The Intent, implementation and Impact of our Curriculum

– Wellbeing & Distinctiveness

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education)

At Christ Church CE Primary, we shape our PSHE curriculum specifically to ensure it is fully inclusive to every child in school. Our aims are to fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum for PSHE alongside guidance from PSHE association. We aim to provide a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum for every child; ensuring the progressive development of the three strands of PSHE, together with vocabulary, knowledge and skills to live as a well-developed, well-balanced individual; and for the children to develop a love for PSHE. Pupils are provided with PSHE Knowledge Organisers throughout the year which are also shared with parents at the beginning of each term to specify the knowledge, skills and vocabulary to be acquired and an overview of content in each area; these have been specifically linked to the three outcome areas of PSHE.

Intent

Here, at Christ Church Primary School, the aim of our PSHE curriculum is to help children to acquire and develop knowledge and understanding of who they are as people, how the world around them works and important issues such as money, budgeting and finances. We also focus on helping our children form healthy relationships with those around them, giving them the tools to understand when they aren't healthy and to do this we link together with our school values. These Christian values are: Friendship, Thankfulness, Peace, Trust, Forgiveness, Compassion and Hope. Our PSHE curriculum enables our pupils to know and understand issues in our society, culture and the wider world; to express and build on their own ideas and insights as well as listening and taking on board other people's differing ideas; to develop the ability to make reasoned and informed judgements about choices they make in their lives and the responsibility that comes along with those choices.
PSHE is taught throughout the school in such a way as to give the children reflection time to learn, grow and develop their own ideals as well as learn about societal values and philosophy.
At Christ Church Primary, PSHE plays an important role, along with all other curriculum areas, particularly Religious Education, in promoting the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of our children.

Implementation

At Christ Church CE Primary, alongside recent changes in the status of PSHE in school, we have a designated time for PSHE each week. We have worked hard to develop our own unique and specific way for teaching PSHE, combining PSHE elements of work for one hour each Friday followed by our 'Together we Can Friday' sessions. We have also started to use the Jigsaw scheme of work, which allows us to hone in on the specific topic areas and teach using a fully linked scheme of work. This allows the learning of the values to dovetail the PSHE learning outcomes and also embed in the children, the core Christian values that underpin our whole school curriculum.
Together We Can Friday is so named because it gives pupils and staff the opportunity to come together at the end of the week to work collectively. It gives both pupils and staff the opportunity for discussion, reflection and worship as a whole school community. During Together We Can Friday sessions, teachers facilitate values activities; helping pupils to connect with their own values and live

them. The children learn and work collaboratively in new 'Together groups' of a range of ages from classes across school and with different teachers, and are given new groups each half term in order to forge new friendships and learn from others who they would not ordinarily have the opportunity to work alongside. Our Year 6 pupils and PSHE Ambassadors support teachers and often take lead in these lessons.

Christ Church Primary School believes that PSHE provides opportunities for personal reflection and development as well as allowing the children to develop holistically. It develops children's knowledge and understanding in three specific areas: Health and Wellbeing, Relationships and Living in The Wider World. We focus upon truth and personal values as well as Christian values, personal identity and belonging, safe relationships, mental health and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. PSHE prepares children for citizenship in today's diverse society. It enables them to develop sensitivity to, and respect for others as well as an understanding the morals of being a good person. Quality PSHE builds communities of people with both similar and differing beliefs as well as helping to give children the best opportunity to become well-rounded, morally and spiritually balanced individuals. At its best, PSHE offers pupils authentic encounters with people who live and work in our community equipping them with the knowledge and skills to have high aspirations and life goals. There are no presumptions made as to the staff or children's backgrounds and beliefs and values. The value we hold about differing backgrounds of all members of the school community only helps build a strong backbone to our curriculum.

It should also be recognised that there are opportunities for children to develop their own skills outside of the curriculum. These activities include: Children in Need, Red Nose Day, Anti-Bullying week and Mental Health and Wellbeing week. Our older children assume leadership over the running of these weeks with the assistance of the PSHE Subject Leader.

Our PSHE Ambassadors champion the subject by planning for and assisting in the aforementioned events amongst others within our school calendar, and also during our 'Together We Can Friday' afternoons. The Ambassadors work alongside teachers across school, to support and deliver the teaching of the Values session to the younger pupils.

Impact

The children at Christ Church CE Primary enjoy learning about other people and themselves; they enjoy exploring why people make the choices they do. The positive feedback from children is such that we ensure the time is dedicated to PSHE each week and they look forward to our 'Together We Can Friday' afternoons. Our ambition is to provide our pupils with opportunities to enrich their experiences of PSHE by giving the children days of experience or a dedicated week planned into the calendar for important topics such as anti-bullying, mental health and wellbeing.

Our school endeavours to celebrate other national events to support charities for example Children in Need, Macmillan and Comic Relief. This has been strengthened by Years 5 and 6 developing their leadership skills through completing the Archbishop of York Youth Trust Young Leaders' Award. This is enjoyed by the community and also receives an overwhelming amount of support from the parents and carers as well as the children in our community. At Christ Church, establishing and maintaining those community links is a key priority. In year six, we have started to run the Ambitions programme which aims to provide our children with the opportunity to experience a career carousel and enjoy

the experience of meeting people in our community with differing careers and roles to allow the children to develop their own ambitions and goals. Feedback from the children is always amazingly positive and they enjoy learning using different platforms and through different channels.