

APPLICATION FOR A DETERMINATION

That Section 394 (1) of the Education Act 1996 should NOT apply to a school.

1. Name of School:
Mora Primary and Nursery School
2. Head Teacher:
Kate Bass
3. Pupils to whom application applies:
This application applies to the whole school.
4. Outline reasons for application:
<p>Considering the large percentage of non- Christian students attending Mora Primary and Nursery School, it could be argued that worship other than that which the children are willing to partake in as part of being a follower of their own religion, would be deemed as contrary to the teachings of their faith. With the increasing number of Muslim families at Mora Primary and Nursery School, it is important to consider that to partake in collective worship that is “wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character” could be deemed as ‘Shirk’ (an unforgivable sin of disrespect to the one God Allah). To provide collective worship that is “wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character” would be unsuitable for the majority of our pupils. In keeping with the Brent Model approach, at Mora Primary and Nursery School we do not promote any particular faith and collective worship/ assemblies include all children. This is an appropriate, multi-faith approach for the current cohort at Mora Primary and Nursery School.</p> <p>If the determination is renewed, we would ensure that we provide assemblies and activities to promote moral/spiritual thinking in line with our school values, current affairs and global news, relevant and upcoming religious festivals and the themes for the specific weeks.</p>
5. Outline details of consultation with governors:
The application and letter to parents was discussed and approved in a Full Governors Meeting on 18th November 2020. The Headteacher proposed to send the letter to families, seeking their views on this intention to apply for a further 5 year term in applying the SACRE multi-faith religious syllabus.
6. Outline of details of consultation with parents:

A letter was sent to parents on 9th December 2020 informing them of the Headteacher's decision to renew a determination based on our evaluation and present practice, and inviting them to respond if they objected. No parents objected to this application.

7. Outline of proposed provision for collective worship

We have been following the SACRE's Model Approach since we were previously granted a determination, and wish to continue to do so. Our policy on collective worship is based on the model approach and our programme of collective worship demonstrates the 'Model Approach.'

8. Signature of Head Teacher: *Kate Bass*