

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE: 2ND NOVEMBER 2015

SUBJECT CAERPHILLY SCHOOL INSPECTION REPORTS ANALYSIS – AUTUMN 2014-SUMMER 2015

A SACRE SYNOPSIS: MAIN FINDINGS

During the academic year Autumn 2014-Summer 2015 13 Caerphilly schools were inspected:

- ten primary schools
- three secondary schools

Spiritual Development

Comments in relation to spiritual development are evident in all 13 inspection reports.

Collective Worship

Meeting statutory requirements

The Estyn Common Inspection Framework notes that inspectors should only report on instances where the school does **not** comply with statutory requirements. The inspection report for Lewis Girls School states that the school does not comply with the statutory requirements. We can therefore assume – as Estyn has not noted any other instances of non-compliance - that all other schools inspected meet statutory requirements in relation to collective worship.

Quality

Six of the reports made comment on the quality of collective worship

Good features (Primary)

- Daily assemblies foster shared values suitably,
- Pupils have opportunities to reflect on spiritual and moral values and to reflect on their decisions during class lessons and in collective worship.
- School assemblies offer interesting opportunities for pupils to develop their understanding of different emotions and characteristics, for example happiness, resilience and determination.
- Pupils take an active part in collective worship which contributes well to their learning.
- During a 'Shoe Box' assembly, pupils reflect very well on the significant differences in their own lives and the lives of people in poorer parts of the world.
- The local church holds services in the school hall for pupils and members of the local community, and this helps to develop the spiritual dimension of pupils' development well

Areas for development (Primary)

- Opportunities for pupils to reflect on the world around them during collective worship sessions are limited

B RECOMMENDATION

Request the action plan from Lewis Girls School to show how they intend to meet statutory requirements for acts of collective worship.

C SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Caerphilly Primary School Inspection Reports for Academic Year 2014/15: SACRE Synopsis (attached at Appendix 1).