



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 24TH FEBRUARY 2009

SUBJECT: ST MARY'S CENTRE, NORTH WALES

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of a recent communication from Tania ap Siôn, Director of the St Mary's Centre.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 On 1st August 2008 the St Mary's Centre at St Deiniol's Library was established to support religious education in Wales. The mission of the Centre is to promote excellence in religious education in Wales and to represent Wales on both the UK and international RE scenes.
- 2.2 St Mary's Centre is about to produce the first issue of REview (English version) / AGweddau (Welsh version). REview is a FREE online magazine for RE professionals in Wales covering curriculum development in religious education, research in religious education, religion and culture, and reviews of books and resources.
- 2.3 Two issues will be produced a year (one February/March and the other September/October).
- 2.4 This is a significant additional resource and teachers are encouraged to obtain access, free of charge. Invitations to sign up to receive the link for the new magazine are given each time it is published and a link to the Centre's website is given in Appendix 1.
- 2.5 SACREs have been asked to discuss additional ways of reaching teachers more effectively, for example, via regular LEA school mailings and/or a link to the magazine on the St Mary's Centre website could be included on a relevant part of Caerphilly CBC's website.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the correspondence and discuss additional ways of sharing information about the Centre with all schools in Caerphilly County Borough.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Letter dated 12th January 2009