

Promoting Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development at Westbourne Primary School

The development of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education is an integral part of our school, and it is strongly embedded in our Vision, Mission Statement, Curriculum Intent, structures and practices. The new National Curriculum framework, which came out in 2014, states that every state-funded school must offer a curriculum which is balanced and broadly based and which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society, and prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

At Westbourne Primary School, we believe that the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development of our pupils is of the highest importance. We endeavour to fully develop the whole child, thus ensuring that they are able to reach their full potential, enabling them to become well-rounded citizens who are fully prepared for life in Modern Britain.

Spiritual

Children are encouraged to:

- explore beliefs;
- respect faiths, feelings and values;
- enjoy learning about oneself, others and the surrounding world;
- use imagination and creativity;
- reflect.

Moral

Children are encouraged to:

- recognise right and wrong;
- respect the law;
- understand consequences;
- investigate moral and ethical issues;
- offer reasoned views.

Social

Children are encouraged to:

- use a range of social skills;
- participate in the local community;
- appreciate diverse viewpoints;
- participate, volunteer and cooperate;
- resolve conflict;
- engage with the 'British Values' of democracy, the rule of law, liberty, respect and tolerance.

Cultural

Children are encouraged to:

- appreciate cultural influences;
- appreciate the role of Britain's parliamentary system;
- participate in cultural opportunities;
- understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity.

Here below is a non-exhaustive list of the many other ways in which we promote the Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural development of all children at Westbourne Primary School:

- explicit teaching in our PSHE curriculum (aligned with Jigsaw programme);
- assemblies and collective worship;
- dedicated reflection time in class;
- modelling behaviour by all staff;
- healthy and respectful relationships;
- celebrating differences;
- age-appropriate trips and workshops;
- visitors;
- Philosophy sessions;
- Comic relief;
- Sports relief;
- Children in need;
- Wall of wonders display;
- Singing;
- RE Days;
- Anti-bullying week;
- Mixing groups across the school to support learning and playing;
- Online safety lessons;
- Cultural events and evenings;
- Music lessons;
- Celebration of languages in school;
- Fundraising for various selected charities;
- Charity runs;
- Janahvi's Cup;
- 'We Day';
- Harvest Festival.