

ROXETH PRIMARY SCHOOL



PSHE & CITIZENSHIP POLICY

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

learning together, making progress, achieving goals

Roxeth Primary School

Policy on PSHE and Citizenship

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

1 Aims and objectives

1.1 We believe that education in PSHE and citizenship enables 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 to 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 about their rights and about their responsibilities. They learn to appreciate what it means to be a positive member of a diverse and multi-cultural society. Indeed, the teaching of PSHE and citizenship helps in many ways to meet the objectives set out in The Children's Act 2004 ('Every Child Matters') – that children 'be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution, and achieve economic well-being'.

1.2 Within this, the school aims to develop pupils' understanding of:

- identity, including personal qualities, attitudes, skills, attributes and achievements and what influences these
 - relationships, including different types and in different settings
 - a healthy lifestyle, including physically, emotionally and socially
- a balanced lifestyle, including within relationships, work-life, exercise and rest, spending and saving and diet
- risk, including identification, assessment and how to manage risk rather than simply the avoidance of risk for self and others
 - safety, including behaviour and strategies to employ in different settings
 - diversity and equality, in all its forms
- rights, including the notion of universal human rights, responsibilities including fairness and justice and consent in different contexts
- change and resilience, the skills, strategies and 'inner resources' we can draw on when faced with challenging change or circumstance
 - in a variety of contexts including persuasion, bullying, negotiation and 'win-win' outcomes
 - career, including enterprise, employability and economic understanding

2 Teaching and learning style

2.1 We use a range of teaching and learning styles to meet the PSHE and citizenship requirements of the National Curriculum. 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, e.g. 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. Sometimes, e.g. when dealing with issues in drugs education, we teach PSHE and citizenship as a discrete subject. On other occasions, 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 Relationship and sex education (RSHE) religious education (RE), PE and Science
- 3.2 We also develop PSHE and citizenship through various activities and whole-school events, e.g. 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 ELGs. We also support citizenship education in reception classes, when we teach 'how to develop a child's knowledge and understanding of the world'.

5 PSHE and citizenship and ICT

- 5.1 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.

6 PSHE and citizenship and inclusion

- 6.1 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 Educational Health Plan (EHP). 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.

6.2 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.

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 National Curriculum. We have clear expectations of what the pupils will know, understand and be able to do at the end of each Key Stage.

7.2 Our the achievements of pupils in PSHE and citizenship. We report these achievements to parents each year.

7.3 We encourage our pupils to keep records, in their personal record-of-achievement file, of their contribution to the life of the school and the community.

7.4 We do not set formal examinations in PSHE and citizenship. The assessments that we make of pupil achievement are positive, and record achievement in its widest sense.

8 Resources

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

9 Monitoring and review

9.1 The planning and coordination of the teaching in PSHE are the responsibility of the PSHE subject leader, who also:

- supports colleagues in their teaching, by keeping informed about current developments in the subject, and by providing a strategic lead and direction for PSHE;
- gives the headteacher an annual summary report in which s/he evaluates the strengths and weaknesses in the subject, and indicates areas for further improvement;
- uses specially allocated, regular management time to review evidence of the children's work and to observe PSHE lessons across the school.

9.2 This policy will be reviewed at least every three years.

Signed: PSHE Lead

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