



# SMSC Policy on a Page

At Heath we place Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development at the heart of everything we do. It is the over-arching umbrella that encompasses personal development across our whole curriculum. At Heath we encourage our children to think about the kind of people they aspire to be, the kind of world they wish to create and the community they are a part of.



## We encourage children's spiritual development by:

- Supporting pupils to reflect on their own beliefs (religious and otherwise) and their perspectives on life during Religion and World Views lessons and collective worship.
- Developing their knowledge and respect for different faiths, feelings and values.
- Providing a curriculum which inspires a sense of enjoyment and fascination for learning and the world around them.
- Promoting the use of imagination and creativity throughout the curriculum we teach.
- Encouraging children to reflect upon their own life experiences.

## We encourage children's moral development by:

- Teaching children to understand legal boundaries and the law.
- Teaching children to understand and recognise the difference between right and wrong the consequences of their actions and behaviour, through a restorative approach.
- Providing children with opportunities to discuss moral and ethical issues through circle activities and appreciate the viewpoints of others.



## We encourage children's social development by:

- Teaching children a range of social skills through PHSE lessons, circle activities, nurture and explorers provision and restorative practice, where they can discuss how to solve conflicts effectively.

- Providing opportunities for children to work and socialise together including with children from different religious, ethnic and social-economic backgrounds.
- Providing opportunities to join various pupil voice groups and extra-curricular groups, i.e. School Ambassadors, Sports clubs, School Choir.
- Teaching about British Values to equip children for life in modern Britain.



## We encourage children's cultural development by:

- Teaching children about a wide range of different historical and modern cultures through a rich and varied curriculum and the impact these have had on their own heritage and that of other countries around the world.
- Promoting diversity and respect for different faiths and sexuality through RSHE and Religion and World View assemblies each week, along with circle activities.

- Incorporating a range of artistic, musical, sporting and cultural opportunities within school, such as Art clubs, specialist Music lessons, Sports clubs and competitions.
- A range of trips out into the community, such as attending the local library, litter picking the local area, as well as figures of the community such as the police holding assemblies in school.

