**Professional Committee - Primary Advisers Report**

**NBRIA AGM 1 December 2022**

Primary Advisers met remotely for their business meetings in the Spring and Autumn term meetings, but appreciated meeting together for the residential conference at Hinsley Hall in July.

Advisers enjoyed uplifting, reflective input at the conference from Jo Boyce, CJM Music who also spoke about her online resource, Teach Us to Pray, a practical guide to Prayer & Liturgy for Catholic Schools. Our evening Mass was enhanced by Jo’s music and advisers were able to thank Fr Des and wish him a happy retirement. Retirement presentations were also made to two former colleagues who had retired during Covid.

In the Autumn advisers received updates from Philip Robinson and Nancy Wallbank on the RE Directory and the work carried out over the summer to prepare the document for the Bishops’ approval. Advisers also discussed the further consultation on the Directory of Prayer and Liturgy and the launch of the CSI framework. Advisers expressed their thanks to Philip and Nancy.

The Catholic Project group has been reconstituted and Pat Peel, Liverpool is the Chair, following Fr Des’ retirement. A questionnaire has been sent to schools for their opinions on the strengths of Come and See as a starting point for revising the scheme. The process of writing will be consultative and involve pilots with schools to ensure practitioners are involved in developing resources. The scheme will follow the branch structure of the model RED curriculum. Interested advisers have been invited to join the Catholic Project writing group.

Advisers received updates from Bethany Friery, CAFOD and Claire Colleran, Missio and recorded their thanks to both agencies for the high quality teaching and collective worship resources produced. Christopher Noonan of Mustard Seed shared the video resources for schools he is producing to support RE and catechesis. The session ended with a sharing of resources and good practice.

**Dates for the diary for this year:-**

Thursday 10 February 2023 Coleshill

Thursday-Friday 6-7 July 2023 (Residential at Hinsley Hall)

Claire Hetherington (Hexham and Newcastle)

Chair of Primary Advisers

November 2022