

Wilton & Barford Primary School



POLICY FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT 2014

At Wilton and Barford CE VC Primary School we believe that Spirituality is an awareness and exploration of the self, relationships and understanding of others, the beauty in and beyond the natural world.

Aims:

To provide children with opportunities that will develop their spirituality through:

- Exploration of their feelings and inner self that grow and nurture their self belief.
- The development of being in relationship with others and a growing understanding of what it means to belong to a community with an appreciation of the diversity and difference of the wider world.
- Discovering the beauty of the natural world, and
- Opportunities to explore the ultimate questions and mysteries of life and beyond.

Approaches

In our school we

- Find ways in which all areas of the curriculum can contribute to children's spiritual development and to highlight opportunities for these in our planning.
- Foster spiritual capacities, e.g. imagination, insight and empathy.
- Allow children the opportunity to explore and express feelings and emotions.
- Provide opportunities for silence, stillness and prayer.
- Encourage children to develop relationships based on the Christian values of care, respect and trust
- Encourage children to reflect upon the significance of their learning.
- Challenge children to relate teachings and stories in the Bible to the relevance of them in their lives so that these might become a firm foundation for life.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Opportunities offered to children for Spiritual Development will be monitored and evaluated in the following ways:

- Monitoring of lesson plans and teaching and learning by RE Leader/ SLT/ HT and governors
- Audit of policies and schemes of work
- Regular discussion at staff and governor meetings
- Sharing of classroom work and practice
- Evidence from pupils' work
- Regular inclusion in SIAP

This underpins the values and works of the school and is endorsed in our vision statement.

Date: March 2014

CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

At Wilton and Barford Primary School, we believe that every child has the right to be safe and therefore to be cared for in a way that ensures her/his safety and meets her/his individual needs. We recognise that all children need protection at all times from anything or anyone that may cause them harm and work together following the Child Protection Policy to ensure this. We respect all members of the school's community and treat information with confidentiality.