

PSHE Statement of Intent

At St Peter's, we recognise the importance of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education, and the role it has in developing the qualities and attributes pupils need to thrive as individuals. Our Core Values of; Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Compassion, and Enthusiasm, are an integral part of our PSHE learning, and are strongly promoted by staff and pupils throughout the school. Through our teaching of PSHE we will make a significant contribution to pupils' spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development.

We strive to help pupils build their confidence, resilience, and self-esteem through developing an understanding of themselves and others. The intent of our PSHE curriculum is to prepare our pupils for life outside of the classroom and to help them build skills which will allow them to protect and keep themselves safe in the wider community. We provide our children with opportunities for them to learn about rights and responsibilities and appreciate what it means to be a member of a diverse society.

Our children are encouraged to develop their sense of self-worth by playing a positive role in contributing to school life and the wider community. Our PSHE learning experiences and opportunities will help children to achieve their potential by supporting their wellbeing and tackling issues that can affect their ability to learn. PSHE education, when taught, will help pupils to develop skills and aptitudes such as teamwork and communication that are crucial to navigating the challenges and opportunities of the modern world. We recognise the needs of our pupils living in and around Barking and Dagenham, and we use the Dot Com scheme to educate our pupils to help prevent them becoming victims of crime online through digital threats including online grooming, radicalisation, exploitation, and bullying. It also aims to prevent our pupils being recruited by criminals to commit offences. The scheme helps children learn how to manage risks and empowers them to ask for help if they are frightened or worried. PSHE is also taught throughout the curriculum, and topical issues are explored where appropriate. This is through role play, discussions, art work, and whole school events.

