

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGION,
VALUES AND ETHICS**

DATE: 5TH DECEMBER 2022

**SUBJECT MONITORING PROVISION AND STANDARDS - CAERPHILLY
SCHOOL INSPECTION REPORTS**

A. PURPOSE

To consider the main findings of Caerphilly inspection reports with regards to religious education, spiritual development and collective worship.

B. BACKGROUND

SAC Synopsis: Main findings

This synopsis for Caerphilly SAC provides information about spiritual development, collective worship and any comments made in relation to religious education in the inspection reports of schools inspected in the local authority during May 2019 – June 2022.

This synopsis considers the inspection findings of nine primary schools, two secondary schools and one special school.

Main findings - Spiritual Development

Comments in relation to spiritual development are evident in all 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. All schools inspected during May 2019 – June 2022 meet statutory requirements in relation to collective worship.

Collective Worship - Quality

There is reference to the quality of collective worship in two inspection reports and good features are highlighted.

Acts of collective worship:

- promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- celebrate pupils' achievements and success
- enables pupils to make effective use of the reflection wall to respond to key moral messages
- Focus on the rights of the child allowing many pupils to discuss important values well
- rich opportunities for reflection during collective worship sessions, which are often based on stories from the Bible or themes.

Recommendations

Estyn made no recommendations with regards to Spiritual Development, Collective Worship or Religious Education.

C. RECOMMENDATION

For SAC to discuss and note the findings of the Estyn inspection reports and to write to schools in response.

D. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Appendix 1 School Inspection Reports SAC Synopsis: Autumn Term 2022