

## MERTHYR TYDFIL SACRE

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

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**SUBJECT:** Religious Education Quality Mark (REQM)

### **Why have an RE Quality Mark?**

The REQM has been set up to:

- raise the profile of religious education in schools;
- celebrate a commitment to excellence in religious education;
- enable dissemination of quality RE through networking;
- provide a framework for measuring, planning and developing the quality of RE teaching and learning;
- encourage schools to increase the range and quality of teaching and learning in religious education to improve standards;
- develop pedagogies which have impact on whole school improvement; and
- provide a structure and framework for dioceses and SACREs to map high quality religious education.

The RE Quality Mark has two purposes: it recognises good practice in RE and also provides a powerful tool for development. There are five strands to the quality mark:

- learners and learning;
- teachers and teaching;
- curriculum;
- subject leadership; and
- continuing professional development (CPD).

All documentation is available in English and Welsh and the strands reflect the educational context of Wales.

Preparation includes:

- completion of a school evidence form; and
- a pupil questionnaire: what do you think about RE in your school?

Assessors visit involves:

- a pupil interview;
- interview with members of the department and SLT; and
- scrutiny of evidence.

At the end of the visit, the assessor will inform the school of the level achieved in the REQM. If successful the school will receive the award, certificate and a logo that can be used on letterheads for the next three years.

The cost of REQM is £475 per school. Further information can be found on the REQM website: [www.regm.org](http://www.regm.org).

### **Recommendation**

For SACRE to consider informing schools of the availability of the REQM.