



## **Discovery Primary School**

### **Personal, Social and Health Education and Citizenship Policy**

(see also Behaviour and Discipline; Drugs; Health, Safety and Welfare; Sex and Relationship Education)

#### **1 Aims and objectives**

**1.1** We believe that PSHE and citizenship should enable children to become healthier, more independent and more responsible members of society. We encourage our pupils to play a positive role in contributing to the life of the school and the wider community. In so doing we help develop their sense of self-worth. We teach them how society is organised and governed. We ensure that the children experience the process of democracy through participation in the school council. We teach children both about their rights and about their responsibilities. They learn to appreciate what it means to be a positive member of a diverse and multicultural society.

**1.2** The objectives of PSHE and citizenship are to enable the children to:

- know and understand a healthy lifestyle;
- be aware of safety issues;
- understand what makes for good relationships with others;
- have respect for others;
- be independent and responsible members of a community, such as school;
- be positive and active members of a democratic society;
- develop self-confidence and self-esteem, and make informed choices regarding personal and social issues;
- to develop good relationships with other members of the community.

#### **2 Teaching and learning style**

**2.1** We use a range of teaching and learning styles to meet non –statutory PSHE and citizenship requirements. We emphasise active learning by including the children in discussions, investigations and problem-solving activities. We encourage the children to take part in a range of tasks that promote active citizenship, for example charity fundraising, the planning of special school events (such as an assembly or open evening), or involvement in helping other individuals or groups less fortunate than themselves. We organise classes in such a way that pupils are able, through discussion, to set agreed classroom rules of behaviour, and resolve any conflicts. We offer children the opportunity to hear visiting speakers, such as health workers, police, and local clergy, whom we invite into the school to talk about their role in creating a positive and supportive local community.

#### **3 PSHE and citizenship curriculum planning**

**3.1** We teach PSHE and citizenship in a variety of ways; circle times, paired work, whole class and discretely when dealing with sensitive issues. We introduce PSHE and citizenship topics through teaching in other subjects. For example, when teaching about local environmental issues in geography, we offer pupils the opportunity to find out who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of local parks and cycle paths. Also, as there is a large overlap between the programme of study for religious education and the aims of PSHE and citizenship, we deliver a considerable amount of the PSHE and citizenship curriculum through our religious education lessons. The school PSHE curriculum is based on the Cambridgeshire Primary Personal Development Programme and incorporates Edison core skills.

**3.2** We also develop PSHE and citizenship through various activities and whole-school events, for example the school council representatives from each form meet regularly to discuss school matters.

#### **4 The Foundation Stage**

**4.1** We teach PSHE and citizenship in reception classes as an integral part of our topic work. As the reception class is part of the Foundation Stage of the National Curriculum, we relate the PSHE and citizenship aspects of the children's work to the objectives set out in the Early Learning Goals (ELGs). Our teaching in PSHE and citizenship matches the aim of developing a child's personal, emotional and social development as set out in the EYFS. We also support citizenship education in reception classes, when we teach 'how to develop a child's knowledge and understanding of the world and staying safe'.

#### **5 Teaching PSHE and citizenship to children with special needs**

**5.1** We teach PSHE and citizenship to all children, regardless of their ability. Our teachers provide learning opportunities matched to the individual needs of children with learning difficulties. Intervention through School Action and School Action Plus will lead to the creation of an Individual Education Plan (IEP). When teaching PSHE and citizenship, teachers take into account the targets set for the children in their IEPs, some of which targets may be directly related to PSHE and citizenship targets.

**5.2** For gifted and talented pupils teachers will provide additional opportunities to take responsibility, develop leadership skills, think creatively and use their talents for the good of the class or the wider community.

#### **6 PSHE and citizenship and ICT**

**6.1** ICT makes a contribution to the teaching of PSHE and citizenship in that children in ICT classes learn to work together in a collaborative manner. They

also develop a sense of global citizenship by using the Internet and e-mail. There is consequently an Internet Proficiency Scheme for Key Stage 2 pupils. This scheme aims to develop a set of safe and discriminating behaviours for pupils to adopt when using the Internet and other technologies. Through discussion of safety and other issues related to electronic communication, the children develop their own view about the use and misuse of ICT, and they also gain an insight into the interdependence of ICT users around the world. Online role-play software provides a very safe arena to try out actions without harmful consequences.

## **7 Assessment for learning**

- 7.1** Our teachers assess the children's work in PSHE and citizenship both by making informal judgements, as they observe them during lessons, and through formal assessments of the work done, gauging it against the specific learning objectives set out in the Personal Development programme. We have clear expectations of what the pupils will know, understand and be able to do at the end of each Key Stage.

## **8 Resources**

- 8.1** We keep resources for PSHE and citizenship in a central store, in topic boxes for each unit of work. Our PSHE and citizenship coordinator holds a selection of reference materials for teaching sensitive issues.

## **9 Monitoring and review**

- 9.1** Our PSHE and citizenship coordinator is responsible for monitoring the standards of children's work and the quality of teaching. Our coordinator supports colleagues in their teaching by giving them information about current developments in the subject, and by providing a strategic lead and direction for the subject in the school. Our coordinator is also responsible for giving an annual summary report at the SDP evening, evaluating strengths and weaknesses in the subject, and indicating areas for further improvement. We allocate special time to our coordinator to enable him/her to review samples of children's work, and to observe teaching in the subject.

- 10.2** This policy was ratified in Summer 2015.  
It will be reviewed in Summer 2017

**Date:**