be discussed with the Minister
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? No
Any materials to bring? writing materials
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) toilets, water, rooms available if arranged in advance
Directions and parking information The church is opposite the back door of Marks & Spencer. If driving take the Market Street turnoff at the Sainsbury's roundabout, follow the road round to the right and the church is on the right hand side. There is parking outside for 5 cars.
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) No food or drink may be consumed inside the actual sanctuary.
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Revd David



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Place of worship: Address: Newbury Baptist Church, Cheap Street, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5DD		
Faith Leader Name Richard Littledale	email minister@newburybaptistchurch.or	telephone
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Patricia Aberg	email office@newburybaptistchurch.org	telephone 01635 550124
Host for the visit (if different) Name Richard Littledale	email minister@newburybaptistchurch.or	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Mon, Tues, Wed or Fri by prior arrangement		
Preferred length of visits: 40 minutes		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): No charge		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 60		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) Any		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? All of the above
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Large worship area, seats approx 150
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) What goes on in a Church

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Visit around 40 minutes No refreshments Introduction to what goes on in a church with open questions encouraged. Follow up visit to school possible
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? Good to generate questions in class first
Any materials to bring? No
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Toilets Water Space for activities
Directions and parking information As per website
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) None
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) First name



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Place of worship: Address: Newbury Methodist Church Northbrook Street, Newbury, RG14 1AN		
Faith Leader Name Revd Peter Bennett	email minister@newburymethodistchurch	telephone 01635 40014
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name As above	email	telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name As above	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Weekdays during term time		
Preferred length of visits: Flexible		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): No charge		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): Groups of 15 preferred but larger groups by agreement and depending on the event. Max 100 seated.		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) 5-7 and 8-11 year old		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Festivals, worship and practice, denominational history, exploration of Christian spirituality. Others with agreement.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Early Victorian church featuring large elevated pulpit, gallery, pipe organ modernised for contemporary worship needs. Small upper room available as on site classroom. Good level access for wheelchairs
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) Happy to work together to meet these requirements when known.

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Small group presentations and Q and A or worksheet based discovery typically 15 to 20 min depending on age of students. Food not offered. Follow up visit to school also possible.
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? None required
Any materials to bring? May require writing implements and clipboard.
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Fully accessible toilet, water, small classroom space, small kitchen.
Directions and parking information No on site parking. Ample public car parking nearby.
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) No particular requirements or restrictions other than the usual respect for the building, its contents and each other.
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Peter or Reverend Peter



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Place of worship: Address: Abbey Baptist Church Abbey Square, Reading RG1 3BE		
Faith Leader Name Mary Brockington (Secretary)	email abbeymary@btinternet.com	telephone 0118 957 2197
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name John Chilvers (Church Admin)	email mail@abbeybaptistchurch.org.uk	telephone 0118 957 2197
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Flexible		
Preferred length of visits:		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): None		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 30		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) All		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Baptist beliefs, worship and practice, artefacts, architecture
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Main worship area. Baptistry for baptism by immersion. Communion plate. Co,mmunion Table. Hymn books
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Depends on what is required/requested
Any pre-teaching desirable/required?
Any materials to bring? Paper/notebook and pen/pencil
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Toilets, water seating, tables if needed. Squash and biscuits if requested
Directions and parking information In central Reading easily accessed by bus or on foot. Parking very limited
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) No food or drink in main worship area
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) First name



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Place of worship: Address: Reading Central Salvation Army Anstey Rd, Reading, RG1 7JR		
Faith Leader Name Major Richard Welch	email richard.welch@salvationarmy.org.u	telephone 0118 958 3019
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Matthew Stone	email matthew.stone@salvationarmy.org.u	telephone 0118 958 3019
Host for the visit (if different) Name Matthew Stone	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Flexible		
Preferred length of visits: Flexible		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): No charge		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): Up to 70		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) Primary school Ks1/2		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? The Salvation Army can offer a resource called 'Ultimate Church Visit' (https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/schools/ucv) fitting primary school curriculum covering topics studied in RE PSHE & Citizenship
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Large church and community centre with a number of rooms & halls available
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) See above. In small groups children have the opportunity to explore up to 9 zones covering different themes: the Bible, Christian worship, Symbols, History and Tradition

