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FAO - Mrs. Billard (AHT), the Headteacher and the Governing Body of: -

Saint Ann's Junior and Infant School, St. Leonard's Road, Eastwood, ROTHERHAM, South Yorkshire, S65 1PD

1st July, 2014

Dear Mrs. Billard,

Rotherham Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education – confirmation of Determination

Thank you for hosting the visit of the Rotherham Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education to your school on Monday 9th June, 2014.

In particular, the length and the pace of the Assembly was good; at no time did we feel that the children's attention was being lost. The questioning by the assembly leader was inclusive of all and all the children who wanted to speak were given an opportunity to do so.

The Assembly reflected an integral part of the ethos and the needs of the children in their overall development.

The children were involved throughout answering questions. A good cross-section of the children took part and gave an answer. Furthermore, the children's behaviour was impeccable.

The Rotherham SACRE are happy to accept your case for multi-faith Collective Worship and grant you a Determination from the requirement that Collective Worship be 'mainly, broadly Christian'.

The Determination does not take away the requirement for collective worship that should have a 'spiritual' character so that at least some of the assemblies should offer children the opportunity to pray, reflect or be silent for a little while according to their choice.

If still relevant for your School community, you will need to apply again for a Determination in 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Nicki Goodwin

Nicki Goodwin Chair of the Rotherham SACRE

