

Collective Worship and Determinations

There is an expectation that all community schools in the city are offering collective worship within the broad traditions of Christian belief as required by law. However, schools can apply for what is called a Determination if they feel that the proportion of collective worship which reflects the broad traditions of Christian belief as required by law is not appropriate for their pupils.

The determination procedure allows for this requirement to be lifted in respect of some or all of the pupils in a school. They are called Determinations because SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for RE) 'determines' whether the case being made in an application to modify the law for all or a group of pupils is appropriate.

A 'determination' only affects the character of collective worship. It does not affect the requirement for all pupils (apart from those withdrawn by their parents/carers) to take part in an act of collective worship on each school day.

Applications for determinations are made to SACRE by the Head teacher of any community school after consultation with their governing body.

Applications from community schools for a 'determination' should be made via John Dexter, john.dexter@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Please note that Academies need to apply to DfE Academies Division EFSA for a determination.