

Personal Development Intent Statement

At our Church of England primary school, located at the heart of a diverse and deprived community, our intent is to offer a deeply inclusive, nurturing and aspirational personal development curriculum that enables every child to grow, flourish and fulfil their God-given potential. Rooted in our Christian vision and our school motto, “Let Your Light Shine”, we strive to ensure that every child discovers their unique strengths, develops a strong sense of identity, and learns to use their talents to make a positive difference in the world.

We are a happy, caring and multicultural community, and we celebrate the richness that diversity brings to our school. We actively promote understanding, respect and empathy, ensuring that pupils learn to appreciate and value different cultures, faiths and perspectives. Our inclusive approach ensures that all children- particularly those facing disadvantage or barriers to learning- are supported to develop confidence, resilience and self-belief.

Our personal development curriculum is designed to nurture the whole child. Through high-quality teaching, targeted support, and a strong focus on wellbeing, we help pupils learn to regulate their emotions, build healthy relationships and develop a positive mindset. Our pastoral systems and embedded nurture provision ensure that children feel safe, listened to, cared for and able to thrive socially, emotionally and academically.

A core driver for our personal development offer is the 11 before 11 programme, which ensures that every child has access to memorable, character-building experiences before they leave Year 6. These curated opportunities broaden horizons, raise aspirations and help pupils develop key life skills such as teamwork, courage, creativity and independence. Whether it is performing on a stage, visiting significant places, learning to lead, helping others, or experiencing outdoor adventure, these milestones enable every child to shine.

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is woven throughout our curriculum. As a Church of England school, we encourage pupils to reflect deeply, ask big questions and grow in wisdom and compassion. Our Christian values inspire children to act with integrity, fairness and kindness, learning to serve others and engage positively with their community.

Ultimately, our intent is to ensure that every child leaves our school as a happy, confident and well-rounded young person, secure in who they are, proud of what they have achieved, and ready to take their next steps with hope and ambition. We want every pupil to “let their light shine” as they move forward in life- empowered, enriched and equipped to fulfil their potential and contribute positively to society.