**Lancashire SACRE**

**Meeting to be held on 24 September 2012**

**Draft Protocol for School Visits by Members to Observe Collective Worship**

Members of SACRE are encouraged to visit schools to share in Collective Worship in order to:

* Promote the value of Collective Worship
* Gain a greater understanding of how different schools provide Collective Worship
* Support schools in providing excellent Collective Worship

When visiting schools it is important that SACRE members:

* Agree the purpose of the visit with the school prior to the visit
* Agree the arrangements with the school: time of arrival, where to report
* length of visit
* who is visiting
* role (are you going to participate actively, how do you wish to be introduced?)
* no note taking
* Visit to be agreed by Headteacher: date, time, approximate length
* Confirm the arrangements in writing (sample letter with SACRE leaflet)
* Send a letter of thanks to the school

In order to make visits successful the following guidance is offered:

* Be aware of body language (smile!)
* Do not make notes
* Offer positive feedback wherever possible
* Offer to discuss how SACRE does/might support Collective Worship ( eg Mirrors and Doors)