



APPLICATION FOR A DETERMINATION

Please refer to the SACRE policy on granting a determination (this can be found on p5 of this proforma)

When complete, this proforma should be returned electronically to advisory.support@lancashire.gov.uk

A, DETAILS ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Name of School			
School Address			
Headteacher's contact details			
Type of School		Numbers on roll	
Is this application for a renewal of a previously granted determination?		When will the current determination expire?	

B, REASONS FOR SEEKING A DETERMINATION

Please explain why collective worship (that is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character) is inappropriate in respect of the family backgrounds of the pupils for whom alternative worship is sought.

B1, Is this a request for a <u>whole school</u> determination?	YES/ NO
B2, Is this a request for a determination for <u>part of the</u> school?	YES/NO
If the answer is YES to B2.... How many pupils does this apply to?	
What is the % of pupils for whom alternative worship is sought?	
B3, Please describe how you will safeguard the interests of parents of children for whom broadly Christian reflection would be appropriate.	

C, PLANS FOR ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

Please explain the school's broad plans for alternative worship in the box below and attach detailed plans for alternative worship for the forthcoming term as part of the school's collective worship policy.

Please explain:

1. Style and character
2. Management and organisation including meeting the provision for daily worship
3. Content
4. Leadership of alternative worship
5. Arrangements for withdrawn pupils

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D, RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND OF PUPILS

RELIGION	NUMBER OF PUPILS	% OF PUPILS
Baha'i		
Buddhist		
Christian		
Hindu		
Jain		
Jewish		
Muslim		
Sikh		
Humanist		
Atheist/ Agnostic		
None		
Not known		
Others (specify if known)		

E, PUPILS WHO ARE CURRENTLY WITHDRAWN FROM COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

E1, Number of pupils who are withdrawn	
E2, Family religious background of pupils who are withdrawn	
E3, Current provision for pupils who are withdrawn	

F, EVIDENCE OF CONSULTATION

Please tick appropriate boxes

Governing Board		Parents (strongly advised)	
Teachers		Faith communities	
Pupils		Others	

Details of the consultation process

Please attach extracts from Governing Board minutes and any relevant paperwork as evidence of consultation

Date of governing body meeting at which the decision to (re)apply for a determination was formally approved. Please attach a copy of relevant minutes.	

A determination, if granted, lasts for five years. If a school wishes to continue to provide alternative worship that is other than broadly Christian, it will need to reapply to SACRE to seek a renewal of its determination.

The SACRE will consider the application for a determination and may request to visit the school and meet the headteacher in person to clarify any issues and answer any questions. The visit might also involve taking part in a sample act of collective worship.

The SACRE will notify the headteacher and governors of its decision within 10 days of formal approval by the full SACRE.

Document checklist prior to submission

Governing Board minutes	
Parental consultation if undertaken	
Collective worship policy and plans for the forthcoming term	
Relevant evidence of consultation	

This application is submitted by:

_____ **Headteacher**

Date: _____

_____ **Chair of Governors**

Date: _____

Determinations (extract taken from SACRE Collective Worship Guidelines 2021)

The Education Reform Act of 1988 (sections 6, 7, 9 12) entitles schools to apply to the SACRE for a 'Determination' if, in the opinion of the headteacher, the requirements to have 'broadly Christian' collective worship is inappropriate for either the whole or particular groups within school. A 'Determination' will allow the school to adjust the legal requirements and allow worship of a different character to take place.

Applying for a Determination:

1. The headteacher consults with the governors to determine the extent to which the requirement for collective worship to be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character' is not appropriate for the school or groups of pupils within the school. It is also advised that the matter is brought to the attention of the school's link adviser or the adviser responsible for RE and collective worship.
2. The headteacher and the governors consult with parents.
3. The number of withdrawals from broadly Christian collective worship should be considered.
4. If a decision to seek a Determination has been reached, the headteacher must apply to the SACRE in writing, outlining the reasons why a Determination is being sought and giving evidence to support this. The application may relate either to a clearly defined group or to the whole school.
5. The SACRE will consider the application for a Determination and may request the headteacher to present the application in person to clarify any issues and answer any questions.
6. In considering the application, the SACRE will take account of the views of
 - a) the Officer representing the Director of Education
 - b) the family background of the pupils concerned.
7. The SACRE may accept or reject an application but cannot modify it. Each constituent group on the SACRE is allowed one vote, with the decision being reached on a majority.
8. The SACRE will notify the headteacher and the governors of its decision in writing.
9. A determination will last for 5 years from the date of its effect, after which time it must be reviewed.
10. Where such a determination is made in respect of all or some of the pupils in the school, daily collective worship must still be provided for them. Where a determination has been granted in respect of a class or description of pupils of a particular faith or religion, the alternative collective worship may be provided for those pupils as a whole.

The proposed alternative worship will be educational in nature and affirm the values of the school community. It will be nondenominational and will not attempt to indoctrinate or evangelise.

Parents continue to have a right to withdraw their children from the collective worship.

Please note: Although Lancashire County Council encourages and supports 'inclusive' acts of collective worship which should be appropriate for the whole school community, irrespective of belief, non-belief or life stance, this does not remove a school's right to apply for a Determination.