



The Federation of St Giles and St John
Personal, Social, Health and
Citizenship Education (PSHE) Policy



At the Federation of St Giles and St John we see Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHE) as being at the centre of all that we do. Through our curriculum, our school environment and our school ethos, we promote pupils' self-esteem and emotional well-being and help them to form and maintain worthwhile and satisfying relationships, based on respect for themselves and for others, at home, at school, at work and in the community.

Aims

The aims of PSHE are to enable the children to develop the skills, knowledge, understanding and attitudes they need to be able to:

- have respect for themselves and others, valuing the differences and similarities between people;
- develop good relationships with other members of the school and wider community;
- be independent, self-disciplined and responsible members of society;
- be positive and active members of a democratic society;
- develop self-confidence and self-esteem, and make informed choices regarding personal and social issues;
- know and understand what constitutes a healthy lifestyle;
- be aware of safety issues and manage risk in their own lives.

Curriculum organisation

- Every class has a timetabled session of PSHE every week. This lesson will follow the planned whole school scheme of work. Through this scheme of work, we cover the National Curriculum guidance for PSHE.
- In addition to this, PSHE is also taught within other subject areas and as part of cross-curricular projects: Science, Geography, RE, English and History.
- PSHE will also be addressed on a daily basis as questions and incidents arise. At times, teachers may choose to hold an additional Circle-time session in response to a particular event or issue.
- Whole school and class assemblies provide a daily opportunity to enhance pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, promoting our school's values and celebrating achievement.

Teaching and learning strategies

A range of teaching and learning strategies is used:

- During timetabled PSHE time, an emphasis is placed on active learning through

planned discussions, circle-time, investigations, role-play activities, puppets, group-work and problem-solving.

- All teachers will endeavour to provide a safe learning environment through the establishment of clear ground rules which are made explicit to the children and reinforced consistently.
- Visiting speakers such as the police and health workers also contribute to the taught curriculum.
- Beyond timetabled PSHE lessons, pupils are supported in applying the skills they are learning, in real-life situations as they arise e.g. resolving conflicts; working a part of a group on a project.
- Children are encouraged to take part in a range of practical activities to promote active citizenship, e.g. charity fund-raising; the planning of special events at school; making class rules; class council meetings; recycling and composting; and by taking on roles of responsibility for themselves, for others and for the school.

Resources

- SEAL resources.
- Lego Build to Express
- Margaret Cooling assembly materials.
- ELSA trained member of staff

Equal Opportunities

All children have an entitlement to access the PSHE curriculum. All children will have access to appropriate resources within the school. These will reflect a multi-cultural society, without stereotyping or discrimination. All children will be given the opportunity to participate in all activities regardless of gender, race or disability.

Community links

Working in partnership with parents and carers and with the wider school community is an essential element of PSHE. We seek to involve parents and keep them informed through our weekly newsletters and termly class meetings. Parents are encouraged to come into school whenever they have any concerns or anything they would like to discuss with us. We foster links with the wider community through various activities such as our relationship with St Giles' Church and Melville Methodist Church.

Assessment, reporting and recording

- Assessment is an integral part of teaching and learning. Its purpose is to highlight success and achievement, as well as identifying areas that need further support. This information will then be used to inform future planning.
- Teachers assess children's progress in PSHE:

- by making informal judgements as they observe them during lessons and at other times around school
 - by making formal assessments of their work and performance, measured against the specific learning objectives set out in the PSHE scheme of work.
 - By keeping a record of individual pupil's achievements and contributions throughout school life.
- The assessments that we make of pupil achievement do not imply that a pupil has 'passed' or 'failed'.

Subject review and monitoring

The headteacher is responsible for monitoring the standards of children's work and the quality of teaching. She supports colleagues in the teaching of PSHE, by passing on information and ideas, and delivering staff training as appropriate. We also hold regular staff meetings to discuss current issues and to make staff aware of new initiatives, practices and resources.

Links with other policies

This policy links particularly to the following policies: Confidentiality, Sex and Relationships Education, Drug Education, Child Protection, Behaviour, Anti-bullying and Food.

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