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Ysgol Gymraeg Rhyd-Y-Grug

February 2018

Dear Headteacher and Staff,

Request for Self Evaluation of Religious Education and Collective Worship

At its last meeting, SACRE considered the findings of your recent Estyn inspection with a view to monitoring Collective Worship and pupils' spiritual development.

Members note that staff plan effectively in order to provide broad and interesting experiences for pupils, which respond fully to the requirements of the Foundation Phase, the National Curriculum and the agreed syllabus for religious education.

SACRE members would like to acknowledge that provision to develop pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is good. Additionally, members note that collective worship sessions support pupils' spiritual and moral development effectively, and they are given appropriate opportunities to reflect on relevant issues. There are also very successful procedures to promote positive behaviour and encourage pupils to respect each other and adults.

SACRE understands that members of the school council and eco committee play a prominent role within the school. They gather the ideas of their fellow pupils regularly and report back on their activities successfully in assemblies, as well as arranging fundraising activities for a number of charities, and that this has a positive effect on their awareness of other people's needs.

SACRE members were pleased to read that pupils take good advantage of valuable opportunities to contribute to various activities in the local community. For example, taking part in a recent concert to commemorate the Aberfan disaster has reminded the pupils of their heritage and the importance of the local community in their everyday lives.

SACRE would like to congratulate you on your achievements in these aspects of the curriculum.

As you may be aware, Merthyr Tydfil SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) has a duty to monitor the provision of Religious Education and Collective Worship across the authority. Additionally, it is the role of SACRE to advise on such matters as methods of teaching, the choice of teaching materials and the provision of training for teachers.

In the absence of specific reference and evidence of standards in Religious Education and Collective Worship provided in Estyn Inspection Reports, SACRE would like to request that you kindly provide details of your own self evaluation of these areas of the curriculum. Information provided will be used by SACRE to consider and recommend ways in which the local authority might best continue to support schools in these areas. Therefore, please do include in your self evaluation, details of areas for further development, in order that SACRE can consider how it might assist you in this development.

You may either complete the attached proforma, or alternatively, if you already have in place any form of documentation which would provide similar information you are welcome to submit that instead.

It would be most helpful if we can receive the information before 30th April, 2018 in readiness for the next Summer Term SACRE meeting.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel we may be able to support you in any of these areas.

Yours faithfully,