



Curriculum Statement for SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) and Values Education

Intent – What we want to achieve

At William Austin Infant School, our mission is to create a learning environment ‘**Where All Individuals Shine**’. Through our SMSC and Values Based Education Programme, we **intend** to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of every pupil within the school, which we hope will then stay with them throughout their lives. We believe a Values Based Education nourishes, and enables learners to flourish, making a difference to the world through who and how they are each day in everything they do.

The values developed through the SMSC and Values Based Education Programme within our school have been selected by pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers and are recognised as being important within the school and local community as well as throughout life. We **intend** the values we teach to help our pupils to work with one another co-operatively and with tolerance and respect. They learn the importance of friendship, understanding and trust and acquire a tool bank of skills which they can then use to approach life with confidence and hope.



Implementation – How we will achieve this

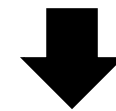
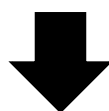
At William Austin Infant School, the whole staff team are involved in promoting our school values and recognising where others are ‘living the values’ in their day to day lives. We also value our parents and carers contributions and encourage the values we share in school to be talked about and practised at home and within the community.

At William Austin Infant School we also aim, as reinforced by the DfE, “to promote the fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faith and beliefs”. These British Values act as our ‘core’ within our Values Education Programme and underpin our school ethos and values towards learning and towards caring for and respecting each other. British Values are taught explicitly with ‘British Values weeks’ throughout the year as well as throughout the curriculum.

Our ambitious SMSC and Values Based Education Programme is **implemented** through assemblies and lessons which support pupils in developing their thinking of how to use their values in their day to day lives both in school and at home. Staff act as role models within school and are encouraged to recognise and praise each other and pupils where they observe values in action.

Our SMSC and Values Based Education Programme is **implemented** through:

- Explicit Values lessons which are then linked to a small task or activity.
- Class and year group assemblies led by class teachers and members of SLT.
- Role modelling of all staff within school.
- Values days and British Values weeks which focus on values in our everyday lives.



Impact – The Outcomes

The **impact** of our SMSC and Values Based Education Programme is seen through children’s increased understanding of what values are and why they are important in everyday life. Children apply the Values learned in school as a positive approach when completing their learning tasks to ensure they succeed with confidence and self-belief. The **impact** of the SMSC and Values teaching is clear to see in the children’s behaviour and conduct as they are able to reflect on how they can use their values through both work and play and use them as a discussion tool to support them in any challenges that they may face.