

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
APPLICATION FOR A DETERMINATION ON COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

The Head Teacher of a school seeking a determination under Section 12 of the Education Reform Act, 1988 is asked to complete this form and send it to the Clerk to the SACRE.

**1. Name and Address of School**

Baylis Court School  
Gloucester Avenue  
Slough SL1 3AH

**2. Age range of School**

11-18

**3. Number on Roll**

850

**4. Date on which the Governing Body was consulted on this application**

(Please enclose a copy of the relevant item in the Governing Body's minutes)

**5. Have the parents of children at the school been consulted and if so, what views did they express?**

As parents are satisfied with our current practice we have not felt the need for further consultation, although Parent Governors are informed at Governor Meetings

**6. How many children are withdrawn by their parents from collective worship?**

None

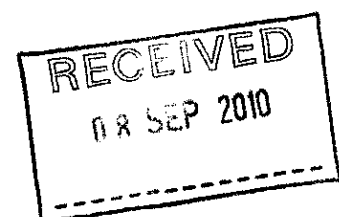
**7. Which faith background do these children come from?**

N/A

**8. Does the application cover the whole school? Yes/No**

If no, what is the class or description of children for whom a determination is sought?

Yes



**9. Information you consider relevant about the family backgrounds of the children in question.**

As we are a multi faith school our collective worship reflect this.

**10. What kind of collective worship are you seeking to provide for the children covered by this application?**

The school is committed to an active and evolutionary approach to collective worship in the belief that it is a significant element in our attempt to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils reflecting the background of pupils.

With collective worship we intend to bring the school community together to develop a strong moral code and an awareness of the variety of faith backgrounds within pupils and staff.

**11. Does this represent a continuation of present practice or would it be an innovation?**

Continuation of present practice.

**12. What practical arrangements do you plan to make? (e.g. timing, location, who will organise it)**

There is a regular pattern of assemblies each week as follows:

Monday	Years 7 and 8	Hall*
	Year 11	Dining Room
	Years 9, 10 and 12/13	Tutor Room
Tuesday	Years 9 and 10	Hall*
	Year 7	Dining Room
	Years 8, 11 and 12/13	Tutor Room
Wednesday	Years 7, 8 and 9**	Hall*
	Year 10	Dining Room
	Years 11 and 12/13	Tutor Room
Thursday	Years 10, 11 and 12/13**	Hall*
	Year 8	Dining Room
	Year 8	Tutor Room
Friday	Years 7 and 9	Hall*
	Years 11 and 12/13	Dining Room
	Year 9	Tutor Room
	Years 7, 8 and 10	Tutor Room

**13. If there are any children not covered by the application, what arrangements do you plan to make for them?**  
All pupils are covered by the arrangements.

**14. Is there any other information you would like the SACRE to take into account?**

Signed ..... U-Ball ..... Date ..... 3.9.10 .....

(Please return to Claire Gray, Clerk to the SACRE, Democratic & Member Services,  
Town Hall, Bath Road, Slough, SL1 3UQ)

**BAYLIS COURT SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES OF GOVERNOR MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

<b>PRESENT:</b> Mrs M Ball (Headteacher)	Mr A Hussain
Mrs S Bate	Mrs L James (Clerk)
Dr H Dias	Mrs C Parkes
Miss J Dickson	Mr J Reekie (Chairman)
Mrs V Elmes-Matthews	Mrs A Silvester
Mr R Hinds	

The meeting opened with a presentation by representatives from the School Executive Team who outlined their role and the wider role and aims of the SET. Mr Reekie thanked them and invited them back at the end of their term of office to reflect on how their year went and also to feedback any of their activities over the year.

At this point in the meeting Mrs Elmes Matthews was presented with a bouquet of flowers and good wishes in advance of her going on maternity leave.

### 1. **Apologies and Declaration of Interests**

Apologies were received from Mr Morris, Mrs Followell and Mrs Ashruf. No interests were declared.

### 2. **The Minutes of the Previous Meeting** were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. **Matters Arising**

**Item 16. Governor Code of Conduct:** Any comments to be emailed to Mr Reekie in advance of the next Full Governing Body meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October. All Governors will receive their own signed copy once it has been approved.

