

Rhesymeg

Rheolir Addysg Grefyddol yn lleol gan Gyngor Ymgynghorol Sefydlog ar gyfer Addysg Grefyddol (CYSAG). Mae'n cynnwys tri phwyllgor: cynrychiolwyr prif draddodiadau crefyddol yr ardal, cynrychiolwyr athrawon a chynrychiolwyr yr awdurdod lleol. Prif swyddogaeth CYSAG yw, 'cyngori'r awdurdod ar y cyfryw faterion sy'n gysylltiedig ag addoli crefyddol mewn ysgolion sirol ac â'r addysg grefyddol sydd i'w rhoi yn unol â maes llafur cytûn ag y bydd yr awdurdod yn eu cyfeirio at y cyngor neu ag y gwêl y cyngor yn dda'. (Deddf Diwygio Addysg 1988 a.11(1)(a))

Cred CYSAG Gwynedd y dylai'r cyngor hwn fod yn seiliedig ar wybodaeth gyfredol gan obeithio y bydd y canllawiau sy'n dilyn yn galluogi penaethiaid i gefnogi CYSAG yn ei dyletswyddau.

Yn y gorffennol, mae CYSAG Gwynedd wedi monitro addysg grefyddol ac addoli ar y cyd trwy:

- adolygu adroddiadau arolygu ESTYN;
- dadansoddi asesiadau athrawon a chanlyniadau arholiadau ysgolion uwchradd yr Awdurdod Lleol;
- cael adroddiadau rheolaidd gan gynrychiolwyr y gwasanaeth ysgolion/ymgynghorol lleol;
- gwahodd athrawon a phenaethiaid i rannu enghreifftiau o arferion da gydag aelodau CYSAG.

Ni fydd Fframwaith Arolygu newydd ESTYN bellach yn cyfeirio'n benodol at Addysg Grefyddol ac addoli ar y cyd. Mae CYSAG Gwynedd felly yn awyddus i fanteisio ar y cyfundrefnau a'r arferion a ddefnyddir ar hyn o bryd gan benaethiaid ac athrawon wrth iddynt baratoi at y Fframwaith Arolygu newydd. Yng nghyfarfod CYSAG Gwynedd ar 13 Hydref 2010, penderfynwyd y byddai CYSAG yn cyflawni ei chyfrifoldebau statudol trwy wahodd ysgolion i rannu eu hunan arfarniad o Addysg Grefyddol, addoli ar y cyd a datblygiad ysbrydol a moesol disgyblion gyda'r aelodau.

Gofynnir yn garedig i ysgolion cynradd ac uwchradd gyflwyno crynodeb o hunan arfarniad yr ysgol i sylw clerc CYSAG Gwynedd yn ystod y flwyddyn pan fydd ESTYN yn arolygu'r ysgol.

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Ers 2008, mae CYSAGau ar draws Cymru wedi mabwysiadu neu addasu'r Fframwaith Enghreifftiol Cenedlaethol ar gyfer Addysg Grefyddol (APADGOS, 2008) fel eu maes llafur cytûn lleol. Mae aelodau'r Panel Ymgynghorol Cenedlaethol Addysg Grefyddol wedi croesawu'r cysondeb hwn ar draws Cymru gan eu bod wedi gallu cydweithio i baratoi canllawiau cyffredin i ysgolion a ChYSAGau. Mae amryw o GYSAGau yng Nghymru wedi mabwysiadu cyfundrefn neu broses debyg i'r un a amlinellir yn y ddogfen hon.

Rationale

Religious Education is locally controlled by a Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE). It is made up of three committees: representatives of the principal religious traditions of the area, teacher representatives and local authority representatives. SACRE's main function is, " to advise the authority upon such matters connected with religious worship in county schools and the religious education to be given in accordance with an agreed syllabus as the authority may refer to the council or as the council may see fit." (Education Reform Act 1988 s.11(1)(a))

Gwynedd SACRE believes that this advice should be based on current information and hopes that the following guidelines will enable headteachers to support SACRE in its duties.

In the past Gwynedd SACRE has monitored religious education and collective worship by:

- reviewing ESTYN inspection reports;
- analysing the assessment and examination results within the secondary schools of the Local Authority;
- receiving regular reports from the representatives of the local school advisory service;
- inviting teachers and headteachers to share examples of good practice with SACRE members.

The new ESTYN Inspection Framework will no longer make specific references to Religious Education and collective worship. Gwynedd SACRE would therefore like to take advantage of the procedures and practices that are currently used by headteacher and teachers as they prepare for the new Inspection Framework. It was resolved at the Gwynedd SACRE meeting on 13 October 2010 that it would fulfil its statutory responsibilities by inviting schools to share their self evaluation of Religious Education, collective worship and pupils' spiritual and moral development with SACRE members.

Primary and secondary schools are kindly asked to submit a summary of the school's self evaluation to the clerk of Gwynedd SACRE during the year when they are inspected by ESTYN.

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Since 2008 the SACREs of Wales have adopted or adapted the National Exemplar Framework for Religious Education (DCELLS 2008) as their locally agreed syllabus. Members of the National Advisory Panel for RE have welcomed this consistency across Wales since it has allowed them to work together to prepare generic guidelines for schools and SACREs. Many SACREs in Wales have adopted a monitoring procedure/process similar to the one noted in this document.