



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) - 12TH JUNE 2014

SUBJECT: RE: QUEST RESOURCE FOR TEACHING CHRISTIANITY IN SCHOOLS

REPORT BY: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the updated RE;Quest Resources for teaching Christianity in schools.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 RE:Quest one of the largest online resources for teaching about Christianity in schools in the UK has recently updated their website.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 SACRE's have a statutory duty under Section 391 of the 1996 Education Act 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 RE:Quest is one of the largest online resources for teaching about Christianity for schools in the UK. In the summer of 2013 the web site was re-launched with a new design and new material.

4.2 It is a free resource for teachers and pupils, giving access to up-to-date resources for the exploration of Christianity within Religious Education and Religious Studies for all age groups - primary and secondary.

4.3 Material includes films, images, interactive features and age appropriate text. The Teachers' Toolkit contains lesson plans, schemes of work, video clips and downloadable materials. It also contains multi-media resources and training material from educational professionals including Lat Blaylock makes the site not only a resource for RE but also provides support for teaching staff.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report is for information purposes only, so the Council's Equalities Impact Assessment process has not been applied, however 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. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 There are no consultation responses not reflected in this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 For SACRE members to watch the introductory video(s) giving information on the website and how it can be used.

9.2 Send a flyer to all schools to raise awareness of this free resource for schools.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

10.1 As part of SACRE's statutory duty to support the provision of Religious Education in schools by signposting them to appropriate resources.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 - RE Quest - Asking the big questions