

PSHE at Menston Primary School

Menston Primary School is a welcoming and caring school, promoting high standards and encouraging every pupil to be a positive participant in society.

We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum tailored to individual pupil needs, which will enable all children to achieve their maximum potential. We also strive to ensure that all pupils develop an enthusiasm for and a love of learning.

At Menston, PSHE education linked with SMSC and British Values, addresses both pupils' direct experience and preparation for their future and ensures learning is revisited, reinforced and extended in age- and stage-appropriate contexts. Our PSHE programme is tailored to meet all pupils' needs regardless of their educational needs, gender, race, disability, ethnicity or faith. It is also tailored to our local circumstances.

- Establish a safe and supportive learning environment through clear ground rules 'School Golden Rules' and an atmosphere where they feel safe, relaxed, and willing to take risks.
- To provide pupils with the knowledge, understanding, attitudes, values and skills they need in order to reach their potential as individuals and within the community.
- Pupils are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities and experiences across and beyond the curriculum, contributing fully to the life of their school and communities. In doing so they learn to recognise their own worth, work well with others and become increasingly responsible for their own learning.
- Pupils reflect on their experiences and understand how they are developing personally and socially, tackling many of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues that are part of growing up.
- Pupils learn to understand and respect our common humanity, diversity and differences so that they can go on to form the effective, fulfilling relationships that are an essential part of life and learning.

We aim to support the development of pupils' skills, attitudes, values and patterns of behaviour through PHSE, which enable pupils to:

- Have a sense of purpose
- Value self and others
- Form relationships
- Make and act on informed decisions
- Communicate effectively
- Work with others
- Respond to challenge
- Be an active partner in their own learning
- Be active citizens within the local community
- Explore issues related to living in a democratic society
- Become healthy and fulfilled individuals.

PHSE is taking place all the time in school. It is reflected in the ethos of the school and the school environment.

PSHE as a discrete subject.

- The classroom as part of the broader curriculum. We partake in regular themed weeks such as respect and healthy life style week.
- Regular 'Circle Time' sessions.
- Weekly SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) lessons.
- Assemblies which provide opportunity to enhance pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, promoting our school's values and celebrating achievement.
- Regular School Council meetings providing children with a vehicle to express their views and ideas in all aspects of the school life and wider community. A child from each class represents the views of their fellow class pupils' and shares the reached common goals in a class council meeting.
- Our playground buddies scheme has an important role in creating a safe, friendly, happy and peaceful atmosphere for children during playtimes.
- School trips and residential visits.
- Visitors into school from the community such as police, fire officers and health workers make a valuable contribution to the PHSCE programme including The Life Caravan.

We foster links with the wider community through various activities such as Open the Book, and inviting the fire service, police officers and nurses into school.

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