



Spiritual Moral, Social and Cultural

Bakewell Methodist Academy

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Mission Statement

Bakewell Methodist Academy strives to provide a caring environment in which every individual can achieve their full potential. We wish to create a happy, secure and purposeful atmosphere throughout the school, which is conducive to learning and high standards, and is based on Christian values.

Safeguarding Statement

At the Bakewell Methodist Academy, we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. We work to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. The procedures contained in the Safeguarding Policy apply to all staff, volunteers and governors.

Vision

Our curriculum has been designed to ensure every child can 'live life in all its fullness'. We aim to do this by delivering a curriculum that is underpinned by our drivers of **diversity, aspiration, creativity and resilience** and is designed to meet the needs of our children. We aim to deliver the knowledge, skills and understanding set out in the national curriculum, underpinned by our Christian values, through individual and collaborative learning experiences, a sense of responsibility and challenges both in and outside of the classroom.

Guiding principles

Spiritual development

The spiritual development of pupils is shown by their:

- Ability to be reflective about their own beliefs, religious or otherwise, that inform their perspective of life and their ability to live without limits.
- Interest in, and respect for, different people's faiths, feelings and values.
- Sense of enjoyment and fascination in learning about themselves, others and the world around them – developing a sense of awe and wonder.
- Use of imagination and creativity in their learning.
- Willingness to reflect on their experiences.
- Ability to engage purposefully with their classroom reflection area.

Moral development

The moral development of pupils is shown by their:

- Ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong, readily apply this understanding in their own lives and, in so doing, respect the civil and criminal law of England. (British Values)
- Ability to recognise the values that others display and having the desire to reward their peers through weekly nominations.
- Suggestions and enthusiasm for whole school reward systems that reward behaviours, attitudes and values in addition to academic success.
- Understanding of the consequences of their behaviour and actions.
- Interest in investigating and offering reasoned views about moral and ethical issues and being able to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others on these issues.

Social development

The social development of pupils is shown by their:

- Use of a range of social skills in different contexts, including working and socialising with pupils from different religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.
- Willingness to participate in a variety of community and social settings, including by volunteering, cooperating well with others and being able to resolve conflicts effectively.
- To live out the school's vision to learn, love and live, without limits.
- Ability to use modern communication technology, including mobile technology, the internet and social media, safely.
- Acceptance and engagement with the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. The pupils should also develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in, and contribute positively to, life in modern Britain.
- Ability to play together, promoting fairness, in group games and imaginative play at break and lunchtimes
- To live out the teachings of John Wesley, 'I look upon all the world as my parish.'

Cultural development

The cultural development of pupils is shown by their:

- Understanding and appreciation of the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage and that of others – including our school's Methodist Heritage.
- Understanding and appreciation of the range of different cultures within the school, and further afield, as an essential element of their preparation for life in modern Britain and a contributing factor to loving others, without limits.
- Knowledge of Britain's democratic parliamentary system and its central role in shaping our history and values, and in continuing to develop Britain.
- Willingness to participate in and respond positively to artistic, sporting and cultural opportunities.
- Interest in exploring, improving understanding of, and showing respect for, different faiths and cultural diversity.
- Understanding, acceptance, respect and celebration of diversity, as shown by their tolerance and attitudes towards different religious, ethnic and socio-economic groups in the local, national and global communities. School to provide opportunities through Building Better Communities, All We Can Partner School, Stonewall Champion.

Cross-curriculum teaching and learning

Development in SMSC will take place across all areas of the curriculum.

Opportunities to explore our relationship with ourselves other, our world and 'beyond' are planned into the curriculum and guided by our Spiritual development Strategy. Bakewell Methodist Academy - Methodist Links

SMSC has particularly strong links to Religious Education, Collective Worship, Pastoral Sessions and Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE).

All areas of the curriculum will draw examples from as wide a range of cultural contexts as possible.

Planned activities within Refection Areas will provide opportunities for children to grow through SMSC (See RE Policy)

In order to develop a strong sense of identity in our pupils, we will use classroom discussion to enable them to:

Talk about their experiences and feelings.

