

## **SACRE support for Collective Worship**

At the last meeting of the SACRE on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012 the following protocol was agreed:

### **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 (headteacher): 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?)
- 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)

It was suggested at the meeting that the work of SACRE members with schools might be piloted with schools whose headteachers are members of SACRE in order to explore this approach and consider how to take this forward.

### **Recommendation**

Identify SACRE members who would be interested in participating in the Pilot and contact headteachers on SACRE to discuss this proposal.