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Adaptable to suit school needs. previous schools have attended for a morning/afternoon. After introduction, children in small groups explore appropriate subjects before feeding back at the end of session. snacks & lunch can be included
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? Not necessary
Any materials to bring? As above
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Toilets, kitchen, halls and rooms (accommodating up to 350!) to host activities Also available, Ultimate Church Visit can also be adapted to be taken into schools
Directions and parking information Limited car parking available Accessible by Anstey Rd Reading RG1 7JR
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) None
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) First name



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Information



Place of worship: Address: Earley St Peter's (Church of England) Church Church Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 1EY		
Faith Leader Name	email	telephone
The Revd Philip Hobday	philip.hobday@earley-stpeter.org.uk	0118 966 6701
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Mondays - Fridays 9am-5pm, subject to diary constraints; could also do weekday evenings		
Preferred length of visits: Can negotiate		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): None		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?):		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) All		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action?
We could talk about all of the above. As a fairly traditional church building we are especially suitable to talk about Christian art, architecture, symbols, rituals, and so on; but will turn our hand to anything! We regularly welcome local schools / young people's groups - this is a key area of development for us and we have a number of resources available.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features)
Large church building with standard features e.g. cross, pulpit, lectern, font, altar, choir stalls, decorated stained glass windows / wall paintings featuring biblical scenes
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)
We could link with a number of curriculum areas (buildings, rituals, prayer, faith in action, Christian beliefs, Bible)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.)
We would work on timings, groupings, and presentations and could link to curriculum interests. An introduction to the church building and its different features would be a useful way into talking not just about art / architecture but also prayer, ritual, belief, life events (Baptism, marriage, communion, funerals). No food offered, but would certainly be happy to follow up with a school visit.
Any pre-teaching desirable/required?
No
Any materials to bring?
Something to write with
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.)
There are toilets (inc. an accessible toilet) in the adjacent Church Hall. Depending on the diary there might also be space in the Church Hall for groups to talk / eat a packed lunch.
Directions and parking information
RG6 1EY - there is space to drop off / pick up in the adjacent church car park, parking might be possible by arrangement
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.)
No particular requirements
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other)
Philip



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Place of worship: St Giles :Church, Southampton Street, Reading, RG1 2SB		
Address:		
Faith Leader Name Fr David Harris	email sgiles.vicar@gmail.com	telephone 01189572831
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Daily, we are flexible.		
Preferred length of visits: Anywhere from 45 minutes to 90minutes works well.		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): No charge.		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): The amount of children dictates the activities that are possible. We can host from 20-200.		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) All ages		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? We have a staff of geniuses to cover any area of desired focus.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Medieval Church, Lots of classic Victorian architecture. Classic cruciform design. Our bell ringers are happy to add tours of the ringing chamber, and tours of bells in the spire.
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) Like I said above, our geniuses can address any key question/concept/theme.

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.)
Any pre-teaching desirable/required?
Any materials to bring?
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.)
Directions and parking information
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.)
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other)



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Place of worship: Address: Tyndale Baptist Church 2-4 Cressingham Road, Reading RG2 7JE		
Faith Leader Name Revd Sam Owoo	email sowondukwe@yahoo.co.uk	telephone 07960 185437
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Mrs Maureen Keeble	email admon@tyndalereading.org	telephone 0118 9867 195
Host for the visit (if different) Name learn4life	email paul4schools@yahoo.co.uk	telephone 0118 975 1531
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Any days as long as enough notice is given		
Preferred length of visits: 1.5 - 2 hours		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): donation		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 2/3 classes (60-90 children)		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) (5-7 year olds/8-11 year olds/12-16 year olds/ post 16/all) all		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Festivals are popular but we can do all
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) 3 halls and a number of rooms (5-6) and religion artefacts such as cross and banners
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) Certainly central themes like family values, family life, festivals, multiculturality, inclusivity, etc. would have been addressed

