

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)