

## SMSC Statement

At Waverley Abbey School we believe that Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) education develops qualities in our pupils. We want our children to develop a strong sense of who they are and an understanding that they are part of a wider community. We aim to teach children to love themselves and love each other, relish challenges, be ambitious and have a positive Growth Mindset. Pupils are taught about these attributes throughout their time at Waverley Abbey and the developing of these characteristics is underpinned by the school's Christian vision and its associated values. Our vision and the development of character underpins everything we do.

At Waverley Abbey School we have a clear intent statement which supports the development of SMSC the statements are that pupils:

Waverley Abbey's Curriculum Intent: All things are possible for one who believes – Mark 9:23			
Teachers and Leaders	Children	School Vision and Values	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide opportunities for pupils to have the requisite skills to be successful, independent and motivated learners in readiness for their next stage of education.</li> <li>Our Core Values (hope, courage, growth, love, honesty and compassion) and at the forefront of planning and are taught separately and through other areas of the curriculum, including assemblies.</li> <li>Emphasis on subject-specific vocabulary</li> <li>Teach consistently well; applying sound pedagogical practices in all lessons.</li> <li>Classroom climate created inspires and motivates all pupils.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fulfil their potential, be good citizens, conscious of responsibilities to each other, their family, society and the world in which we live.</li> <li>Develop a strong sense of who they are and an understanding that they are part of a wider community.</li> <li>Are enthused and interested in a wide range of curriculum areas.</li> <li>All children can access, enjoy and make progress within the curriculum - regardless of their starting points, or any additional needs they may have.</li> <li>Learn new skills which enable them to take an active role in school events throughout the year.</li> <li>Have confidence and variety of skills to make decisions, self-evaluate, make connections and become lifelong learners.</li> <li>Love oneself and love each other, relish challenges, be ambitious and have a positive Growth Mindset.</li> </ul>	<p>Every member of Waverley Abbey is a child of God who learns to live a life of love, compassion and hope within our school family on their way to fulfilling their God-given potential. We want children to leave having grown in faith and courage and established on their spiritual journey.</p> <p>Our Christian values permeate the life of the school. As we go through the day the children and adults aim to live out these values, deepening their meaning and showing them in many practical ways. Although not a Christian value, growth unites all of the values as we look to grow in all of these as we progress on our spiritual journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hope - At Waverley Abbey this helps us to persevere, even when things get tough and when we face new challenges.</li> <li>Love - We show love to everyone by putting others before ourselves, without expecting anything in return.</li> <li>Courage - We have courage to stand against injustice and are committed to what is right and true.</li> <li>Honesty - Being fair and open with each other, agreeing always to tell the truth helps others to see us as trustworthy, reliable and dependable.</li> <li>Compassion - We encourage compassion, empathy and forgiveness for each other as we are all made in the image of God.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Visitors and LC</b></p>	<p>Promote our Core Values (hope, courage, growth, love, honesty and compassion) encourage children to develop a strong sense of who they are, encourage a positive growth mindset. Contribute to a loving and encouraging wider community.</p>	<p><b>Parents and Carers</b></p>	<p>Promote our Core Values (hope, courage, growth, love, honesty and compassion) encourage children to develop a strong sense of who they are, encourage a positive growth mindset. Create a loving and encouraging wider community.</p>

At Waverley Abbey School we seek to develop these qualities throughout the school day in a variety of different ways to ensure that our students are able to thrive in a modern society.

### Spiritual development:

Spiritual development is concerned with developing the non-material aspects of life, focusing on personal insight, values, meaning and purpose. Beliefs that help provide perspective on life may be rooted in a religion, but equally may not. Children explore the fundamental British Value of exploring and respecting the values and beliefs of others.

The Spiritual development of all our children is addressed through the Christian vision and values of the school, celebration of Christian festivals and learning about those of other faiths, reading and reflection about Bible stories and people within Collective Worship, RE and across the wider curriculum. We are committed to:

- Celebrating the religious beliefs and values that our pupils bring as part of their family/culture heritage and to building an awareness of and respect for others' spiritual and religious beliefs
- Fostering common human values and building spiritual capacities to promote self-worth
- Supporting positive self-esteem and valuing others
- Helping our pupils to come to an understanding of themselves as unique individuals and encouraging them to reflect on "big questions"
- Developing our pupils' curiosity, imagination, creativity and promoting a lifelong love of learning

### **Moral development**

Moral development is about knowing what is right and wrong and acting on it accordingly – this is both inside and outside of school. Moral development is about personal and societal values, understanding the reasons for them and airing and understanding disagreements – learning, at times to 'disagree well'. This is embedded throughout the school community. We are committed to:

- Be truthful and honest
- Respect the rights and property of others, their opinions and customs, even when they are different from our own
- Help others
- Solve differences of opinion in non-violent ways using the principles of restorative practice and our PIP RIP approach

### **Social development**

Social development shows pupils working together effectively, relating well to adults and participating in the local community. It also includes the fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs We are committed to:

- Fostering the skill and qualities of team building through the development of self-confidence, cooperation, sensitivity to others, reliability, initiative and understanding
- Providing an environment where pupils can take responsibility for themselves and others in school and the wider society
- Teaching the Equalities Act throughout our curriculum
- Develop a well-informed understanding of the options and challenges that face each student when they leave Waverley to go on to their next setting, through our transition programme
- Respond positively to a range of artistic, sporting, or cultural opportunities (e.g., PE visits to do a range of activities, enrichment curriculum, house challenges, trips and residential)
- Develop skills and attitudes to enable them to participate and thrive in a modern democratic society (e.g., many pupil voice committees which all pupils have the opportunity to be a part of, debate club, courageous advocacy)
- Take part in a range of activities involving social skills (e.g., supporting and leading school events, taking part in our interview process, providing parent tours)

### **Cultural development**

Cultural development shows pupils understanding and feeling comfortable in a variety of cultures and experiencing a range of cultural activities (art, theatre, travel, concerts). Children develop the fundamental British Value of exploring, understanding and tolerance regarding the diversity of cultural traditions and beliefs of others. We value and celebrate the cultural diversity of our school, our society and the world by:

- Promoting an appreciation of our own cultural tradition/s and encouraging an appreciation of other peoples' cultural traditions
- Celebrating the richness of culture and tradition
- Weaving global education themes through our curriculum
- Supporting pupils to develop an awareness and respect towards diversity in relation to gender, race, religion and belief and disability (e.g., through individual or group discussions)