



SMSC and promoting fundamental British values

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is fundamental to our work if we are to prepare our young people to move into the world of work and function fully as contributing citizens to their community in which they live.

We define SMSC as the following;



Spiritual

Exploring beliefs and experiences, respecting values, discovering yourself and the surrounding world and your place within it, using imagination and creativity and being able to reflect as an individual.



Moral

Recognising right and wrong, understanding choices and consequences, investigating moral and ethical issues and being able to offer a reasoned viewpoint.



Social

Using social skills appropriately in different contexts and understanding how different groups and communities function, being tolerant of others.



- Encourage respect for democracy, not only through lessons but by holding democratic elections for School Council members

As a result of this work, we expect from our students:

- An understanding of how they as citizens, in our school and in their local community, can bring about influence through a democratic process
- An understanding regarding the rule of law and how it aims to protect individuals and the need for it to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all
- An understanding of the freedom of choice, particularly related to choice regarding faith and beliefs, and how these choices are protected in law
- An acceptance of others who hold differing beliefs, faiths and opinions and that tolerance is required and how discriminatory or prejudicial behaviour is against the values and ethos of this school but also is against the law
- An understanding of the importance of identifying discriminatory behaviours and actions and also understanding that action needs to be taken to combat such behaviour