



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) - 14TH NOVEMBER 2013

SUBJECT: WELSH GOVERNMENT FOUNDATION PHASE GUIDANCE

REPORT BY: INTERIM DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the Foundation Phase Guidance from Welsh Government.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 To familiarise Members with the Welsh Government Foundation Phase Guidance Document: People, Beliefs and Questions *'Religious Education for 3 to 7-year-olds in Wales.'*

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 The report links to SACRE's duty to monitor and develop the provision of Religious Education and Collective Worship in schools and the CCBC Strategic Equality Plan 2012.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 Audience

Foundation Phase practitioners; SACREs; local authorities; tutors in initial teacher training and others with an interest in continuing professional development.

4.2 Overview

These materials provide key messages for planning learning and teaching in religious education for children aged 3 to 7 years old. They include case studies showing good classroom practice, planning grids and suggestions regarding assessment. The document describes an entitlement to receive religious education which should adequately prepare children for the challenges at Key Stage 2 and beyond.

The guidance is made up of two separate documents – one containing English case studies and information, the other containing Welsh case studies and information.

English Case Studies

Divali
Hatching/Easter
Mini beasts and Khalifah Weddings
Siddhartha and the Swan
Saint David's Day celebrations
Hanukkah
Special places
The mosque
Caring

Welsh Case Studies

Thanksgiving
Life of a Muslim in Africa
Holi
Mothers and babies
Sukkoth
The lost sheep
The Bible and Mari Jones
Weddings
King of the monkeys
Raksha Bandhan
Caring

4.3 Web Links:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/schoolshome/curriculuminwales/arevisedcurriculumforwales/religiouseducation/?lang=en>

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/schoolshome/curriculuminwales/arevisedcurriculumforwales/religiouseducation/?skip=1&lang=cy>

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Religion and Belief is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010 and locally is covered by section 6 (xi) of the CCBC Strategic Equality Plan 2012.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications attached to this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no personnel implications attached to this report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Members of SACRE are requested to note the document 'People, beliefs and questions: Religious education for 3 to 7-year-olds in Wales' and to consider informing schools about the guidance.

9. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 As part of SACRE's statutory duty to monitor and develop religious education and collective worship.

10. CONSULTATION

- 10.1 All comments have been reflected in this report.

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