



KENTISH TOWN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love – Equality - Compassion

**Excellent Teaching, Excellent Effort, Excellent Progress:
Every Child, Every Lesson, Every Day**

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

A WORKING DOCUMENT FOR ALL OF US

Article 14

You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.

Article 29

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Article 30

You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion - or any you choose.

Collective Worship Policy

We aim for collective worship to be a way of expressing our Vision, underpinned by the Christian values of love, equality and compassion. We seek to develop children's understanding of the parable of The Good Samaritan, which is central to our vision and through which we look to develop empathy and care for others.

We aim for worship in our school to:

Be inclusive, invitational and inspiring to the school community.

Offer the opportunity, without compulsion, to all pupils and adults to grow spiritually through experiences of prayer, stillness, worship and reflection.

Enable all pupils and adults to appreciate Christians worship in different ways, for example using music, silence, story, prayer, reflection, the varied liturgical and other traditions of Anglican worship, festivals and, where appropriate, the Eucharist.

Help pupils and adults to appreciate the relevance of faith in today's world, to encounter the teachings of Jesus and the Bible and to develop their understanding of the Christian belief in the trinity.

Enable pupils as well as adults to engage in the planning, leading and evaluation of collective worship in ways that lead to improving practice. Leaders of worship, including clergy, have access to regular training.

Encourage local church community partnerships to support the school effectively in developing its provision for collective worship.

Our objectives for collective worship are:

- to have worship each day;
- that the Headteacher, clergy and staff plan, on a termly basis, the themes for worship, linked to the values of love, equality and compassion, the liturgical calendar, Christian and other faith festivals;
- that worship will include opportunities for thinking and sharing, prayer and reflection, for song, stillness and silence;

- that the interactive whiteboard is used where possible to provide visual stimulation and to support the children's understanding of a particular story or theme;
- that the children should be able to say and sing the Lord's Prayer;
- to use music to invite at the beginning of worship and to send when worship has ended, (and during where appropriate);
- for each class to pray at least once a day, using prayers written by our children;
- each 'class assembly' will include a prayer;
- to have a worship table with a cloth representing the Church Season, a candle, a cross, a Bible, Prayer Book and other appropriate objects;
- lighting a candle in each collective worship to signify the presence of the light of the world;
- that our children can articulate what they will take from the time of worship.

As a church school we expect all teachers and pupils to attend collective worship and we are proud that no-one currently withdraws from collective worship. Parents, however, have the right to withdraw their children from all or part of the worship. We invite parents with a concern in this area to discuss the matter with the Headteacher.