



READY RESPECTFUL ENGAGED

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

Intent

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development (SMSC) is the over-arching umbrella that encompasses personal development across the whole curriculum and school life at Ravensdale Infant and Nursery School. We believe that we achieve thoughtful and wide-ranging promotion of pupils' SMSC development through our approaches and teaching and deliver of a broad range of learning opportunities, in partnership with parents/carers and families.

Implementation

In our:

- **spiritual development** we explore beliefs and experiences; respect faiths, feelings and values; enjoy learning about ourselves, others and the surrounding world; use imagination and creativity and offer reflection in for example our collective worship, RE and PSHE and other curriculum opportunities and instil a sense of care for our local and global environment.
- **moral development** we learn to recognise right and wrong; respect the law; understand consequences; investigate moral and ethical issues without conflict, prejudice or bias; offer reasoned views through engaging with RE lessons (Derby Agreed Syllabus), our ethos and our Relational Behaviour policy;
- **social development** we use a range of social skills; participate in the local community; appreciate diverse viewpoints; participate, volunteer and cooperate; resolve conflict; and begin to have an appreciation of 'British values' of democracy, the rule of law, liberty, respect and tolerance (see 'British Values' information)
- **cultural development** we recognise all the rich diversity in our school and locality, appreciate cultural influences; appreciate the role of Britain's democratic parliamentary system; participate in many cultural opportunities (see Art information including Artsmark information) and understand, accept, respect and celebrate difference.

SMSC is essential to the academic progress of pupils. It doesn't happen in isolation – it permeates the school and is linked to **everything** we do and is supported and articulated by school leaders and governors and should be visible in all day-to-day decisions and relationships.

Impact

Well promoted SMSC can contribute to raising academic standards and improving children's life chances and we recognise much achievement by our pupils present and past when we see this.

Our children leave Ravensdale Infant and Nursery school able to look back on an interesting and happy education, be proud of their successes and show self-discipline. We want them to be confident that they have worked hard and made friends, are able to encourage others – maybe lead, and for the foundation to have been laid for them to be a responsible member of society. We hope that they will be willing to share and reflect upon their own and others' faiths, be able to work with others, regardless of gender, race or sexuality, understand changes and be eager for challenge!