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Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

All primary schools are required by law to have some sort of worship every day which is 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character' (1988 Act) and which contains 'some elements which relate specifically to the traditions of Christian belief and which accord a special status to Jesus Christ '(Circular 1/94).

We currently have something called 'a determination' which means the school can adjust the legal requirements and allow worship of a different nature to take place.

As a school we actively respect and celebrate both similarities and differences between our children and their communities and work hard to ensure that our assemblies and celebrations include all the religions in our school and community. We focus on events around the world, give thanks for our blessings and pray for those in need.

At Sparkenhoe we aim to provide an environment which recognises, values and celebrates cultural, religious and linguistic diversity and which is tolerant towards differences.

Our Determination for Collective Worship is now due for renewal. In order to continue with our current practice of festival days, year group themed assemblies and providing opportunities for children to pray in assemblies if they wish, we have to reapply to be exempt from mainly Christian worship.

Before the application form is submitted, it is important that parents are consulted. If you have any views that you would like to share, please complete the form overleaf and return to school by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you have any questions about this or would like to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to come and see myself, Mr Cheetham or Mrs Cooper.

Rhian Jones (Headteacher)



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NAME:	 		
CHILD/CHILDREN: _	 	 	_

CLASS/CLASSES: \_\_\_\_\_

I SUPPORT THE SCHOOL'S APPLICATION TO BE EXEMPT FROM MAINLY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

YES/NO

Please choose. If NO, please comment below

I DO NOT SUPPORT THE SCHOOL'S APPLICATION TO BE EXEMPT FROM MAINLY CHRISTIAN

WORSHIP BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_





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