- Express and clarify personal ideas and beliefs.
- Speak about difficult events, e.g. bullying, death.
- Share thoughts and feelings with other people.
- Explore relationships with friends/family/others.
- Consider the needs and behaviour of others.
- Show empathy.
- Develop self-esteem and a respect for others.
- Develop a sense of belonging.

- Develop the skills and attitudes that enable children to develop socially, morally, spiritually and culturally e.g. empathy, respect, open-mindedness, sensitivity, critical awareness etc.
- Many areas across the curriculum provide opportunities for pupils to:
- Listen and talk to each other.
- Learn an awareness of treating all as equals, celebrating difference and accepting we are all special and unique.
- Agree and disagree with respect.
- Experience good role models.
- Take turns and share equipment.
- Work co-operatively and collaboratively.
- Know it is ok not to be ok sometimes.
- Learn self-regulation strategies that work for them.
- Recognise, listen to and respond to the mental and physical health needs of their own bodies, in a safe way.
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Practical activities to develop SMSC include:

- Working together in different groupings and situations.
- Encouraging the children to behave appropriately at mealtimes.
- Taking responsibility e.g. class monitors, lunch monitors, register monitors, assembly monitors, cloakroom monitors, delivering messages and looking after younger children, being elected on a council.
- Encouraging 'The Spirit of the Games' in PESSPA and rewarding this in celebration assembly.
- Appreciation of and respect for the work and performance of other children, regardless of ability.
- Hearing music from different composers, cultures and genres e.g. in music for reflection time at the start of collective worship.
- Meeting people from different cultures and countries.
- Participating in a variety of different educational visits.
- Participation in live performances.
- Using assembly themes to explore important aspects of our heritage and other cultures e.g. festival days, the patron saints and global events.
- Studying literature and art from different cultures supported by visits from writers and artists and participating in workshops.
- Opportunities for the children to hear and see live performances by professional actors, dancers and musicians.
- Opportunities to make and evaluate food from other countries.
- Opportunities in music to learn songs from different cultures and play a range of instruments including steel pans and samba.
- Studying the contributions to society that certain famous people have made.

Community links

Bakewell Methodist Academy has strong links with the wider community.

In order to develop these links, Bakewell Methodist Academy reaches out to the community through the following activities:

- Parents invited to class worship and assemblies.
- PTFA events including Christmas Markets.
- Joint Christmas Fair with Methodist Church.
- Nativities and Carol Concert.
- Support for local charities, such as Salvation Army, Help the Homeless.
- Participation in sports and dance events.
- Choir performances in chapel and the local area.
- Annual school theatrical performance.
- Bedford's Got Talent.
- Music Showcase assemblies.
- Participation in local litter picks.
- Dedicated pastoral team support families.
- Participation in monthly Community Coffee morning to showcase work.
- Signposting to clubs where children develop or show a particular talent for.

Monitoring and Evaluation

At Bakewell Methodist Academy, we listen to the views of our pupils and their parents/carers. We operate an open-door policy for the sharing of views and have a formal system in place including:

- Annual pupil questionnaire.
- Pupil/teacher meetings.
- Annual parents' questionnaire.
- Parents' evenings/meetings.
- Parent workshops and updates on curriculum changes
- SMSC provision is reviewed in the following ways:
- Monitoring of teaching and learning and work scrutiny by the Headteacher/Leadership Team/Pastoral Team as part of our general monitoring.
- Regular discussions at staff and governors' meetings.
- Regular policy audits.
- Development of Religious Education, PSHE and Collective Worship to reflect the diversity of both our school and society.
- Sharing of classroom work and practice.

Promoting fundamental British values

Through the National Curriculum, we will:

- Teach our pupils a broad and balanced international history.
- Represent the cultures of all of our pupils across the subject.
- Teach a wide range of English and non-English literature.
- Commemorate World War 1 and 2.
- Demonstrate the historical importance of the Commonwealth.

Through our Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural programme, we will:

- Enable students to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Enable students to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England.
- Encourage students to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely.
- Enable students to acquire a broad general knowledge of, and respect for, public institutions and services in England.
- Further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling students to acquire an appreciation of, and respect for, their own and other cultures.
- Encourage respect for other people.
- Encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England.