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Collective Worship Statement

This statement has been created in line with Hampshire County Council guidelines for Collective Worship and the associated statutory duties of schools.

At Great Binfields Primary School, collective worship is an integral part of the school day, reflecting the ethos of the school and making cross-curricular links and promoting our School and British Values. It is broadly of a Christian character and may be expressed through secular or religious texts. It is a separate activity from Religious Education in the curriculum.

The themes explored aim to contribute to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural education. In organising worship in this way we ensure that we are following the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act.

Worship is interpreted at Great Binfields Primary school as:

'A time for the family of Great Binfields to join together as a whole or class community to spend time focussing on things in life that have great meaning for us and others within our family community'

Our collective worship times give children a time to reflect and respond to the subjects in focus and helps our children to consider their place within their community of Great Binfields and in the world as a whole.

Each week, different themes for Collective worship are explored and shared through various mediums which include (but are not limited to) stories poems, music, art, drama, discussion and prayer. We are privileged to be able to invite members of the wider community to lead assemblies, including representatives from our two local churches and other religious faiths. We also welcome representatives from other organisations to help us to celebrate within our collective worship and these have included organisations such as NSPCC and Spotlight.

Great Binfields Primary School prides itself on being an inclusive and diverse school and therefore encourages its pupils to create and lead assemblies – particularly children who may be representatives or linked with charities themselves. These include children who have led assemblies on Brittle Bone Disease, Macular Disease and Brain Injuries.

The children are celebrated every week, for their achievements within school – and also achievements they may have made outside of school. Pupil of the Week certificates are awarded within each class as well as handwriting certifications and playtime awards. Work is also shared across the school in these gatherings to allow our children to have high aspirations for themselves.

Our collective worship takes place every day either in the hall or classrooms. Music and candles are sometimes used to demonstrate the coming together as a family and community and also creates a quiet and thoughtful atmosphere.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from participating in acts of collective worship. Requests for this must be discussed with the Head Teacher. Teachers and staff are also entitled to withdraw from collective worship and this also must be discussed with the Head Teacher.

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