

What is SMSC?

SMSC stands for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. All schools in England must show how well their pupils develop in SMSC.

Spiritual: Explore beliefs and experience; respect faiths, feelings and values; enjoy learning about oneself, others and the surrounding world; use imagination and creativity; reflect.

At St Pancras Catholic Primary School children learn about different beliefs and religions and take part in daily reflective meditation. They enjoy learning about the surrounding world through visits from people in the local community, such as our annual 'Grandparents day and exciting enrichment opportunities. The children have many opportunities for learning across year groups in creative whole-school projects and they recognise the value of what they learn from each other.



Moral: Recognise right and wrong; respect the law; understand consequences; investigate moral and ethical issues; offer reasoned views and have an appreciation of British Values.

At St Pancras Catholic Primary School the children decided on the school values, voted on the rights and responsibilities for their classrooms and each class has its own motivating positive behaviour system. Children are awarded with 'Tea with the Head teacher' in Celebration Assembly for exceptional behaviour. Children benefit from visits from the Local Community Police Officer and have learnt about the Rule of Law.



Social: Investigate and moral issues; appreciate diverse viewpoints; participate, volunteer and cooperate; resolve conflict; engage with the fundamental values of British democracy.

At St Pancras Catholic Primary School children fundraise for a variety of causes and charities; from local children's hospice 'Chestnut Tree House' to the national charity 'Red Nose Foundation' and 'Fair Trade Foundation'. We have playtime 'Buddies' who are Upper Key Stage 2 children trained in peaceful problem solving.



Cultural: Appreciate cultural influences; appreciate the role of Britain's parliamentary system; participate in cultural opportunities; understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity.

At St Pancras Catholic Primary School we learn about Democracy and the British Parliamentary System. Children vote democratically on House Captains, School Council and Eco Council and pupils are taught to relate this to democracy in Great Britain. The children enjoy learning about different faiths, such as Islam, Sikhism and Hinduism through termly whole-school 'World Faith Days'.