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.)
Any pre-teaching desirable/required?
Any materials to bring?
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.)
Directions and parking information
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.)
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other)



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Place of worship: Thatcham Baptist Church		
Address: Wheelers Green Way, Thatcham RG19 4YF		
Faith Leader Name: David Taylor	Email david@thatchambaptist.org.uk	Telephone 07922 170503
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	Telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	Telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?):		
Normally, Mon 9 am – 3.30pm; Tues 9 am- 11.30 am; Wed 9 am- 3.30 pm; Thu 1 pm – 3.30 pm; Fri 11.30 am – 3.30 pm.		
Preferred length of visits: don't mind at all		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 150		
Preferred age group: all		

Venue Information:

Expertise of hosts
Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action?

Any. I am a previous Head of RS in secondary schools as well as having now been a Baptist minister for 20 years.

Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features)

One main room ("the sanctuary") but possibility of walking round other rooms if free. As a Baptist church there's not that much to "see" (which is part of the point) but lots of opportunity for talking & asking questions.

How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.)

Very much by arrangement with individual schools. We have very good projection equipment so I can offer presentations on a range of subjects as required. Food and drink available if required. Follow-up visit to school is a great idea.

Any pre-teaching desirable/required? Depending on subject

Any materials to bring? Depending on subject

Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.)

Toilets, various smaller rooms for breakout groups, café area for refreshments.

Directions and parking information

We are just behind the Burdwood Surgery in South Thatcham. Ample parking behind church in council car park. Free parking for 2 hours but you have to display a ticket from the machine.

Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) None apart from good behaviour and safety around the premises.

Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other)

David

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Place of worship:		
Address: St Edward's RC Church, 44 Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HJ St Mark's RC Church, Dedworth Road, Windsor, SL4 4JS		
Faith Leader Name	Email	Telephone
Canon David Hopgood	canondavid@catholicwindsor.org	01753 865163
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?):		
Preferred length of visits: Monday to Thursday 10.30AM TO 4.30PM		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): NONE		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 30		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) N/A		

Venue Information:

Expertise of hosts
Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action?
BELIEFS, WORSHIP AND PRACTICE

Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features)
ONE LARGE CHURCH

How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.)
SHORT TALK AND TOUR

Any pre-teaching desirable/required?
NO

Any materials to bring?
NO

Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.)
TOILETS

Directions and parking information
VERY LITTLE PARKING

Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.)
N/A

Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other)
FATHER DAVID

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Place of worship: Address: Wokingham Baptist Church Milton Road, Wokingham, RG401DE		
Faith Leader Name Revd. Nick Hudson	email nick.hudson@wokinghambaptist.or	telephone 0118 9787174
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Jean Young	email office@wokinghambaptist.org.uk	telephone 0118 9787174
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Mon Wed Thurs are best		
Preferred length of visits: by negotiation / approx 1 hour		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): No charge		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): A year group is fine		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) all ages		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Ministers are very happy to answer ANY questions from pupils about faith, practice & belief
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Main church: high ceiling, seats 270, simple furnishings - communion table, pulpit, organ, band equipment, gallery, baptistry for full immersion baptism which can be opened for 'dry' demonstration
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) 'Dry' baptism demonstration, "grill the minister" question time; also tour of buildings with explanation of usage incl. services, Sunday school, community uses etc.
Any pre-teaching desirable/required?
Any materials to bring?
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Tables and chair can be provided in the main hall if group needs to bring a packed lunch No lift access to upper floors - group visits can easily be tailored to meet the specific needs of the group. Please discuss upon booking.
Directions and parking information Parking in Milton Rd is restricted (disabled parking available on driveway) Parking in Elms Rd Paddocks car park advised, short walk through to Broad st. cross road to Milton rd. Church next to 'Tudor House'
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) None
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) We are informal!



