

APPENDIX 1

To Headteachers and Religious education co-ordinators
All primary and special schools in Caerphilly

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Dear Colleague

Many schools in Wales are now using the Incerts software to track pupils' progress in the National Curriculum subjects and Religious Education.

Incerts are offering the option of two sets of level descriptions for Religious Education in KS2.

The first option, called RE 'original levels', consists of the levels from a programme of study used by Catholic schools in the UK, 'Here I am', (although this is now out of date and has been superseded). The second option, RE - 'exemplar framework', contains the statutory level descriptions for all maintained schools in Wales, as set out in all 22 Locally Agreed Syllabuses for RE in Wales. **This is the correct set of Levels in Incerts for use by maintained and voluntary controlled schools in Wales.**

It has come to the attention of Caerphilly SACRE that some schools in Wales have been advised by Incerts that schools are free to choose which assessment framework they wish to use as neither framework is statutory. This is incorrect as the level descriptions found in your locally agreed syllabus are statutory. Every Agreed Syllabus in Wales contains the Level Descriptions for RE as produced by Welsh Government in their *National Exemplar Framework for RE* and these form part of the statutory syllabus and aim to ensure consistency of expected standards across all maintained and voluntary controlled schools.

Schools are urged to ensure that the correct version is used if this programme is adopted by the school to track pupils' progress in RE.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter then please contact Vicky Thomas RE Consultant to SACRE by email vickyathomas@hotmail.co.uk