



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 8TH JUNE 2009

SUBJECT: RE IN THE FOUNDATION PHASE

REPORT BY: ESIS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the statutory requirements for RE in the Foundation Phase and to demonstrate examples of planning and delivery.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The introduction of the Foundation Phase does not affect the statutory duty of maintained schools to provide religious education. Guidance on this requirement is set out in Welsh office Circular 10/94.
- 2.2 The circular confirms that religious education must be provided **for all registered pupils in maintained schools, including those in reception classes but excluding pupils in nursery schools and nursery classes.**
- 2.3 This is subject to the rights of parents to withdraw their child/children from religious education. The content of RE is set out in the locally agreed syllabus for religious education with advice provided by the local Standing Advisory Council for religious education (SACRE) or under such arrangements as are made by a school of religious character. When planning the delivery of the Foundation Phase, schools should take account of provision of the Foundation Phase framework and of the relevant provisions of the locally agreed syllabus.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked note and discuss the requirements for RE in the Foundation Phase.

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