

## SMSC Policy for Hodge Hill Girls' School.

### Rationale

At Hodge Hill Girls' School we believe that spiritual, moral, social and cultural education is fundamental to the whole educational experience. We strive to harness the diversity of faiths and beliefs within the school population in our consideration of spiritual and moral issues. We endeavour to convey to our pupils principles and values which reinforce the difference between right and wrong, good and bad. The five British values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs and equality of opportunity are central to the school's ethos.

### Aims and Objectives.

- To provide wide- ranging opportunities for students to experience spiritual, moral, social, cultural development and physical well-being.
- To ensure that fundamental British values are at the heart of the school's work.
- To enable pupils to be thoughtful, caring and active citizens in school life and the wider community.

### Defining spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

*As defined by Ofsted in the School Inspection Handbook from September 2015*

1. The spiritual development of pupils is shown by their:

ability to be reflective about their own beliefs, religious or otherwise, that inform their perspective on life and their 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

use of imagination and creativity in their learning

willingness to reflect on their experiences.

2. The moral development of pupils is shown by their:

ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong and to readily apply this understanding in their own lives, recognise legal boundaries and, in so doing, respect the civil and criminal law of England

understanding of the consequences of their behaviour and actions

interest in investigating and offering reasoned views about moral and ethical issues and ability to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others on these issues.

3. The social development of pupils is shown by their:

use of a range of social skills in different contexts, for example working and socialising with other pupils, including those from different religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds

willingness to participate in a variety of communities and social settings, including by volunteering, cooperating well with others and being able to resolve conflicts effectively

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; they develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in and contribute positively to life in modern Britain.

4. 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 those of others

understanding and appreciation of the range of different cultures within school and further afield as an essential element of their preparation for life in modern Britain

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, musical, sporting and cultural opportunities

interest in exploring, improving understanding of and showing respect for different faiths and cultural diversity and the extent to which they understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity, as shown by their tolerance and attitudes towards different religious, ethnic and socio-economic groups in the local, national and global communities.

### **What does SMSC look like at Hodge Hill Girls' School?**

SMSC is delivered throughout the curriculum and all departments in the school include SMSC when planning and developing schemes of work. Each week has a theme and this theme is the focus of the assembly and target of the week. The themes are set to stimulate SMSC development. At timetabled slots throughout the year pupils take part in C and A days. These off timetable days allow for many activities that develop SMSC. Outside visitors may also deliver one off lessons within a curriculum area.

#### **Beyond the curriculum**

School voice and pupil leadership opportunities eg School Council, Sports Leader, PHSCE Leader, Enterprise Leaders, Home/School Community Partnership pupil reps etc

Charity links eg Charity calendar to fundraise or donate towards worthy causes such as Breast Cancer, Trident, Stechford Food bank, Comic Relief

Links with other schools eg The Link Project with Bishop Walsh Catholic School and local primary schools

Enrichment eg lunchtime and after school clubs such as sporting activities, drama productions, musical activities

Curriculum and enrichment trips eg Colomendy residential, Fencing, Young Voices

The school is working towards the UNICEF Rights Respecting Award.

### **Monitoring and Review.**

SMSC is monitored, evaluated and reviewed by SLT members, teachers and Governors through the audit of resources, schemes of work and consultation.

The implementation of the policy is the responsibility of all staff.