



St Mary's C. of E. Primary School, Timsbury

PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES POLICY

Rationale

At St Mary's Church of England Primary School, we promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty as well as the mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. This is underpinned by the school's Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) development.

Aims

Through our provision of SMSC, we will:

- enable our children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence;
- enable our children to distinguish right from wrong and respect the civil and criminal law of England;
- encourage our children to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely;
- enable our children to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and service in England;
- ensure further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling our children to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures;
- encourage respect for other people; and
- encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes; including respect for the basis on which law is made and applied in England.

Knowledge and Understanding

The school's curriculum will allow children to have:

- an understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process;
- an appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety;
- an understanding that the freedom to choose and hold faiths and beliefs is protected in law;
- an acceptance that other people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself should be accepted and tolerated, and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour; and an understanding of the importance of identifying and combatting discrimination.

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Development

The school promotes SMSC in the following ways:

- Daily acts of Collective Worship
- Behaviour policy and strategies
- Class charters
- Learning to Lead
- PSHE lessons and Circle Time
- Annual Healthy Choices Week
- Annual Anti-Bullying Focus Week
- Celebration of festivals
- Visits to places of worship
- Inclusion Quality Mark
- Promotion and Modelling of Christian Values
- Celebration assemblies
- AWARDS assemblies
- Cross-School Activity Sessions
- Supporting/Enabling Charitable Fundraising Events organised by children
- Transition arrangements
- Participation in local and regional community, arts, music and sporting events
- Regular Pupil Conferencing

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of this policy.

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually.

Signed: (Chair of Governors)

Adopted: March 2015

Next Review Date: July 2017