



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2010

**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE ON INSPECTING COLLECTIVE
WORSHIP – ESTYN**

REPORT BY: ESIS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the updated Estyn guidance for inspectors.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 In order to provide further information for inspectors on inspecting collective worship in non-denominational schools Estyn has updated its guidance.
- 2.2 The supplementary guidance document addresses issues relating to the legal requirements, what is meant by the term collective worship, how to inspect and report on collective worship and a number of frequently asked questions in relation to collective worship.
- 2.3 The guidance document has been updated to take into account the new inspection framework and changes to legislation in regard to collective worship at Post 16 in schools. The guidance now states that in all inspections in non-denominational schools, inspectors must report on instances where the school does **not** comply with the statutory requirements. Pupils in the sixth form, since February 2009, have the right to excuse themselves from acts of collective worship.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Members of the SACRE are requested to note the 'Supplementary Guidance on Inspecting Collective Worship' and to consider sending the document to all schools in the LA.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Supplementary Guidance on Collective Worship