

Malorees Infant School



Application to SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) for a determination

19th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all keeping well.

We are writing this letter to Infant families during a time when the school is operating quite differently due to the extended school closure. Thank you for your continued hard work and support during this time.

We have a process that comes round every 5 years whereby we must renew our application to Brent SACRE. This enables us to follow a framework that represents a wide range of different faiths and beliefs more broadly. Over many years, we have had what is called a 'determination', whilst following the Brent SACRE's multifaith approach. Throughout this time, our Governing Board have agreed that this approach is in the best interests of our school vision and values, rationale for our curriculum, and approach to supporting children's moral and spiritual development

In Brent this means that schools 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. 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'.

At Malorees Infant School we do not promote any one faith as we aim to provide collective worship that can include and represent the whole school community, children, and adults through assemblies and discussions. We believe that collective worship can contribute positively to pupils' spiritual and moral development and can help to promote and develop the values shared by the whole school community, including our THRIVING values. We believe this approach can strengthen our teaching across the curriculum in a more enriching way.

As part of the process to apply for our determination to Brent SACRE we would like to seek your views. If you **do not** agree with our decision, please return the slip below. If you are happy for us to continue with our current practice, there is no need to respond. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you agree with our decision.

We have prepared a few questions in the enclosed survey if you wish to complete, giving you an option to respond to some questions. Please let us know if you wish the school to contact you if you have any specific queries or concerns at admin@malorees-inf.brent.sch.uk regarding our application to Brent SACRE. We would appreciate any responses by Thursday 21st January at 3pm.

Yours sincerely,

Executive Headteacher

Head of Malorees Infant School

Sian Davies

Helen Smith



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