



**APPLICATION TO CAMDEN SACRE FOR A DETERMINATION FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHOOL STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORK ACT 1998**

**NAME OF SCHOOL:** Gospel Oak Primary School

**DATE OF APPLICATION:** November 2024

**HEADTEACHER:** John Hayes

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1. Please provide an updated analysis of the religious affiliation of the pupils at your school.

	<b>Number and percentage of children</b>	<b>Number or percentage of children at time of previous Determination application</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN</b>	90 (21%)	89 (20%)
<b>HINDU</b>	0	0
<b>JEWISH</b>	9 (2%)	10 (2%)
<b>MUSLIM</b>	140 (33%)	140 (30%)
<b>SIKH</b>	0	0
<b>BAHA'I</b>	0	0
<b>BUDDHIST</b>	0	1 (0.2%)
<b>JAIN</b>	0	0
<b>SHINTO</b>	0	0
<b>ZOROASTRIAN</b>	0	0
<b>HUMANIST</b>	0	0
<b>NO RELIGION</b>	159 (37%)	142 (31%)
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	26 (6%)	66 (15%)
<b>OTHER</b>	6 (1%)	6 (1.3%)

2. Please describe any circumstances relating to the application for a Determination which may have changed since a previous Determination was agreed (if any).  
None

3. Before making an application to review a Determination, the Governing Body must have been consulted. (Please provide minutes of the governing body meeting that considered this if it was considered at a meeting).

a) How did this take place?

The current numbers of children from a variety of faiths and those of no faith were discussed with the full governing body. The governors confirmed their wish that a renewal of the determination be sought.

b) Views which Governors wished to convey to SACRE

Like many schools in Camden, Gospel Oak has a diverse intake of pupils from a wide range of social, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. We believe that collective worship at our school should reflect this diversity, which is the basis for this application.

Gospel Oak is a school that values inclusivity and diversity. The figures provided show the current representation of faiths within our school, alongside data from 2019, and figures from 2024 for comparison.

c) How have parents been consulted?

Yes. parent coffee morning

d) If YES describe the nature and outcome of this consultation

One of the regular coffee mornings, now led by the Child and Family Support Worker, was dedicated to discussing assemblies, collective worship, and the renewal of the determination. The Headteacher also engaged informally with parents at the school gate during drop-off. All parents consulted were supportive of the renewal application.

4. It is for the Headteacher to decide what form the alternative worship will take, although SACRE should be informed of the proposed arrangements. Please attach:

a) [The school's policy on collective worship -](#)

b) The school's plan for collective worship indicating:

i) organisational arrangements

ii) themes/topics featured in the collective worship programme

5. Who will be representing the school at the SACRE meeting when the application for renewal of the Determination is to be considered (if anyone)?

The Headteacher