**Item 8. School Improvement Plan:** Mrs James confirmed that this has been downloaded onto Studywiz.

**Item 14.4. Health and Safety Audit:** Mrs Ricketts confirmed that copies of the full report, due out next week, will be given to Health and Safety governors.

**Item 14.1. Finance and Staffing Committee Report:** Mrs Ricketts confirmed that an email was sent notifying staff that a charge will be made for lost keys

**Item 14.1. Safeguarding:** Mr Hinds reported that all staff have now benefitted from online safeguarding training which will be extended to the Governors. In addition Governors will be invited to attend the new staff induction days on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July.

### 4. **Budget**

**4.i Year End Report 2009/10:** Mrs Ricketts presented the closing balance, taking into account figures for the new build and proposed spend in other areas including catering, Arts Centre furniture, equipment, seating and canopies, asbestos monitoring and an approximate value of the Wernick building. Everything is in order and ready to go to Slough Borough Council.

**4.ii Approval of New Budget 2010/11:** Mrs Ricketts presented in detail the new budget, previously presented to the Finance and Staffing Committee. This was proposed by Mrs Parkes, seconded by Dr Dias with all in favour.

**4.iii Future Budget Forecast:** Figures were presented detailing how current information being fed into the system will pan out over the next 3 years. The Finance and Staffing Committee will

continue to monitor this taking into account that the information will be affected by Government changes and subject to adjustment over time.

## **5. Building Schools for the Future**

Mrs Ball advised that the recent bid by Slough Borough Council for funding was not successful and that a decision has now been made to put in a new bid by September. A Strategic Planning Group has been formed to produce a Readiness to Deliver (RTD) proposal with draft papers to be ready by the end of August.

## **6. New Sub Station**

Mrs Ricketts reported that a new sub station has been installed to boost the electrical supply to the school site. Scottish and Southern Electricity has expressed an interest in purchasing the plot of land it is built on. The preferred option for the school would be to grant them a 99 year peppercorn lease. This option was proposed by Mrs Elmes-Matthews, seconded by Mrs Silvester with all in favour.

## **7. Headteacher's Report**

Mrs Ball presented her report highlighting a 100% turnout at the recent new year 7 parents' information evening. Despite serious measures to encourage some year 11 pupils to engage with their GCSE learning their general apathy may well have an impact on this year's GCSE results.

## **8. Policies**

**8.i Whistleblowing** – This was proposed by Mrs Ball, seconded by Dr Dias with all in favour.

**8.ii Rarely Cover** – Despite Baylis Court staff coming up with an agreement suitable to them, local agreements are now deemed illegal. The newly drafted policy was ratified by the Governors with unanimous agreement before being presented to the Unions.

**8.iii Special Leave** – The amended copy of this to take into account inclement weather was proposed by Mrs Elmes-Matthews, seconded by Mrs Parkes with all in favour.

**8.iv Complaints** – Mr Reekie reported that a draft copy of this needs further work following discussion between himself and Mrs Ball. Thereafter it will be given to Staff and Parent Governors for further comment.

## **9. Governor Visits to School**

A review of the policy will be carried out at the next Full Governor meeting. In the meantime all Governors continue to be encouraged to come in to the school.

## **10. Confidential Matters**

Two items are detailed in part II of these minutes.

## **11. Committee Reports**

These were all confirmed and accepted by the Governors.

## **12. Circulation Items**

- School newsletter
- 'Governors' magazine

### **13. Any Other Business**

- Mrs Dickson reported how much she enjoyed the recent Arts showcase and encouraged Governors to attend future events.
- Mrs Ball advised that Child Protection/Safeguarding policies are being written up.
- Mrs Ball advised that she has received a letter from the new Government advising that Baylis Court School is eligible to become an academy under the new criteria offering this to outstanding schools.
- Mrs Ball advised the high cost of implementing an electronic learning gateway system, already in use by other schools. A decision to use this has been put on hold until a final decision is made by the new Government on whether or not this will still be a legal requirement.
- Mrs Ball informed the Governors about the reapplication to the Standard Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination on collective worship. The Governors confirmed their support for this application to go ahead.

### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 4.30pm. Governors are also invited to the school Inset day on 1<sup>st</sup> September and to the staff conference and evening meal on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October.