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Place of worship: St Paul's Church of England Church, Reading Road, Wokingham, RG41 1ED		
Address:		
Faith Leader Name	email	telephone
the Rev'd Richard Lamey	richardlamey@btinternet.com	0118 327 9116
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Becca Lamey	office@spauls.org.uk	0118 979 2122
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
as above		
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Any week day.		
Preferred length of visits: We have arranged visits of anything between an hour and a day.		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): No charge.		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): Up to 60 works well, but we could take more if that worked best for you.		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) We have most experience of 5 to 11, but are very happy to arrange visits for older groups.		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? The Church building is well designed to explore worship and practice and festivals. We also have people who would be happy to talk about faith in action, beliefs and anything else which you would like us to talk about.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) St Paul's Church was built in 1864 and has everything you might want to see in a Church. The Parish Rooms are sometimes available for eating lunch in.
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) We have considerable experience in offering Church tours and are always careful to make sure that we have tied in with the topic the tour is part of. We do not just stick to a set talk- we are keen to support the School and its staff in their topic.

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Again, we are very flexible on all of this- we would design the visit with you.
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? Not necessary- but if it's happened we will try to connect in with it.
Any materials to bring? A pencil and clipboard can be helpful.
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Some Schools have enjoyed looking round the Churchyard as well. There are toilets available in the Parish Rooms, on the other side of the Churchyard.
Directions and parking information St Paul's is on the Reading Road, nr to Holt School. There are excellent public transport links by road and rail, and car-parking in the Parish Rooms. We are on the Reading Road as you drive out of Wokingham to Reading, before the Woosehill roundabout. We are also in walking distance of many local schools.
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) The more questions the pupils ask, the better!
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Again, we would be guided by the School on that. We are not precious. Different Schools address us as different things, depending on what tallies with their policy on schools visitors.

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Place of worship: St Sebastian's Church		
Address: St Sebastian's Parish Centre, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham, RG40 3AT		
Faith Leader Name Revd Cannon Andrew Marsden	email (As below)	telephone (As below)
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Judith Boulton	email office@stsebastians.org.uk	telephone 01344 761050
Host for the visit (if different) Name Suz Powell	email family@stsebastians.org.uk	telephone 01344 761050
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Weekdays - NOT Monday or Wednesday mornings		
Preferred length of visits: 45 minutes - one hour		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): No charge		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): Maximum of 40 pupils		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) Any age group		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? We are happy to talk about any of the above.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) The church building is over 150 years old. Particular features: Victorian choir stalls, pulpit and lectern. Also we have a small bell tower, stained glass windows, stone font & Commonwealth War Graves.
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Structure of visit: Introduction - history and introduction to the church as a family & community Exploring the church - tour around the special aspects of the church and Commonwealth War Graves Question and answer session
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? Pre-teaching not necessary
Any materials to bring? Paper and pens if you want to write/draw. Camera to take photos around the church for future reference
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) We have a toilet and small kitchen in the church. The church is surrounded by a graveyard, which classes are welcome to explore in a respectful manner.
Directions and parking information The church is situated on Nine Mile Ride, near Heathlands Road. We have a car park, but please note that we have a pre-school and primary school on site and so parking at the beginning and end of the school day can be tricky!
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) Everyone is welcome!
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other)



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Place of worship: Address: Wycliffe Baptist Church 233 Kings Road, Reading RG1 4LS		
Faith Leader Name Lee Kohler	email lee@wycliffe-church.org.uk	telephone 0118 929 9911
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Stewart Johnson	email stewart@wycliffe-church.org.uk	telephone 0118 929 9911
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Monday to Friday		
Preferred length of visits: as you wish		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): no cost		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 400		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) all age groups appropriately welcomed		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? We are happy to talk about any aspect of our faith, but visits may like to major on full immersion adult baptism which is one of the key differences
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Many rooms, few artefacts. Church built 1881 and has been expanding ever since. We have detailed knowledge of our history
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Everything is possible
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? can be provided
Any materials to bring? none required
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Toilets, water, refreshments, classroom space
Directions and parking information Church address is 233 Kings Road, Reading RG1 4LS Car park is on Norwood Road RG1 3LD
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) none
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) none



