

Application to SACRE for a determination – sample letter to parents

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

All schools are required by law to provide a daily act of collective worship for all pupils. This should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character' unless a school has what is referred to as a 'determination'. In Brent this means that schools then have the choice of following a multifaith approach recommended by Brent SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) or following an approach devised by the school.

At this school we do not promote any particular faith and we aim to provide collective worship that can include the whole school community, pupil and adults. Collective worship contributes to pupils' spiritual and moral development and can help to develop the values shared by the whole school community.

(For first applications)

The school governors have decided that it would be more suitable for our school to have a 'determination' and to follow the Brent Model Approach because of the range of faith backgrounds of our school community. Before we apply to Brent SACRE for this we would like to seek your views. If you **do not** agree with our decision please return the slip below. I would also very much like you to contact me so that I can hear your concerns. If we do not hear from you we will assume that you agree with our decision.

(For renewals)

For the past ___ years we have had a 'determination' and have been following the Brent SACRE's multifaith approach. The school governors have decided that it would be suitable for our school to continue this. A 'determination' must be renewed every five years. The time has come to do this again, and before we apply to Brent SACRE for this we would like to seek your views. If you **do not** agree with our decision please return the slip below. I would also very much like you to contact me so that I can hear your concerns. If we do not hear from you we will assume that you agree with our decision.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

(For first applications)

I, _____ do not agree with the school's proposal to adopt the multifaith approach to collective worship

(For renewals)

I, _____ do not agree with the school's proposal to continue the multifaith approach to collective worship