

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

DATE: 13TH JUNE 2018

**SUBJECT: ESTYN – UPDATES ON SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
 DOCUMENTS AND THEMATIC REVIEW**

A BACKGROUND

Estyn recently issued an information update on Spiritual Development and Collective Worship as follows:

Estyn: Update for inspectors (April 2018): Spiritual development and daily acts of collective worship

In the guidance handbooks for the inspection of schools, we require inspection teams to consider the provision for pupils' spiritual development and daily acts of collective worship under 4.2.

It is important to remember that inspection teams must consider these aspects on each inspection and each report is likely to contain some comment on these aspects of pupils' development. However, each report does not need to contain a set number of sentences dealing with the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, and we do not expect inspectors to report on these aspects in a formulaic way. It is up to each inspection team to weigh up the significance of any strengths and weaknesses in each inspection area.

Inspectors may also report on acts of collective worship 'by exception'. This means that they may report on some aspects only where there are particular strengths or significant weaknesses. Therefore, we do not expect formulaic reporting on whether a school meets the statutory duty to provide a daily act of collective worship, but we do expect inspection teams to look at this on each inspection. If the school does not meet its statutory duty in this regard then we would normally expect a comment in the report.

However, a failure to meet the statutory duty might not affect the judgement for IA4. This is something for the team to consider. The team will need to weigh up a number of factors in each specific case, such as the number of pupils that it affects, and the team will have to decide whether this is significant or not and whether it should affect the overall judgement for IA4.

Irrespective of whether or not inspectors decide to report on collective worship, they must always report on the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils.

Estyn have also recently issued an update on their Thematic Review of Religious Education at Key Stage 2 and 3 as follows:

Estyn Thematic Review of Religious Education at Key Stage 2 and 3

Mark Champion, one of the lead inspectors at Estyn, has confirmed that this report is on schedule for publication on 12 June 2018.

Liz Counsell (report author) and Michelle Gosney (humanities lead officer) will attend the WASACRE meeting on 6th July in Anglesey to discuss the report and related issues.

B RECOMMENDATION

For SACRE to note the details of the updates and to discuss whether the information update to inspectors on Spiritual Development and Collective Worship (attached at Appendix 1) be sent to all schools for information only.

C SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Appendix 1 ESTYN: Update for inspectors (April 2018): Spiritual development and daily acts of collective worship