

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

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

DATE: 14 FEBRUARY 2018

SUBJECT: WASACRE DOCUMENT AND QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Clerk to SACRE

1. *Managing The Right of Withdrawal from Religious Education* document

Your free copies of the document *Managing The Right of Withdrawal from Religious Education* will be delivered this week to the contact name and address provided to us.

Could you please ensure that copies are distributed to each of your schools (primary and secondary) by whatever means you may have to do so?

Some additional copies have been included as the document has been packed by the printer in batches of 30 per box. Please do feel free to distribute these at SACRE to any members who would like a copy.

If you do not require all of the copies we would gladly receive any returns (perhaps via your representatives who attend WASACRE) as we will be making copies available for sale to schools / LAs in England.

We also attach a PDF version in English and in Welsh that you are welcome to circulate to your SACRE members. Please do not share this more widely or feature it on an open website for download as the document is copyright protected and as mentioned above is for sale.

2. Letter and short questionnaire to schools

Could you please also circulate to all schools in your area the attached brief letter and very short questionnaire? We wish to collate information about the number of pupils withdrawn from RE across Wales and the reasons, if any, that parents give for making this request.

Could you please add your response contact details for your schools to, in the first instance, return the form to you and then forward all your responses to us in one batch?

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes
Gill Vaisey



Dear Headteacher,

Following requests from schools, the Wales Association of SACREs (Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education) has recently published a guidance document: *Managing the Right of Withdrawal from Religious Education*.

This document is being provided free of charge to all schools in Wales and is available for sale to schools and organisations in England. We do hope you will find this guidance document useful for staff and also to share with parents who may be considering withdrawing their child from RE.

We would be most grateful if you could complete this short questionnaire to help us gain an accurate awareness of the instances of withdrawal from Religious Education across schools in Wales.

Please return your completed questionnaire by **31st March** to your local SACRE Clerk at
and these will be forwarded to us for our consideration.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to receiving your response.

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**This questionnaire relates to
Religious Education only
(not Collective Worship).**



Complete Withdrawal From Religious Education

How many parents (families) withdraw their pupils completely from Religious Education?

What is the total number of pupils that are withdrawn from Religious Education?

How many parents (families) have given a reason for their request for withdrawal?

What are the reasons given?

Partial Withdrawal From Religious Education

How many parents (families) partially withdraw their pupils from Religious Education?

What is the total number of pupils that are partially withdrawn from Religious Education?

From which aspects of RE are pupils withdrawn?

How many parents (families) have given a reason for their request for partial withdrawal?

What are the reasons given?

Name of School:

Local Authority: