

Subject Intent Overview for SMSC

Our school Vision is to “Inspire Excellence - Challenge Potential - Empower Learning”

Our aim, through our school curriculum, is to ensure the holistic needs of the child are met through a comprehensive programme addressing both their academic learning and supporting those challenges that arise from their primary diagnosis of autism.

The Intent of our SMSC Curriculum across the school

At the Grove, Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development is not taught as a standalone lesson, rather it forms part of the wider curriculum and is integrated into school life through all subjects, assemblies, topics and whole school events.

As part of the SMSC curriculum pupils will explore:

- Beliefs, faiths, feelings and values. Enjoy learning about oneself, others and the surrounding world. Volunteering and participating in the local community.
- Pupils will learn to understand that people may hold different views about what is right and wrong but know that all people living in England are subject to its law, investigate morals, ethical and topical issues. They will learn about Democracy and debating skills, the role of law and the justice system in our society; Britain's parliamentary system; understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity. The Grove promotes the Fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Implementation

- Classroom discussions and activities based on weekly SMSC & FBV topics - Please see the Whole School SMSC & FBV Calendar.
- Weekly department assemblies based on a SMSC & FBV topic.
- Participation in Whole School Events
- Weekly ‘Votes for Schools’ sessions which are linked to the news and current affairs
- Weekly PSHE/ RSE lessons
- Social skills workshops
- School council
- Promotion of the school’s SEARCH values
- Playtimes, after school clubs, school trips and local visits

