

## CAERPHELLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**DATE: 16TH OCTOBER 2017**

**SUBJECT: ESTYN THEMATIC REVIEW OF RE: QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **A BACKGROUND**

Estyn have a remit from Welsh Government to conduct a thematic review of RE at Key Stages 2 and 3. The rationale for reviewing KS2 and KS3 is to consider continuity and transition.

This report is part of a series of reports on curriculum subject areas. It will build on the 2013 report on Religious Education in Key stages 3 and 4.

Evidence gathering will be via school visits, telephone information gathering, and a **brief questionnaire to Chairs of SACRE.**

Approximately 20 schools will be visited with  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  day spent in each school. Some of the schools will have been identified by HMI as needing further exploration both positively and negatively. Estyn will try to get a balance between not looking only at schools with good features or those with shortcomings.

The focus of the review will be on standards, provision, assessment (marking and tracking), leadership and management of the subject, Links with the Community. They will also look at staffing (use of supply teachers and or PPA teachers) of the subject and whether it is taught discretely or through a thematic approach. Also they will look at a school's preparedness for Successful Futures and the Four Purposes.

At KS3 there will be a focus on Year 8.

### **B RECOMMENDATION**

For SACRE to consider the attached questionnaire, which will have been partly completed by the Chair of SACRE (whilst supported by the Professional Advisor) prior to the meeting, and add any further points as they feel necessary. Responses need to be returned to Estyn by 27th October 2017.

### **C SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Appendix 1 Blank Estyn Questionnaire for SACRE