



SMSC Policy Incorporating PSHCE

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The **national curriculum** states that '*all schools should make provision for personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE), drawing on good practice*'.

PSHE education contributes to schools' statutory duties outlined in the **Education Act 2002** and the **Academies Act 2010** to provide a balanced and broadly-based curriculum and is essential to Ofsted judgements in relation to personal development, behaviour, welfare and safeguarding.

The relationships and health aspects of PSHE education **will be compulsory in all schools from 2020.**

Place and purpose

At Masefield Primary School we believe that outstanding SMSC provision is central to successful teaching and learning. Through SMSC we aim to develop children with high self-esteem who control and carefully consider their own actions and choices. Teaching takes place in a positive and secure environment where children feel able to talk about and express their needs and feelings. Our approach to SMSC enables us to value and celebrate our differences and to challenge misconceptions and discrimination whenever we encounter them. SMSC is all pervasive and underpins all aspects of school life at Masefield. We recognise that in educating children, we can create a caring, secure environment where our children can flourish in line with our school's mission statement.

Definitions

Social: Children are enabled to use a range of appropriate social skills in a variety of contexts. This will include working and socialising with children and adults from different religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

Moral: Children are enabled to recognise the difference between right and wrong and to use this understanding in their own lives. They will develop an understanding of the consequences of their own actions and an interest in debating wider ethical questions.

Spiritual: Children will have opportunities to explore their own beliefs, religious or otherwise and the beliefs of others in the world. They will be encouraged to develop a sense of enjoyment and fascination with learning about themselves, others and the world around them, including the intangible.

Cultural: Children will begin to appreciate the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage. They will be provided with a range of enriching opportunities to participate in and respond to, for example artistic, musical, sporting, mathematical, technological and scientific events and trips.

SMCS: Core Values

In Masefield we reflect and promote British Values of democracy respect for the rule of law and acceptance of the beliefs of others.

We strive to enable our children to hold and demonstrate a wide range of positive values. We particularly focus on the 14 following values:

- Resilience
- Perseverance
- Self control
- Self awareness
- Respect
- Patience
- Aspiration
- Cooperation
- Honesty
- Independence
- Fairness
- Kindness
- Forgiveness
- Responsibility

Delivery

Ground Rules

Setting ground rules (example below) will help teachers and children create a secure climate within SMSC.

Ground Rules

- Every person matters and deserves respect.
- People have a right to say what they think.
- Always listen to what others have to say.
- Any teacher or child may choose to ask or answer a question in private.

Any teacher or child may choose not to answer a question if it makes them feel uncomfortable.

Each class should have a set of ground rules which should be displayed during PSHCE sessions (to include circle time/ RSE)

Planning and Delivery

At Masefield SMSC is all pervasive; it is delivered discreetly through PSHCE but is also embedded within every aspect of school life. Some of the specific aspects being:

- Its inclusion to be highlighted when used in the planning of other subjects.
- It is inherent within school and class rules and is re-enforced by rewards and planned consequences (see Policy for Behaviour).
- It is at the core of all assemblies and collective worship.
- The running and outcomes of the school council reflect the role of SMSC in Masefield School.
- It drives the training for school prefects and the expectation of how they respond to children within school and when undertaking their duties.
- It is reflected within our punctuality and attendance awards.
- It is demonstrated within the ethos of sports competitions and awards.
- It is proven by our commitment to the Healthy Schools and Wellbeing Award Initiative.
- Our commitment to peer massage as an encouragement to positive touch amongst pupils. It is delivered after lunch each day in KS1 and regularly, as needed, in KS2 (at a minimum of once per week).

Curriculum

PSHCE

Teachers will use the Lancashire PSHCE Scheme to inform their planning.

The scheme covers aspects of:

- Relationship and Sex Education
- Emotional Health and well being
- Drugs education
- Physical Health
- Citizenship
- Environmental Education
- Financial Capability

They plan where objectives can be met in the most meaningful way. This may be as part of another topic such as science or within a maths or literacy lesson. These PSHCE objectives are made explicit on planning formats by highlighting in blue.

Where cross curricular links cannot be made, PSHCE is taught as a discrete subject and short term planning is produced and is included on each class timetable.

Differentiation

A bespoke programme teaching emotional literacy is offered to children identified and assessed as requiring more skills in this area. It is delivered as a part of the school enrichment programme.

Children displaying knowledge, understanding and skills at a higher than expected level for their age will be encouraged to join the school council and will be offered peer mentor roles.

SRE

As a primary academy school we must provide relationships education to all pupils as per section 34 of the [Children and Social work act 2017](#).

We do not have to follow the National Curriculum but we are expected to offer all pupils a curriculum that is similar to the National Curriculum including requirements to teach science which would include the elements of sex education contained in the science curriculum. (see below)

In teaching RSE, we are required by our funding agreements to have regard to [guidance](#) issued by the secretary of state as outlined in section 403 of the [Education Act 1996](#).

