


APPLICATION FOR A DETERMINATION 2023

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

1. Name of School:
Oliver Goldsmith Primary School 
2. Head Teacher:
Mr. James Simmons
3. Pupils to whom application applies:
This application applies to the whole school.
4. Outline reasons for RE-application:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We were granted determinations back in 2013 and 2018 so I am therefore making a re-application for a further determination to be granted from 2023.• See attached document that reviews collective worship in preparation for re-application for determination for further details.• Our school is a diverse community with a large population of non-Christian children. To provide collective worship "<i>wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character</i>" would therefore be unsuitable for the majority of our children.• Since the 2013 and 2018 determinations were granted, the school has followed SACRE guidance/Brent Model Approach and has achieved collective worship/assemblies that are inclusive and respectful of all our children and changing communities (see website and newsletters).• Since my arrival at the school in April 2015, there have not been any occasions where parents have requested their child/ren to be withdrawn from collective worship/assemblies. This is also the case of our RE lessons. This is very much down to the positive, inclusive approach we have created within our collective worship/assembly times.• In keeping with the Brent Model Approach at OGPS we do not promote any particular faith and collective worship includes everyone. See comments from children and staff in the attached document.• Children were asked to contribute through our School Council.

5. Outline details of consultation with governors:

- At our last full governing board meeting I raised with governors that we would need to re-apply for a further determination in early 2023. We discussed what this has meant for the school in the past and it was agreed that we should re-apply. This was delegated to the Headteacher to complete and report directly with a small working group which included the Chair of Governors & Vice Chair of Governors.
- The application was discussed with the working group of governors on 18th January 2023 where they agreed to proceed with a consultation period with parents, children and staff. They agreed the consultation letter (based on SACRE guidance) to go home with views to be collected electronically as we have had successful engagement with families using this method.
- The working group reviewed parental, staff and school council feedback on 25th January and agreed the submission for 27th January.

6. Outline of details of consultation with parents:

- A letter was sent to parents/families, one letter per child on roll (using SACRE guidance) informing them of the Headteacher's decision to renew the school's determination and invited them to respond electronically within the given timescale.
- Parents/families were informed that they could speak directly to the HT or SLT members should they so wish.
- Out of a school community of 440 children, **we did not receive any objections** from families for the re-application for a further determination.

7. Outline of proposed provision for collective worship

- We have been following the Brent SACRE Model Approach since our previous two determinations wish to continue to do so.

8. Signature of Head Teacher:

James Simmons