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Place of worship: Greyfriars Church, Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1EH		
Address:		
Faith Leader Name	email	telephone
Rev David Walker	david.walker@greyfriars.org.uk	0118 951 6702
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Rev Sarah Jones	sarah.jones@greyfriars.org.uk	0118 951 6705
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Week days - please phone to check availability		
Preferred length of visits: Flexible		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): No charge		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 350		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) 5-11 years.		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Any - we could involve the children in a pretend service, explain communion, describe a full immersion baptism.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) In the Church itself: Communion table, font, pulpit, baptistry. The church has 14th century origins as a friary, then a town hall, then a hospital. In the 18th century it was even a jail (there are graffiti markings on the stone pillars) In 1899 it became a church again.
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Happy to discuss.
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? None
Any materials to bring? None
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Toilets, water.
Directions and parking information There is parking but please call first to check availability.
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) None
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) First name.



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Place of worship: Address: Shinfield Baptist Chrch, 1 Fairmead Rd, Shinfield, Rg2 9DL		
Faith Leader Name Nathan Hunt	email: njhunt@gmail.com	telephone 07951 765127
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Tuesday – Friday Preferred length of visits: flexible		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): no cost		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 30		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all): no preferred age group		

Venue Information:

Expertise of hosts
Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Faith in action, beliefs, worship and practice

Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) a chapel with adjoining rooms

How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme?
(refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.)
Very flexible – best to contact and discuss

Any pre-teaching desirable/required?
no

Any materials to bring? no

Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.)
toilets, small kitchen, garden, car parking

Directions and parking information
as address and we have our own car park

Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) as per normal school visit

Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) first name

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Place of worship: Wokingham Methodist Church		
Address: Rose Street, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 1X5		
Faith Leader Name Rev Catherine Bowstead	email minister@wokinghammethodist.org	telephone 01189 776898
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Claire Knight	email claire@wokinghammethodist.org.uk	telephone 07954 220626
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?):		
Preferred length of visits: 1 hour depending on activities		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): no charge/donation		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 40		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) any		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? worship in practice faith in action
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Community centre memorial plaques
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) different faith practices

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) may arrange space for spirituality and quiet
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? n/a
Any materials to bring? n/a
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) toilets, water, space, prayer stations
Directions and parking information Rose Street Parking via Rose Street and Marks & Spencers
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) Uniform if applicable
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Claire



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Place of worship: St Mary's Church, St Mary's Road, Langley, Slough SL3 7EL		
Address:		
Faith Leader Name	email	telephone
Rev Robin Grayson	r.j.grayson@btinternet.com	01753542068
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Generally any weekday except Wednesday afternoon, but that can change at short notice		
Preferred length of visits: Up to an hour		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): Donation		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 30 is comfortable, maximum 60		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) Any, but different ages will address different areas of interest; 5-7 is on the young side		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Any of these, plus a focus on history for older children
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Medieval church building, with historic Kedermister Library attached
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) If the Library is being visited, then suggest up to 15 children see it for 20 minutes, while others look at the church. After swap over, time for questions. There is an observational 'quiz' available that will suit older Primary children.
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? An introduction to the main elements of a church building and of Christian faith will be helpful
Any materials to bring? Clipboards, paper and pencils, for drawing / writing answers
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) One toilet available The churchyard may also be of interest, as well as the exterior of the building
Directions and parking information Limited parking available outside on the road and at the Red Lion carpark opposite
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.)
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) 'Reverend Grayson' is usual in schools



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Place of worship: Address: St. Paul's Church, Stoke Road, Slough. SL2 5AS www.stpaulsslough.org.uk		
Faith Leader Name	email	telephone
Rev. Michael Cotterell		
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Church administrator	parishadmin@stpaulsslough.org.uk	
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Certain Weekdays during school hours-to be arranged with the school		
Preferred length of visits: One hour to one and a half hours		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): None		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 30 ideally. 60 is a maximum.		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) Ideally, KS2 and above, although Year 2 children may benefit.		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Can explain what Christians believe, how they worship, explain the layout, furniture and artefacts within the church, Happy to talk about major festivals and the sacraments e.g. baptism, Holy Communion, weddings, funerals. Church already hosts "Christmas unwrapped" and "Easter cracked" for Year 6.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Typical, large Church of England/Anglican building over 100 years old. Visits would take place within the church building.
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) Visit would help to explain what Christians believe and how they practise their faith. Questions from children/staff are welcomed.

