



**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Policy**

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## Mission Statement

*Psalm 147:4 God counts the stars and calls them all by name*

The aim of our Church school is to develop the full potential of each child spiritually, socially and academically in a safe, inclusive environment which is grounded within the ethos of the Christian Faith.

This policy is grounded within our school mission statement, and underpins our commitment to providing a safe, inclusive environment for all stakeholders which reflects our Christian values

## Scope

At St Michael & All Angels CE Primary we consider the pupils spiritual, moral, social and cultural development to be at the centre of our school ethos and the responsibility of the whole curriculum.

We strive to provide and maintain for our pupils an education that provides opportunities so that they can explore and develop their own values and beliefs, spiritual awareness, high standards of personal behaviour, a positive caring attitude towards other people, an understanding of their social and cultural traditions and an appreciation of the diversity and richness of other cultures.

We believe spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is promoted through the school ethos, the climate of the school, collective worship, all curriculum areas, behaviour code, extra-curricular and other activities.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality in line with the **Equality Act 2010** (see appendix).

## Aims of SMSC

To encourage pupils to develop their own beliefs and values about life and religion

- To promote an appreciation of alternative individuals and shared beliefs.
- To develop appropriate personal and social behaviour in response to other cultures and environments.
- To develop an awareness of oneself in terms of thoughts, feelings, emotions, responsibilities and experiences and the development of self-respect.
- To recognise and value the worth of all individuals irrespective of gender, ethnicity, sexuality or religion thus developing a sense of community and the ability to build relationships with others.
- To promote curiosity in order to make sense of the world.

## Responsibility for the policy and procedure

### Role of the governing body

The governing body has:

- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all school personnel and stakeholders are aware of and comply with this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;

- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;
- the responsibility of involving the School Council in the development, approval, implementation and review of this policy;
- responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy

### **Role of the Headteacher**

The Headteacher will:

- ensure all school personnel, students and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- work closely with the Ethos committee;
- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

## **Spiritual development**

We see spiritual development as the way pupils acquire personal beliefs and values, especially on questions about religion, whether life has purpose, and basic personal and social behaviour.

We try to help pupils make sense of these questions through the curriculum, worship (see collective worship policy & **Strand 6 SIAMS 2018 schedule**), the school ethos and stilling / mindfulness opportunities within the curriculum. We see spiritual development as an important element of a pupil's education and fundamental to other areas of learning.

We aim to provide learning opportunities that will enable pupils to:

- enhance their spiritual awareness through quiet / reflection times;
- experience stilling / mindfulness through the curriculum eg music, art;
- sustain their self-esteem in their learning experience;
- develop their capacity for critical and independent thought;
- foster their emotional life and express their feelings eg through English and PHSE;
- empathise with others eg through our charity work;
- discuss their beliefs, feelings, values and responses to personal experiences;
- form and maintain worthwhile satisfying relationships that cherish themselves, and others, as uniquely and wonderfully made (**Strand 5 SIAMS 2018 schedule**)
- form healthy relationships where they offer dignity and respect to others (**Strand 5 SIAMS 2018 schedule**)
- reflect on, consider and celebrate the wonders and mysteries of life

## **Moral development**

We believe that pupils' moral development involves:

- acquiring an understanding of the difference between right and wrong and of moral conflict;
- a concern for others and the will to do what is right;
- reflecting on the consequences of their actions;

- learning forgiveness and reconciliation that encourages good mental health, and enables all to flourish and live well together **(Strand 4 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**;
- developing knowledge, skills, understanding, qualities and attitudes in order for them to make responsible moral decisions and to act on them.

We aim to provide learning opportunities and other opportunities such as talk time that will enable pupils to:

- tell the truth;
- keep promises (unless there is a safeguarding issue);
- respect the rights and property of others;
- act with consideration towards others;
- help those less fortunate than themselves;
- take personal responsibility for their actions;
- have self-discipline; self –control is one our Christian values
- understand the meaning of forgiveness and reconciliation **(Strand 4 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**;
- understand the meaning of ‘good disagreement’ **(Strand 4 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**

### Social development

We believe social development is concerned with the skills and personal qualities necessary for individuals to live and function effectively in society.

