

Personal, Social and Health Education

PSHE education is a planned, developmental programme of learning through which children and young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives now and in the future. As part of a whole-school approach, PSHE education develops the qualities and attributes pupils need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society.

PSHE education equips pupils to live healthy, safe, productive, capable, responsible and balanced lives. It encourages them to be enterprising and supports them in making effective transitions, positive learning and career choices and in achieving economic wellbeing. A critical component of PSHE education is providing opportunities for children and young people to reflect on and clarify their own values and attitudes and explore the complex and sometimes conflicting range of values and attitudes they encounter now and in the future.

PSHE education contributes to personal development by helping pupils to build their confidence, resilience and self-esteem, and to identify and manage risk, make informed choices and understand what influences their decisions. It enables them to recognise, accept and shape their identities, to understand and accommodate difference and change, to manage emotions and to communicate constructively in a variety of settings. Developing an understanding of themselves, empathy and the ability to work with others will help pupils to form and maintain good relationships, develop the essential skills for future employability and better enjoy and manage their lives.

PSHE education can help schools to reduce or remove many of the barriers to learning experienced by pupils, significantly improving their capacity to learn and achieve. The PSHE education programme makes a significant contribution to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development, their behaviour and safety and the school's statutory responsibility to promote pupils' wellbeing. In addition, the learning provided through a comprehensive PSHE education provision is essential to safeguarding pupils, as Ofsted has set out.

		Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Health and Well-Being	Physical health and Mental wellbeing	Health choices and habits; what affects feelings; expressing feelings	Maintaining a balanced lifestyle; oral hygiene and dental care	Healthy sleep habits; sun safety; medicines, vaccinations, immunisations and allergies	What affects mental health and ways to take care of it; managing change, loss and bereavement; managing time online
	Growing and changing	Personal strengths and achievements; managing and reframing setbacks	Physical and emotional changes in puberty; external genitalia; personal hygiene routines; support with puberty	Personal identity; recognising individuality and different qualities; mental wellbeing	Human reproduction and birth; increasing independence; managing transitions
	Keeping safe	Risks and hazards; safety in the local environment and unfamiliar places	Medicines and household products; drugs common to everyday life	Keeping safe in different situations, including responding in emergencies, first aid and FGM	Keeping personal information safe; regulations and choices; drug use and the law; drug use and the media
Relationships	Families and friendships	What makes a family; features of family life	Positive friendships, including online	Managing friendships and peer influence	Attraction to others; romantic relationships; civil partnership and marriage
	Safe relationships	Personal boundaries; safely responding to others; the impact of hurtful behaviour	Responding to hurtful behaviour; managing confidentiality; recognising risks online	Physical contact and feeling safe	Recognising and managing pressure; consent in different situations
	Respecting ourselves and others	Recognising respectful behaviour; the importance of self-respect; courtesy and being polite	Respecting differences and similarities; discussing difference sensitively	Responding respectfully to a wide range of people; recognising prejudice and discrimination	Expressing opinions and respecting other points of view, including discussing topical issues
Living in the Wider World	Belonging to a community	The value of rules and laws; rights, freedoms and responsibilities	What makes a community; shared responsibilities	Protecting the environment; compassion towards others	Valuing diversity; challenging discrimination and stereotypes
	Media literacy and Digital resilience	How the internet is used; assessing information online	How data is shared and used	How information online is targeted; different media types, their role and impact	Evaluating media sources; sharing things online
	Money and Work Strengths and interests; jobs in the community	Different jobs and skills; job stereotypes; setting personal goals	Making decisions about money; using and keeping money safe	Identifying job interests and aspirations; what influences career choices; workplace stereotypes	Influences and attitudes to money; money and financial risks