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Children and staff to arrive to be met by the hosts. Drinks e.g. orange squash and biscuits can be provided but there are not many toilets. Teachers can suggest what focus they would like from the visit. Follow up visit to school may be possible.
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? Children should be prepared about what to expect. They should have a basic understanding of what Christians believe and a rough idea of some of the things they may expect to see in a church.
Any materials to bring? Pencils can be provided. Materials can be discussed with the visit co-ordinator.
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) A few toilets-Gents and Ladies. Water available in kitchen. No shop. Church lounge attached to the church-ideal for refreshments. Visit would take place indoors at all times.
Directions and parking information There is a car park. Coaches will need to drop off outside the church but will be unable to park there due to parking not being allowed during the week. It is envisaged that most school children will be local and able to walk to the church.
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) Presumably children will come in school uniform. No special dress code required. Light refreshments can be provided.
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) First name will probably be acceptable-to be advised. NB: CHURCH VISITS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE IF THERE ARE BUILDING WORKS GOING ON IN THE CHURCH.



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Place of worship: Maidenhead Mosque		
Address: Holmanlease, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 8AW		
Faith Leader Name Imam - Abid Hashmi	email	telephone
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Zia Mahiudin	email info@maidenheadmosque.org	telephone 07773230413
Host for the visit (if different) Name Saghir Ahmed	email S29eer@gmail.com	telephone 07427109007
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Mon - Thurs 10-noon		
Preferred length of visits: 90 mins		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.):		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 90		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) All		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Any
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Two halls and exhibition
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed)

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Arrival - remove footwear. Seated in main hall Features of Mosque described, basic faith, information delivered unless questions presented. Time for questions, view exhibition, refreshments on departure
Any pre-teaching desirable/required?
Any materials to bring?
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Toilets
Directions and parking information
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) Full dress, legs & heads to be covered by females
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) N/A



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Place of worship: Address: Jamia Mosque and Islamic Centre 83 Stoke Poges Lane, Slough SL1 3NY		
Faith Leader Name Imam Abdul Jamar	email	telephone 07886 189465
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Shaista Khan	email shaista.khan115@yahoo.co.uk	telephone 07868 484753
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Monday to Thursday		
Preferred length of visits: 1.5-2 hours		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): no charge		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 100 (optimum 60)		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) All		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Any topic
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Large prayer hall on ground floor, Display and Library area/additional prayer space upstairs
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) Features: Dome, minarets, Mihrab and minbar, abluton area. The mosque is ideal for explaining Islamic beliefs, practices as well as the Muslim Scientific legacy, and the long history of positive inter-faith relations. Volunteer guides are well prepared and have long experience in hosting mosque visits.

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) 1. Arrival and welcome - 5 minutes 2. powerpoint presentation - Introdtcion to Islam/Role of Mosque - 25 minutes 3. Four sub groups, rotate acivities 15 minutes each = 1 hour Fruit/snacks/juice available total time approx 2 hours
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? It would be helpful if children had some intro to Islam but not essential
Any materials to bring? Not necessary - prepared questions pen and paper
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Toilets, abluton area Classroom space upstairs outside courtyard
Directions and parking information Buses/coaches can park directly in front of mosque. Car park at rear access via Portsmouth Court
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) Please dress modestly School uniforms ok Women to wear headscarves (preferred but not essential)
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) First name or surname