At Masefield Primary School we teach RSE as set out in the Relationship and Sex Education Policy.

Science

It is compulsory for all maintained schools to teach the biological aspects of sex education, e.g. puberty, reproduction and the spread of viruses. Much of this content is delivered through the Science curriculum. However there are some elements of puberty teaching which is undertaken throughout KS2, which is in addition to the science curriculum and is in line with the government's recommendation for schools to provide information on changes before they begin. Parents will be informed of these sessions prior to them being completed in school and they have the right to withdraw their children from these additional sessions should they wish (see RSE policy). Following consultations, these sessions are taught by a combination of class teachers and specialists with whom the children are comfortable and clear ground rules are established. These sessions are age appropriate and questions will be dealt with sensitively and using professional judgment on appropriateness. (refer also to Safeguarding/ Child Protection Policy). Specific information regarding content can be found in the Relationship and Sex Education policy.

It is essential that the correct biological and scientific terms be used throughout the school, as this will ensure that a factual paradigm rather than a value-based view of

RSE pervades. It also provides a clearer basis for dealing with any disclosures and allows us to respond professionally should any issues such as FGM emerge.

A progressive vocabulary list for the teaching of RSE is included as an appendix within this policy.

Any staff that are uncomfortable with this aspect of the policy will be offered further training.

Sensitive and controversial issues, difficult questions and disclosures

We aim to create a secure atmosphere where children feel able to talk and know that teachers and other children are sympathetic. But we must always be aware that such an atmosphere may naturally lead to disclosures and difficult questions. Where disclosures occur staff must follow child protection procedure (see policy.) With controversial or embarrassing questions staff have the right to refuse comment and refer to parental or senior staff for advice. We must also bear in mind that the family unit is changing and class teachers should be sensitive to issues such as divorce and other family circumstances when planning lessons.

External links

Due to the cross curricular nature of SMSC there are many links within and outside of school:

Internal:

Lunchtime staff
School and Class council
Prefects

External:

School nurse (involved with the advising of teaching of SRE and physical health and well being)
Local police and emergency services
Healthy Families LA team
Local religious leaders
Charitable organisations
Advisory organisations
Local establishments

Equal Opportunities

We aim to meet the needs of every child. Work will be differentiated and discussion will progress at the children's own level and pace.

Where possible associated members of staff will support relevant children and time will be made between the SENCO and class teacher to ensure that the needs of the child are being met and make all concerned aware of any sensitive issues.

In certain cases SMSC can be a valuable tool, for example when a child feels unhappy or has social issues. In this case the SENCO, SMSC manager and class teacher will amend the scheme of work accordingly and additional provision may be made.

Equal access should be made for boys and girls, and where necessary within separate lessons (within SRE).

Staff should be aware of sensitive issues and account for them in their planning and teaching e.g. divorce or bereavement.

Gifted and talented children's needs will be taken into account and any extension activity will be shown on planning. Where a child is particularly gifted in discussion, has a very mature outlook or is very sensitive to the needs of others this could be used in modelling to the rest of the class.

Assessment, recording and reporting

- Children's progress will be reviewed against the end of key stage statements for PSHCE. PSHCE will be assessed at the end of a unit of work. Teachers will identify children who are working at the following three levels: emerging, expected and exceeding. Teachers can then see gaps in a child's knowledge or ability to ensure these areas are addressed.
- Good quality and meaningful work will be displayed where possible to recognise achievement. Display could also include photographs of relevant discussion or drama.
- A class big book will be developed in each class to collect, display and celebrate work produced.
- End of year reports will inform parents of progress made.

Role of the co-ordinator

- To review and up date policy and schemes of work to ensure that they meet the needs of the children and follow legislation.
- Present reports/updates to governors.
- Ensure that school has relevant resources.
- Organise external visits and projects.

- Monitor and moderate planning and children's work.
- Attend relevant courses and update staff.
- Monitor and evaluate planning and assessment, termly.
- Scrutinise PSHCE/SEALs big books.
- Ensure all classroom displays are current and reflect the value placed on SMSC within school.
- Provide staff feedback on all of the above areas.
- Evaluate external provision for quality and value.

Role of staff

- Understand and implement SMSC school policy and scheme of work including planning.
- Amend scheme of work to make appropriate and inclusive for their whole class including SEN and G & T children.
- Foster strong links with parents, carers and the community.
- Ensure SMSC ground rules are set and that the children understand the need for these rules and follow them.
- Foster an atmosphere of security and respect.
- Deal with sensitive issues appropriately, informing relevant staff and following child protection procedure when necessary.
- Provide the SMSC co-ordinator with any information they may require.
- Complete the class 'big book' to celebrate examples of work.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years or sooner if it is considered necessary and the coordinator on a yearly basis.

Signed:

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