

**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

**Godolphin Junior School
Oatlands Drive
Slough
SL1 3HS**

2. Age range of School - 7-11

3. Number on Roll - 360

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)

26/3/08

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

As parents are satisfied with the current practice we have not felt the need for further consultation.

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 How many children are withdrawn by their parents from collective worship?

None

7. Which faith background do these children come from?

Not applicable

**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, the application will cover the whole school.

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

The religions of our pupils are as follows: 74.1% of pupils are Muslim, 13% of pupils are Sikh, 5.6% of pupils are Christian, 3.9% of pupils are Hindu, 1.7% of pupils have no religion and 1.7% record Other Religion.

Our School places equal emphasis on festivals of Christmas, Eid, Divali and Basaikhi reflecting the religious background and ethnicity of pupils.

During R.E. lessons pupils are taught about Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism and Judaism following the revised SACRE R.E. syllabus. Pupils visit a Church, Mosque, Hindu Temple and Mandir. Pupils have a positive attitude towards learning about the faith of others. The core values of the

school are of respecting all religions.

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

A collective Worship that reflects the background that background of pupils. We seek to develop a strong moral code and an awareness of the awe and wonder of the world around them.

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)

RE co-ordinator plans a term of themes and a rota for assemblies. Class teachers lead Class Worship with input from pupils. A whole school 'Song Practise' for 30 minutes on a Monday covers a range of songs with spiritual and moral values, followed by a moment of reflection. 3 x 15 minute Class Worship sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These follow a planned set of themes linked with Pupils spiritual and moral education. These are also linked with religious holidays and cultural events. 30 minute whole school assembly on a Friday containing a prayer and moment of reflection.

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

Not applicable

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

The system in place at Godolphin Junior School is very successful in meeting the needs of our pupils and families. We endeavour to encourage children to have an enquiring and open mind about all religions and religious tolerance is a core value of our school and respect for religious difference is enshrined in our school ethos.

Signed B Clark..... Date 22/5/08

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

Godolphin Junior School
Minutes of a meeting of the Full Governing Body
Held on Wednesday 26th March 2008

PRESENT

Mohammed Khalid	Community Governor
Thomas Starling	Staff Governor
Rosa Ferriera	Parent Governor
Cynthia Pitteway	LA Governor
Barbara Clark	Head teacher
Neil Henderson (Vice Chair)	Parent Governor
Jenny Spong	Parent Governor
Bev Niles (joined the meeting at 7:00)	LA Governor
Chris Whibley (attended earlier)	Community Governor

In Attendance

Janet Reid	Clerk to Governors
Clare Cunningham	Assistant Head
Carol Singh	Deputy Head

1. Apologies

Debbie May	Chair
Mo Webb	Staff Governor
Dawn Estabrook	Community Governor
Margaret Hammond	Parent Governor
Usmah Asghar	Parent Governor

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9. Developments

Determination

Application for our 'Determination' needs to be approved before it is submitted to the local SACRE. This to apply for our exemption from daily assemblies of a broadly Christian nature. In place of this we have a weekly song practice, whole school assembly and three sessions of class worship. These follow a programme based on cultural, moral and spiritual themes.