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Place of worship:		
Address: Jewish Community of Berkshire, 63 Tilehurst Road, Reading RG30 2JL website: schools.jcob.org		
Faith Leader Name	email	telephone
Rabbi Zvi Solomons	rabbi@JCoB.org	07828742282
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Shira Solomons	talks@JCoB.org	07931747316
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): We normally bring the synagogue space to the school but occasionally have visits on site here. All days.		
Preferred length of visits: Visit length depends on needs of the school and their budget.		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): Cost depends on the length of the visit and travel time. See http://www.jcob.org/booking.html		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 30 - 60 children per hour -- limit depends on length of the visit. On site capacity is 30		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) We cater to all ages		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Our workshops cover all aspects of Jewish life, practice, and belief. Most popular topics are the synagogue, Shabbat, autumn festivals, Chanukah, Passover, Shema, Torah and mitzvot.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) We normally bring materials to the school. We have a model Torah and ark, prayer books and articles, Shabbat and festival items such as candle sticks and seder plates. Whatever is needed for the topic. On site we have a small house synagogue with a real bimah and a real ark with a Torah scroll, all standard ritual items, and a kosher kitchen.
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) This depends on the questions for each school and is specific to each individual visit.

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) This is specific to each individual visit. We will make a sepecific schedule and plan extra items such as food directly with the school. Food items such as challah are available as extras, provided at cost.
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? This depends on the specifics of each visit.
Any materials to bring?
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) We normally come to the school. For on site visits, we have toilets and water, but space is limited. Almost all visits are at the school rather than on site.
Directions and parking information We normally come to the school. For the occasional on site visit, we have parking suitable for minivans but not large buses. There are no parking restrictions on Tilehurst Road.
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) We normally come to the school and all food we provide is kosher. For on site visits, no food should be brought into the house.
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Rabbi Zvi Shira or Rebbetzin Shira during visits

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Place of worship: Address: Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 8QX		
Faith Leader Name Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain	email rabromain@aol.com	telephone 01626 673012
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name Synagogue Administration	email office@maidenheadsynagogue.org	telephone 01628 673012
Host for the visit (if different) Name We have a team of 4 or 5	email office@maidenheadsynagogue.org	telephone 01628 673012
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): In general, Mondays, Wednesdays before 11am, Thursdays and Fridays		
Preferred length of visits: 60 -90 minutes		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): No charge but some schools give a donation which is always appreciated		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): any more than 60 gets unwieldy		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) We try to cater for all ages		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? For the most part teachers just want a general talk to show and explain the work of the synagogue and the artefacts in the prayer hall. Normally the guide makes contact with the teacher by email before the visit to check what is wanted from their visit.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Garden with Biblical plants, large kiddush hall, prayer hall with ark, Torah scrolls, bimah, Ner Tamid, Hebrew wall hangings. We set up a Shabbat table.
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) When email contact is made before the visit, it is helpful if the teacher can explain what the pupils are studying and what they hope to get from the visit, so the guide can direct the talk accordingly.

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Each guide may have his own way of conducting the visit, but usually a short talk about the exterior of the building, history of the synagogue in Maidenhead. Inside the kiddush hall we talk about what goes on in the work of the synagogue, kashrut, Religion school, etc. We then move to the prayer hall to talk about the artefacts, show the Torah scrolls, talk about Shabbat and show the Shabbat table.
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? Visits are much more successful if the teacher has done some background work on Shabbat, the Torah etc. Some visit at the end of the topic to bring it all to life.
Any materials to bring? None required though some teachers bring clipboards if they want the pupils to do drawings.
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Large car park suitable for coach to stay if necessary, toilets available, no shop and no classroom space.
Directions and parking information Grenfell Lodge is set back off Ray Park Road up a short drive (almost opposite Ray Lea Road). Large gates at the top of the drive. Ample parking for coach and cars.
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) No dress code. We would expect the teachers to maintain discipline during the visit. No meat products/shellfish or nuts are allowed on the premises.
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) This may vary according to the guide who would introduce him/herself accordingly to the pupils.

