



# BARNINGHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers of the children at Barningham CEVC Primary School

Thank you to all of the families who responded to the questionnaire. The staff and governors have found your positive comments very uplifting and will respond to your suggestions shortly.

We are proud of our Christian heritage and aware of the need for the school to continue to have the core values, such as peace, reconciliation and thankfulness, at the heart of our teaching. Our new Head Teacher, Miss Hunter, is very happy to continue with our planning and to uphold our desire to create a community which is inclusive and welcoming to all. As a church school we have two Foundation Governors on our Governing Body. Their role is to represent the faith community and ensure that the school follows good practice. If you would be interested or feel called to becoming a Foundation Governor, please talk to Rev Cathy or myself.

Frances Parr  
Head Teacher

**To learn, aspire, believe and hope through our Christian faith.**

Barningham CEVC Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Parr, the Alternate Designated Person is Mrs Pipe and the Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding is Rev Cathy Bladen. The Online Safety Lead is Mrs Smithson and the Governor with Responsibility for Online Safety is Rev Cathy Bladen.



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Statement	Your Response and Reflection
I was aware that Barningham CEVC is a church school	Yes – 10 - Very much so; Happy about this. No - 0
I chose Barningham CEVC because it is a church school	Yes – 6 – One of the reasons (2). It was important, plus its locality to home. Very much so. Contributed to my decision. No -4
I think that it is important to teach Christian values in School/ Collective Worship/ SIAMS Questionnaire	Yes – 10 - I think that it is important to teach all positive

school	religious and non-religious values. Definitely. Very!
This is because...	There are many values within Christianity that are positive for our children. We are Christians and it supports how we teach at home. Teaches good morals. I was brought up with these values and was the same for my children. We believe the morals based around the Values are very important. We are a Christian family. Basic kindness and morals are important.
I am aware of the Christian history and emphasis in the school	Yes - 10
I know what Collective Worship is	Yes – 10. We enjoy the group assemblies.
I am aware that RE and Collective Worship are part of the school day	Yes - 10
I am aware that adults and children share in leading prayer and worship	Yes – 10 No – 1. We didn't know this!
I am aware that there is a Worship Council and this oversees the prayer and praise life in school	Yes – 10. And church and Rev Cathy.
My child talks about Collective Worship at home	Yes – 8 (1 x !. They enjoy it very much) No – 1 Occasionally - 1
I have attended Collective Worship at school or at the church	Yes – 8 – as part of school assembly. Wonderful events. Always a valued experience. No – 1 - moved here during COVID.
I am aware that RE is taught in school as part of the wider curriculum	Yes - 10
I am aware that local churches, such as Open the Book, play an active role in school	Yes – 9. – We have accessed and enjoyed the Summer Camps in the past. No - 1
My child talks about faith at home	Yes – 8 – Both children do. Often. No -1 Occasionally – 1
I think that a church school could offer	Many lessons on how we treat others, forgiveness, how to deal with emotions. Improved links between school and church to encourage children/ families to attend church on Sundays. Strong sense of right/ wrong and fairness. Engaging community projects, food banks, Shoebox Appeal, church visits, Bible studies & prayer writing.
I think that learning about religions is:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very important and essential for children to learn an understanding of themselves and others. To help develop spiritually with meaning and purpose.</li> <li>• So important.</li> <li>• An important part of school life!</li> <li>• Important for all children. It can instil values that we all need, especially how we treat others.</li> <li>• Important to teach children, as it's a moral compass to life's lessons.</li> <li>• Important to understand the complex issues in the world today.</li> <li>• Important (2)</li> <li>• A good way to teach morals, kindness and learning about others.</li> <li>• Important so that we are able to understand and empathise with each other.</li> </ul>

I would like to add:

- Maybe show video clips of other religious church services, give understanding of other cultures, particularly the 'non-equal' role of women in some parts of the world as our children, rightly, know equality but that is not the case worldwide.
- Perhaps school could improve accessibility to the Alpha course at a local church?
- Mrs Parr's replacement is as enthusiastic about faith as she is!
- We are very open to learning about all faiths to prevent misinformation and inclusion.

I would like to know:

- That the school is committed to continuing the Values for Life scheme and will remain an active church school.
- Lots of things. Where do I start?

I would be interested in being involved by:

- Providing further information on parents' views and sharing my support for Barningham continuing as an active and thriving church school.
- Being informed of the actions of the Worship Council. I would be interested in knowing which prayers are made so I can join in on these prayers during my prayer time.