

## APPLICATION FOR A DETERMINATION

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

<b>1. Name of School:</b>
Mitchell Brook Primary School
<b>2. Head Teacher:</b>
Theresa Landreth
<b>3. Pupils to whom application applies:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This application applies to the whole school.
<b>4. Outline reasons for application:</b>
<p>Mitchell Brook Primary School is a community school not designated with a specific religious character. As a non-faith school we are a secular space; which means Mitchell Brook School, is a place where no one religious or non-religious tradition takes precedent over another. We recognise that children and staff from many faiths attend the school. We celebrate diversity and take an inclusive approach to collective worship. The Collective Worship Policy at Mitchell Brook School pays due regard to statutory requirements, and has taken account of the guidance offered by the Local Authority through its SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education). This has worked well for the school and has been supported by all families. One child is withdrawn from Collective Worship currently.</p> <p><b>School Population breakdown by religion:</b></p> <p><b>Muslim      51%</b>  <b>Christian    30%</b>  <b>Other        11%</b>  <b>No religion    8%</b></p>
<b>5. Outline details of consultation with governors:</b>
Governors were consulted in the Full Governing Body Meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023. Some of the longstanding governors are already familiar with the determination.

Unanimously agreed to apply to renew.

#### 6. Outline of details of consultation with parents:

Letter sent to families 6/12/23  
Meeting arranged 12/12/23  
Ad hoc discussions on school gates.

Families are familiar with the school's approach and are aware of the different ways we celebrate all global religions and festivals as part of our curriculum.

20 people attended the online meeting to discuss the application. All attendees agreed. There were also 5 agreements by email.

Only one parent disagreed by email stating 'Hi my son is catholic I'll teach him about his religion I don't want him learning about any other religion thank you '

We inform parents of the determination and our approach to Collective Worship through the induction meeting when joining the school.

This proposal has also been discussed with the pupil representatives in the school council.

#### 7. Outline of proposed provision for collective worship

We would like to continue with our current programme based on the Brent model. This is reflected in the school's ethos and interwoven into every day practise. The school has STARS VALUES to link with our practise. Additionally we celebrate the festivals of all faiths represented in our school as part of our rich curriculum offer. The school uses a variety of mediums such as stories, film clips, songs and poems to support the delivery of Collective Worship.

The children are offered time for reflection and silence.

This is outlined in the Collective Worship Policy.

8. Signature of Head Teacher:

