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# Featherstone High School

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Dear Parent and Carer,

## **SACRE Consultation**

I am writing to inform and consult you about our proposal to renew Featherstone High School's "Determination" to opt out of a broadly Christian daily act of collective worship.

The law requires an Academy without an official religious character to provide collective worship that is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. An Academy Trust, such as ours, having considered the family background of our pupils can apply for what's called a Determination not to provide a daily Christian act of collective worship for all of its pupils to the Secretary of State.

Featherstone High School last obtained a Determination from the Secretary of State in June 2018. This is now due to be renewed in June 2023.

Governors support the application for the Determination so that we can continue to follow the 'reflection' approach which reflects our diverse community and promotes the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils (drawing from a range of religious and non-religious traditions). Through the reflections programme we address issues such as 'tolerance' and 'peace' as well as marking religious festivals such as Guru Nanak's Birthday, Easter, Eid and Diwali and secular commemorations such as Holocaust Memorial Day, Armistice Day and Human Rights Day.

A copy of Featherstone High School Collective Worship Policy is available on the school web site if you would like to know more about the programme we run.

As part of our application to the Secretary of State for a Determination, we are consulting with pupils, parents, staff and governors. We would very much welcome your feedback. Please follow the link below to complete a short (1 minute) survey by Friday 2nd June 2023.

The survey link has also been emailed to all parents.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ghu8kd6099>

If you want to discuss this proposal further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Miss D Pather  
Head of Religious Education