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# Stepney Greencoat Church of England Primary School



## Collective Worship Policy

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**Learning:** Collective Worship is a precious part of our school day when we learn from and about God's Word the Bible and how the teachings within the Bible guide us in our vision to love one another.

**Together:** Collective Worship is the most important part of our school day. It is the time in the day when we come together as a whole school to be at one with ourselves, with each other and with God.

**Life:** We hope that for children in our school who are Christians that our Collective Worship adds to and enriches their belief and understanding of God and His Word. For children of other faiths and of no faith we pray that their participation in Collective Worship helps them to understand the teachings of Christianity and how they can relate to their own lives both now and in the future.

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# Collective Worship Policy

Through our Collective Worship, as a Church of England school, children are presented with the teachings of the Christian faith and are encouraged to grow in their faith, respecting the beliefs and cultures of others.

As a school we are blessed to be linked to both St Anne's Church and to St Dunstan's Church. Having such close links with both Churches and with the Rectors and other staff from within each church enables our children to gain an understanding that within the Church of England there is a range of style of Christian buildings and worship.

### **Aims**

To promote the Christian vision of the school

To ensure that children understand how the associated values support the living out of the vision

To teach children how to worship

To provide an opportunity for children to speak to God encourage personal spiritual growth

To develop a moral code

To encourage participation and response

To bring the school together for reflection

To teach religious knowledge and to promote religious values through the core of our values, God's Word the Bible

### **Daily Act of Collective Worship**

- Children participate in a daily act of collective worship.
- Collective worship is conducted in a respectful way and is invitational, inclusive and inspirational.
- Within the daily act of collective worship the lighting of the candle, the playing of music, the singing of a hymn, prayers and reflection are all included.
- The focus of our collective worship comes from our school vision and associated values as well as from the traditions of the Christian Faith reflecting the festivals and events of the Christian calendar.
- Collective Worship is planned by the Collective Worship Working party, made up of the Headteacher, the Rectors from our two Churches and our RE leader. Our pupil leadership team also contribute to these meetings.
- The talk in collective worship is led once a week by a member of the Christian Faith, including the Rectors of our Churches, other members of these Churches, members of our Governing body and people from other Churches within Tower Hamlets.
- The talk in collective worship on other days of the week are led by members of school staff.
- Staff are encouraged to attend and take part in collective worship.

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- The child who is selected to light the candle at the start of Collective Worship also completes a Pupil Voice recording form, the information from these sheets help to feed into the evaluation of each term's worship.
- Throughout the year children participate in services at our Churches. Parents are invited to attend these services as well as other Collective Worship in school throughout the year