



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development



Promoting British Values

The Department for Education published a document in 2014 called 'Promoting Fundamental British Values as part of SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural curriculum) in schools. The document reinforced the need 'to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.'

At All Saints' CE Federation, we value the diverse ethnic backgrounds of all pupils and families and celebrate the individuality of each child. We want to support every child to grow to adulthood, able to live in a multi-cultural society with positive attitudes to themselves and others and be able to make a valuable contribution to society.

Our broad and balanced curriculum ensures that every child develops spiritually, morally, socially and culturally. We value these aspects of the curriculum and always endeavour to promote them in all we do.

Spiritual Development

We encourage spiritual development through collective worship and a broad range of lessons which allow time for thought and reflection. We teach the children to understand that people have different faiths and beliefs and that all are valued and respected. We celebrate different views and ways of thinking. Our PSHE lessons promote discussion and enquiry as well as tolerance and kindness.

Moral Development

Through stories and drama, we teach the children to think about different situations, with empathy. They are taught to consider right from wrong and are asked open ended questions to make them think carefully about the choices they make. We use restorative circles as the firm base upon which to safely explore and develop our own views and beliefs, encouraging the right for each child to have an opinion and teaching tolerance towards those whose opinions may vary greatly from our own.

Social Development

Our core school values of community, courage, thankfulness and forgiveness prepare our children for later life and remind them of the need to always show everybody within our school family and global family kindness and respect. Respect is something we work tirelessly to embed within the children's psyche, so that right from the moment they enter our school they understand that everybody has a right to feel safe and valued, and that everybody's voice needs to be heard. We feel passionate about ensuring by the time a child leaves our care in year six, we have given them a good platform to move onto the next stage in their life with confidence and self-belief. To feel able to make good sound choices, and just as importantly have the skills to deal with the challenges that life may throw at them.

Cultural Development

We teach the children about their own and other cultures. Through our curriculum and through world festivals and events, we open the children's eyes to the wider community which helps our children to understand the world and all it has to offer. Every child from Year 3 to Year 6 is learning to speak French and has teaching session each week exploring the language and culture.

Our Ethos

We are a Restorative School which means we always show kindness and respect to other. A big part our schools moral and social ethos is encompassed within restorative practice and the work we do in the classroom and in the Solution Circles Centre through circles, we teach the children how to resolve conflict whilst remaining calm and restoring relationships. We also feel it is really important to give our children a voice, and help empower them to use it to make positive contributions to the world they live in.

Our Aims and Values

As part of the Christian ethos of All Saints' CE Federation our vision is that every child is **Respectful, Independent, Confident, Happy, Enthusiastic and Resilient – RICHER!**

We work hard to achieve this through our school aims, which are at the heart of our school:

- Unlock the potential in every child
- Develop children with lively enquiring minds
- Develop children's perseverance and their capacity and passion for learning
- Develop children's ability to communicate and form positive relationships
- Encourage children to value diversity
- Provide rich and varied experiences within an exciting and challenging curriculum
- Support children to develop healthy lifestyles
- Encourage children to become active, responsible citizens in a rapidly changing world

At All Saints' we believe that it is important to develop core values by which to live and cultivate moral standards that support and form character, spiritual awareness and self-esteem. We feel a deep responsibility to nurture core values that can be shared and expressed by all. We will seek to explore the meanings of our core values and their significance in Christianity, other religions and secular teachings.

As a federation we advocate four key values that we believe are the most important for our children. The gifts of **Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Courage and Community** are the key values we want our children to leave with. These four key values underpin everything we do in our schools.

'Building the bridge to success together'.

At All Saints' CE Federation, we teach the fundamental British values in the following ways.

Democracy

One of the ways in which the children are taught about democracy is through the election of representatives for the school council. We also encourage children to debate issues and to vote for decisions that happen within class and the school.

The rule of law

We have our whole school behaviour expectations which children are encouraged and supported to follow. We teach the children to understand why these rules are important, and as importantly the consequences to behaviour when we don't follow rules. We have very high standards of behaviour and we find that the children rise up to our expectations. We encourage children to make the right choices, and instill in them the importance of forgiveness and the chance to learn and grow from our mistakes.

The children are taught about the rule of law outside the school with visits from community police officers who give talks in worship. In addition, other organisations like the NSPCC also work with the children.

We want our children to grow into caring and law abiding citizens and we teach them the difference between right and wrong through the curriculum as well as in the way we talk to them at all points throughout the day.

An understanding of different faiths, cultures and beliefs

From the very earliest years in which our children start at All Saints' CE Federation, we teach them about different cultures, faiths and religions. Children share in traditional stories, food and costumes from other places and cultures.

We celebrate our differences and focus on every child as a unique individual, empowering them and celebrating what makes them unique. We see each child as an individual, and so recognise each individual child's special qualities.

As a school family we encourage tolerance and respect and feel it is imperative that this is developed as a strength of our diverse learning environment.

Equality

Equality is essential to us and we believe strongly that all children have an equality of opportunity at school regardless of all other factors within their lives. It is important that we continue improving the attainment and progress of all pupils.

In each class we set ourselves targets to ensure that we are always focussed on the children in our care and work together with our Parent and Family Support Team to ensure that each child is able to access their full educational entitlement and that we are committed to the success of every child in our care.

Next Steps

Over the next couple of years, we will continue to further develop our curriculum to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural aspects of learning. We want to embed everything we have already put in place and then continue to encourage new ideas and ways of thinking. Each new

cohort of children enters our doors with their own areas of interest and we will seek to build on this together. The development of the whole child through a broad and balanced curriculum is essential to us and we will continue to strengthen this.

Our values and aims are central to our teaching and we build our philosophy around these principles. Our aim is that everyone who enters our school will feel welcomed by the warmth of our ethos as they enter our building. Here at All Saints' CE Federation, we want our children to be RICHER learners - **R**espectful, **I**ndependent, **C**onfident, **H**appy, **E**nthusiastic and **R**esilient - who are ready and prepared for the world around them. When parents and carers entrust their children into our care, we make a promise to them that we will nurture them not just academically but also care for them socially and pastorally. In short, we value and care for all of our children as individuals and want to see them enjoy their education, feel excited about learning and succeed in life.