

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
10th July 2013

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of People

Staffordshire's First RE Quality Mark School

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To report on the Staffordshire's First REQM School.

2 Summary

2.1 The RE Quality Mark (REQM) was developed to celebrate quality RE in schools.

2.2 Schools can apply to be assessed and if successful will be awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the report and make any recommendations regarding future support of the REQM.

4 Background

4.1 The REQM was developed to celebrate quality RE in schools. School's receiving the Silver Award are those where:

- there is high quality learning in RE which is recognised across the school
- learners speak very highly of their experiences in the subject
- the lead teacher shares high quality strategies for learning with other colleagues in the school
- the subject contributes to whole school improvement

4.2 Congratulations to Mary Gale (headteacher) and all staff and pupils at St. Michael's CE VC First School, Stone on being awarded the Silver RE Quality Mark (REQM). St. Michael's is the first Staffordshire school to receive this prestigious national award and we hope that more schools will be inspired to follow their lead!

5 Equal Opportunities

5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

6.1 The assessment fee for the REQM was met from the SACRE budget.

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