

PSHE EDUCATION

CURRICULUM STATEMENT

AIMS

As a Trust we aim to support our pupils to become confident citizens and successful learners who are creative, resourceful and able to identify and solve problems. Our curriculum supports this aim by:

- Giving pupils the knowledge and developing their self-esteem, confidence and self-awareness to make informed choices and decisions;
- Encouraging and supporting the development of social skills and social awareness;
- Enabling pupils to make sense of their own personal and social experiences;
- Promoting responsible attitudes towards the maintenance of good physical and mental health, supported by a safe and healthy lifestyle;
- Enabling effective interpersonal relationships and developing a caring attitude towards others;
- Encouraging a caring attitude towards and responsibility for the environment;
- Helping our pupils understand and manage their feelings, build resilience and be independent, curious problem solvers;
- Understanding how society works and the laws, rights and responsibilities involved.

We know there is a proven link between pupils' health and wellbeing, and their academic progress. Crucial skills and positive attitudes developed through comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic education are critical to ensuring children are effective learners.

SUBJECT CONTENT

Across the Trust we use SCARF, a comprehensive scheme of work for PSHE and Wellbeing education. It covers all of the DfE's new statutory requirements for Relationships Education and Health Education, including non-statutory Sex Education, and the PSHE Association's Programme of Study's recommended learning opportunities, as well as contributing to different subject areas in the National Curriculum.

We follow the six suggested half termly units and adapt the scheme of work where necessary to meet the local circumstances of our school, for example, we may use our local environment as the starting point for aspects of our work. The school council are also consulted as part of our planning, to ensure pupil voice is considered and fed into the planned programme.

Teachers can access a range of teaching support resources within SCARF, including guidance documents and teacher training films.

Class teachers follow the suggested six half termly units provided by SCARF for each year. The lesson plans list the specific learning objectives for each lesson and provide support for how to teach the lessons.

We have chosen SCARF as our PSHE resource because the lessons build upon children's prior learning; we have assessed the content and feel that it is relevant and sensitive to the needs of the children. There is planned progression across the SCARF scheme of work, so that children are increasingly and appropriately challenged as they move up through the school.

TEACHING & LEARNING

PSHE lessons are taught by the class teacher once a week in timetabled PSHE lessons. Teachers use a variety of interactive teaching methods best suited to the lesson content such as discussion, debate, drama, activity sheets, films, songs and online games.

To ensure that children feel comfortable to learn about a range of topics, we create a safe learning environment using a group agreement at the beginning of lessons or topics. The teachers will also use a range of skills, including distancing techniques and the anonymous question box. Teachers will answer children's questions factually and honestly in an age appropriate way and respond to any disclosures following the schools safeguarding procedures.

CURRICULUM PLANNING

The Early Years Foundation Stage

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, PSHE education is about making connections; it's strongly linked to child-led activities, including play. PSHE is taught through activities that are part of topics, as well as on an individual basis to develop personal skills such as dressing, feeding and toileting. Positive experiences are built through daily opportunities, to share and enjoy a range of different activities. Children are given the opportunity to engage in social activities, as members of a small group or occasionally during whole-school activities.

KS1 and KS2

The SCARF programme divides the year into 6 themed units:

1. Me and My Relationships: includes content on feelings, emotions, conflict resolution and friendships;
2. Valuing Difference: a focus on respectful relationships and British values;
3. Keeping Myself Safe: looking at keeping ourselves healthy and safe
4. Rights and Responsibilities: learning about money, living the wider world and the environment;
5. Being My Best: developing skills in keeping healthy, developing a growth mindset (resilience), goal-setting and achievement;
6. Growing and Changing: finding out about the human body, the changes that take place from birth to old age and being safe.

Children are encouraged to engage in activities that promote an understanding of themselves as growing and changing individuals, and as members of a wider community, based on their own first hand experiences. These activities also encourage pupils to understand how their choices and behaviours can affect others. They are encouraged to play and learn alongside – then collaboratively with – their peers. They may use their personal and social skills to develop or extend these activities. Children are also given the opportunity to make choices about their health and environment and are encouraged to develop a caring attitude towards others.

Within National Curriculum Science in KS1, the children learn that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults. They should be introduced to the concepts of reproduction and growth, but not how reproduction occurs. In Upper KS2, children are taught about the life cycles of humans and animals, including reproduction. They also learn about the changes that happen in humans from birth to old age. This includes learning what happens in puberty.

It is important that the transition phase before moving to secondary school supports pupils' ongoing emotional and physical development effectively. The DfE recommends that all primary schools should have a sex education programme, tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. Within our non-statutory sex education that takes place in Upper KS2 children will learn about how a baby is conceived, whether through sexual intercourse or IVF. This information builds on content they have previously learnt in the programme about

relationships, puberty changes and reproduction; it lays the foundations for their ongoing Relationships and Sex Education in their secondary phase.

ACCESS TO THE CURRICULUM

We believe that PSHE education is essential for all children. Where children may have additional needs, teachers will support them to access their learning using the most appropriate teaching and learning strategies. This may involve techniques such as scaffolding the learning or providing additional resources where necessary to ensure that all pupils are enabled to develop the key skills, attributes and knowledge identified within the PSHE education programme. SCARF lesson plans are flexible and allow for teachers, who are skilled in adapting curriculum content to meet the needs of the children in their class, to adjust their content in order to meet the learning outcomes.

Within the MAT we ensure that the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) elements of the PSHE education programme are relevant to all pupils; whatever their gender identity. All pupils learn together about all the changes that someone may experience as they go through puberty to help develop empathy and understanding and to reduce incidences of teasing or stigma. This will also ensure any child that identifies as transgender will have access to RSE that is relevant to the puberty they are likely to experience.

Within the MAT we acknowledge different ethnic, religious and cultural attitudes, as well as recognising that pupils may come from a variety of family situations and home backgrounds. These different families are acknowledged through our teaching and the use of resources that promote diversity and inclusion in Relationships Education.

ASSESSMENT & RECORDING

Teachers assess children's work and learning in PSHE by making informal judgements as they observe them during lessons and by providing verbal feedback throughout a unit of work. At the end of the year, the teacher makes a summary judgement about the work of each pupil in relation to the skills they have developed in-line with the National Curriculum in England 2014 and these are reported to parents as part of the child's annual school report. We use this as the basis for assessing the progress of the child and we pass this information on to the next teacher at the end of the year.

MONITORING & REVIEW

Class teachers are responsible for the standard of children's work and for the quality of their teaching in PSHE lessons. Subject leaders work with their school teams to develop subject pedagogy across the school and to monitor the PSHE teaching and learning taking place through pupil interviews and learning walks. Where strengths and examples of good practice are noted, they are shared and where areas requiring additional support are highlighted, the necessary CPD is provided.