We aim to provide learning opportunities that will enable pupils to:

- develop the ability to be aspirational, resilient and persevere when things go wrong **(Strand 3 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**
- overcome barriers to their own learning and to make positive choices **(Strand 3 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**
- become courageous advocates for change in their local, national & global communities **(Strand 3 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**
- understand social justice and a concern for the disadvantaged and how they can challenge injustice **(Strand 3 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**
- connect the schools ethical and charitable activities to its vision and values **(Strand 3 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**
- ask the ‘big questions’ about life that develop their understanding of disadvantage, deprivation and the exploitation of the natural world **(Strand 3 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**
- engage in diocesan and other global companion/world links **(Strand 3 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**

### Cultural development

We want our pupils to acquire:

- understanding of, respect for and the ability to celebrate difference and diversity within their school, local, national and global communities.**(Strand 5 SIAMS 2018 schedule)**
- a respect for their own culture and that of others;
- an interest in others’ ways of doing things and a curiosity about differences

We want our pupils to develop:

- knowledge, skills, understanding, qualities and attitudes that they need to understand, appreciate and contribute to culture

We aim to provide learning opportunities that will enable pupils to:

- recognise the value and richness of cultural diversity in Britain, and how these influence individuals and society;
- develop an understanding of their social and cultural environment;

## Organisation

We believe spiritual, moral, social and cultural development takes place across all curriculum areas and within activities that provide opportunities to allow pupils to:

- talk about personal experiences and feelings;
- express and clarify their own ideas and beliefs;
- speak about difficult events;
- share thoughts and feelings with other people;
- explore relationships with friends, family and others;
- consider others needs and behaviour;
- show empathy;
- develop self-esteem and a respect for others;
- develop a sense of belonging;
- develop the skills and attributes that enables them to develop socially, morally, spiritually and culturally

### **Role of school personnel**

School personnel will:

- comply with all aspects of this policy;
- implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;
- report and deal with all incidents of discrimination;
- attend appropriate training sessions on equality;
- report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community

### **Role of pupils**

Pupils will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy;
- listen carefully to all instructions given by the teacher;
- ask for further help if they do not understand;
- treat others, their work and equipment with respect;
- support the School Rules and guidance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school;
- liaise with the school council;
- take part in questionnaires and surveys;

## **Raising awareness**

Examples of possible ways in which this could be promoted:

- the prospectus
- the school website
- Church services
- Staff meetings/training courses
- Newsletter
- Transition notes to next school
- Collective Worship

## **Role of parents / carers**

Parents/carers will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy;
- be asked to take part in periodic surveys conducted by the school

## **Monitoring the effectiveness of the policy**

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed 3 yearly or when the need arises by the Headteacher and the Ethos committee (Foundation Governors).

## Appendix 1

### **Equality Act 2010**

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any student and it helps to promote equality at this school.

### **Ofsted**

***“Inspectors will make a judgement on the personal development, behaviour and welfare of children and learners by evaluating the extent to which the provision is successfully promoting and supporting children’s and other learners” August 2015***

- *pride in achievement and commitment to learning, supported by a positive culture across the whole provider*
- *self-confidence, self-awareness and understanding of how to be a successful learner*
- *choices about the next stage of their education, employment, self-employment or training, where relevant, from impartial careers advice and guidance*
- *where relevant, employability skills so that they are well prepared for the next stage of their education, employment, self-employment or training*
- *prompt and regular attendance*
- *following of any guidelines for behaviour and conduct, including management of their own feelings and behaviour, and how they relate to others*
- *understanding of how to keep themselves safe from relevant risks such as abuse, sexual exploitation and extremism, including when using the internet and social media*
- *knowledge of how to keep themselves healthy, both emotionally and physically, including through exercising and healthy eating*
- *personal development, so that they are well prepared to respect others and contribute to wider society and life in Britain.*

There needs to be a whole school approach to personal development, behaviour and welfare.

### **SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)**

Refer to the new SIAMS 2018 schedule particularly Strands 3,4,5 & 6. These have been referenced in the SMSC policy above.