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Place of worship:		
Address: Ramgarhia sabha Reading (RSR) http://www.readinggurdwara.org.uk/ 234 London Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire RG6 1AH		
Faith Leader Name	email	telephone
President Mr B Sian	RSR@khalsa.com	0118 9265432
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Mrs Jagdeep Hunjan	Deepgjan@hotmail.com	0118 9471188
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Most days except Sunday & Wednesday		
Preferred length of visits: At least 1.5hrs		
Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.):		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): Up to 50 children		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) All		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? All - Depending on the needs of the visitors
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Office in the attic. Congregation room (capacity to sit 100-150 adults) Dining hall, Kitchen & washrooms. Parking available for 10+cars
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) By giving children first hand experience of the practices and respect to the holy book Guru Granth Sahibji, as well as the practical experiences of sitting in meditation & sharing & serving the Langar meal

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Information as previously given
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? Pre-teaching would help, but not essential
Any materials to bring? Scarves to cover heads as a mark of respect
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) There is no shop All facilities available
Directions and parking information Parking for 10+ cars
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) Clean normal respectable dress code including a scarf to cover the head Vegetarian food is served
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Address adults presenting by their surnames. Children addressed by their first names

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Place of worship: Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurudwara, Sheehy Way, Slough, Berkshire SL2 5SS		
Address:		
Faith Leader Name Nirmal Singh	email nsingh11@hotmail.com	telephone 07921 977069
Contact to arrange visit (if different) Name	email info@singhsabhaslough.org and	telephone 07921 977069
Host for the visit (if different) Name	email	telephone
Availability of venue (which days and times is the venue available to receive visits?): Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4pm and weekends subject to volunteer availability to host the visit.		
Preferred length of visits: Anything from 2 to 3 hours depending on age of children visiting.		
Cost to school (donation/fixd costs/ no charge etc.): Nil		
Maximum Capacity (How many children/young people at a time?): 80-90 children subject to appropriate adult ratio and volunteers being available.		
Preferred age group (5-7 year olds/ 8-11 year olds/ 12-16 year olds/post 16/all) Any age		

Venue Information:
Expertise of hosts Which aspects of the religion would be preferred focus e.g. festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage/prayer/ family life/ faith in action? Any aspect as I am prepared to cover any aspect required and am happy to tailor visits to specific needs and requirements.
Brief description of venue: (e.g. number of rooms, artefacts on display, particular features) Sikh place of worship, which encompasses prayer hall, dining area, kitchen, car park, display of sikh items of religious significance, etc
How might this Place of worship address the school's key question/concept/theme? (refer to school information sheet when completed) The school children will be able to see in person, the application of the theoretical side that they see in books, videos, etc. They will also get to see, speak and engage with a practising Sikh (host). A turban tying exercise is also carried out with a handful of children.

Structure of Visit: (e.g. timings, groupings, brief outline of any presentations, food offered, follow-up visit to school possible etc.) Tour of building explaining different aspects of the Gurudwara, purpose of a Gurudwara, the history of the faith, origins, etc. Children will get to see where the free food (langar) is prepared and will see actual preparation of food being done. They will be taken to the main prayer hall and subject to there being a reading ceremony of the Sikh scriptures taking place during the visit, they get to see our Holy Guru, the Sri Guru Granth
Any pre-teaching desirable/required? A brief introduction to the Sikh faith would be desirable.
Any materials to bring?
Facilities available (e.g. toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc.) Toilets, free food (Langar), parking, kitchen, lifts for the disabled, outside space, gym and indoor working area for visit related exercises.
Directions and parking information Parking is on Sheehy Way where coaches can also park immediately as you enter Sheehy Way and no further. Alternatively, coaches can park on Wexham Road and then children can walk (1 minute walk) to the Gurudwara.
Special requirements or restrictions: (e.g. dress code, behaviour code, items/food to be brought etc.) No hats or caps must be worn. Headgear in the form of Bandanas are provided for all visitors. Practising Muslim girls/women are allowed to wear the Hijab and would not be required to wear headgear provided by the Gurudwara. No meat, egg or fish based products are allowed on site. No alcohol or any form of tobacco is allowed on site. Smoking anywhere on the premises is forbidden.
Preferred mode of address: (e.g. first name, surname, other) Nirmal or Mr Singh - whichever is easier for the visitors to pronounce.

