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REF: Collective Worship Approach at The Mount Stewart Schools

Date: October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are reaching out to engage you in a crucial discussion concerning the daily act of collective worship, which we are mandated to provide for all pupils as per the existing law. The standard expectation is that this act be 'largely or wholly of a broadly Christian character,' unless a school acquires a 'determination.' In the context of Brent, a determination enables schools to either adopt a multi-faith approach recommended by the Brent Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) or formulate their approach.

Here at the Mount Stewart Schools, our intent has always been to create a collective worship experience that includes our entire school community, embracing pupils and adults without advocating specific faith. The practice is designed to nurture pupils' spiritual and moral development and reinforce values cherished by our community as a whole.

In the past, Brent SACRE graciously approved a determination that permitted both Mount Stewart Infant School and Mount Stewart Junior School to implement its multi-faith approach to collective worship. Our school governors, reflecting on the benefits of this approach, believe it is in our collective interest to continue along this path. So, we are preparing to submit a renewal application for you to look over. However, before proceeding, your views are paramount to us.

We earnestly invite you to share your thoughts on this matter. Should you disagree with the decision to continue with the multi-faith approach, please express your dissent by filling out the Google Form (<https://forms.gle/BaQaPzn73wtQWkh67>) or emailing your concerns to s.newing@tmss.org.uk by Monday 20th of November. If you decide to remain silent on this matter, we will consider it a good idea of our proposed course of action.

To Voice Disagreement:

- Via Google Form: A straightforward Google form <https://forms.gle/BaQaPzn73wtQWkh67> can be used to note your disagreement and additional comments, if any. Please submit it by Monday 20th November.
- Via returning the slip on the next page or email your disagreement to s.newing@tmss.org.uk by Monday 20th of November.
- Via Email: If not, you might email your comments to Headteacher Sally Newing directly at the aforementioned email address by Monday, 20th November

Your feedback is invaluable, and we are genuinely interested in hearing any concerns or questions you might have about this matter. We are committed to engaging in open and constructive dialogues with our school community to ensure our paths align with all our members' collective values and expectations.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Warm regards,

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SACRE determination – notification of disagreement with this proposal

I, _____ do not agree with the school's proposal to continue the multi-faith approach to collective worship.

Comment:

Please return this notification of your disagreement with the proposal to continue the multi-faith approach to collective worship to the School Office by Monday, 20th November 2023. Alternatively, please email your comments of disagreement to s.newing@tmss.org.uk by Monday 20th November.