

# Kenningtons Primary Academy

## Collective Worship Policy

December 2020



The Collective Worship Policy pays due regard to Statutory requirements and has taken account of the guidance offered by the Local Education Authority (LEA) through its Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

### Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school met together daily in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

### Aims of Collective Worship

#### For the School:

Collective Worship is a time when the school community can:

- Share common aims and values
- Celebrate achievement and special times
- Explore together the work in which we live in
- Develop a community spirit

#### For the Pupils:

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a whole person by providing opportunities to:

- Worship that which is considered worthy
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Explore their own beliefs
- Develop their own spirituality
- Reinforce positive attitudes
- Participate and respond
- Reflect on what it means to be human

### The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

Collective worship time is distinct from Curriculum time. At Kennington's Primary Academy however, Collective Worship will at times feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in class. At times, Collective Worship will enrich classwork through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

To ensure Collective Worship provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, it should address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to 'respond' on their own level.

### The Management of Collective Worship

The Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and representatives of each year group from the Worship Team. The role of the team will be to plan, monitor and evaluate acts of Collective Worship.

### The Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective worship is organised to provide a variety of groupings and will take place in the school hall, or the classroom.

Acts of worship will usually last for approximately 15 minutes, although it is recognised that this time will be shortened or lengthened when it is appropriate.

## **Leadership**

Every member of the school staff and occasional visitors will be involved in the leading acts of worship at some point in the school year.

## **Planning Acts of Collective Worship**

The contents of all acts of Collective Worship will be considered carefully, to ensure relevant and suitability of the ages, aptitudes and backgrounds of all pupils.

Visitors will be welcome to lead Collective Worship from time to time and will be given guidance on acts of Collective Worship at Kenningtons Primary Academy. Leaders from Faiths within the area will increase the pupil's awareness, promote respect and raise the esteem of the pupils who belong to these Faiths.

## **The Act of Collective Worship**

A variety of teaching and learning styles and active and interactive methods are appropriate in acts of Collective Worship. Any and all of the methods employed in the classroom can be used effectively in acts of Collective Worship. A variety of resources will also be used. Leaders will choose the style / method and resources which are appropriate to the content, the age, aptitude and the background of the pupils.

The content and process must be sufficiently stimulating in order to evoke a response in the individual. This may not be visual, but opportunity must be given to express this response through reflection and prayer.

## **Withdrawal**

Any parent who objects to their child attending an act or acts of Collective Worship may request that their child is withdrawn. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with the Headteacher. Any pupil who is withdrawn from an act or acts of Collective Worship will be supervised during that time by a member of the school staff.

**This Policy was approved by the Pupil, Admissions & Curriculum Committee  
on a 3-yearly cycle and ratified by the Governing Body.  
It must be signed and dated by the Chair of Governors and Headteacher.**

Signature of Chair of Governors:	Signature of Headteacher:
Date:	Date: