



# Mill Hill Community Primary School

## PSHE Policy

### **Rationale:**

The purpose of the PSHE curriculum is to provide all pupils with opportunities to:

- Develop confidence and responsibility and make the most of their abilities
- Prepare to play an active role as citizens through developing skills for living and valuing themselves and respecting others
- Develop a healthy lifestyle
- Contribute to their community and the wider world and becoming morally and socially responsible
- Develop good relationships and respect the differences between people
- Provide sex and relationships education

### **Vision:**

Personal, social, health education (PSHE) enables children to become healthy, independent and 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 develop their sense of self-worth. We teach them how society is organised and governed. We ensure that they experience the process of democracy in school through the school council. We teach them about rights, respect and responsibilities. They learn to appreciate what it means to be a positive member of a diverse multicultural society.

### **Aims and objectives:**

The aims and objectives of learning PSHE Education:

- Help children develop lively, enquiring minds, to acquire knowledge and develop the skills of communication and information handling which equip them for adult life.
- Help children to appreciate and be concerned about their environment and understand the interdependence of individuals, groups and nations.
- Help children achieve self-discipline and commitment so that they reach the highest standards of which they are capable.
- Encourage children to develop creativity and expression.
- Encourage children to take an active and responsible role in their learning.

### **What is Personal, Social, Health Education? (PSHE)**

PSHE encompasses all areas designed to promote children's personal, social, health and development. It gives children the knowledge, skills and understanding that they need to stay healthy and safe, develop worthwhile relationships, respect differences, develop independence and responsibility, and make the most of their own abilities and those of others. Additionally, children will come to appreciate difference and diversity.

PSHE is very closely linked to Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural development (SMSC). Explicit opportunities to promote pupils' development in these areas are provided in framework for personal, social and health education (PSHE) and citizenship.

We believe that PSHE Education is central to the educational entitlement of all of our children. Although it will be taught in part through discrete lessons, elements of PSHE permeate all aspects of school life. During Key Stages 1 and 2, learners gradually build on the skills, attitudes and values, knowledge and understanding they have started to acquire and develop during the Early Years/Foundation Stage. PSHE education offers learning opportunities and experiences which reflect the increasing independence and physical and social awareness of learners as they move through the primary phase. They learn skills to develop effective relationships, assume greater personal responsibility and keep themselves safe. It is important to remain flexible as events such as bereavement might require learning to be drawn from Key Stage 2 into Key Stages 1. PSHE education assists pupils to cope with

the changes at puberty, introduces them to a wider world and enables them to make an active contribution to their communities.

We aim to cover the following core themes which incorporate many of the SEAL aims.

### **Health and wellbeing**

- What is meant by a healthy lifestyle?
- To maintain physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing
- To manage risks to physical and emotional health and wellbeing
- ways of keeping physically and emotionally safe
- About managing change, including puberty, transition and loss
- To make informed choices about health and wellbeing and to recognise sources of help with this
- To respond in an emergency
- To identify different influences on health and wellbeing

### **Relationships**

- To develop and maintain a variety of healthy relationships, within a range of social/cultural contexts
- To recognise and manage emotions within a range of relationships
- To recognise risky or negative relationships including all forms of bullying and abuse
- To respond to risky or negative relationships and ask for help
- To respect equality and diversity in relationships.

### **Living in the wider world – Economic wellbeing and being a responsible citizen**

- About respect for self and others and the importance of responsible behaviours and actions
- About rights and responsibilities as members of families, other groups and ultimately as citizens
- About different groups and communities
- To respect equality and to be a productive member of a diverse community
- About the importance of respecting and protecting the environment
- About where money comes from, keeping it safe and the importance of managing it effectively
- How money plays an important part in people's lives
- A basic understanding of enterprise.

PSHE Education will be covered through a combination of:

- Discrete timetabled sessions
- Teaching PSHE and Citizenship through, and in, other subject/curriculum areas (e.g. Science, Literacy, History, P.E. and assemblies)
- School events and activities (e.g. off site visits and school celebrations)

### **Planning, Teaching and learning for all areas of PSHEE:**

We teach PSHE Education to all children at Mill Hill Primary School. Our specialist HLTA and class teachers deliver circle time with their classes once a week. They incorporate the programme for PSHE, SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) themes that are linked to whole-school themes (for example Anti-bullying week) or in response to a specific identified need within the class (for example: talking through the needs of a new class member who has difficulties in settling in. Our HLTA, and subject leader, teaches PSHE to every class once a week following the above and addressing issues raised in the Growing up in North Yorkshire survey every two years providing learning opportunities that are matched to the individual needs of all children including those with learning difficulties. PSHE

Education themes are often completed cross curricular through other subjects, in particular, Science, Geography, Drama and Literacy. We use a range of teaching and learning styles. We place emphasis on active learning by including children in discussions, investigations and problem solving activities. As they move through school we encourage children to take part in a range of practical activities that promote active citizenship. For example: charity fundraising and class assemblies.

### **Differentiation for SEN and Able Children**

Throughout their school career children will be at different levels of maturity, will have varied life experiences and a range of attitudes and feelings. Lessons should be planned to allow their perceptions to be articulated, with all contributions being valued and respected. In relation to some sensitive issues, such as sex and relationship education or drug education, the teacher needs to ensure that the teaching point is conveyed in language that is accessible and appropriate to the children.

Teachers may need to use different resources, activities or provide specific support depending on the needs of their pupils. The programme should be broad and balanced and provide for pupils' different learning styles.

### **Additional Pastoral Care Arrangements**

At Mill Hill Primary School, we aim to develop all abilities of pupils, including their personal and social skills, especially if these are not strengths. We aim to create an environment in which children are taught to relate well to each other and where differences of all kinds, including ability, are accepted. We recognise that some able children may also have Special Educational Needs and need additional support.

Children may require additional arrangements for emotional and social development or support; for example 1:1 talk time support.

### **Resource Management**

Some resources are held centrally and some are held by individual teachers and the PSHE co-coordinator. All resources are reviewed annually.

### **The Role of the Co-coordinator**

- Lead policy development and implementation.
- Plan and lead staff training.
- Advise and support colleagues.
- Draw up key stage subject plans.
- Contribute to year group and individual teachers plans.
- Develop in depth knowledge of their subject and keep up to date with developments.
- Arrange for relevant advice and information from courses to be disseminated
- Assess progression and attainment throughout the school
- Manage resources.
- Be an exemplar.

### **Review and Monitoring**

The policy will be monitored and evaluated by:

- PSHE Co-coordinator
- Senior Leadership Team (SLT)
- Governors.

The policy and/or procedures will, where necessary, be revised in light of these evaluations.

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