

Personal, Social & Health Education and Citizenship Policy

Introduction

Name of school: Recreation Road Infant School

Date of Policy: Spring 2009

Member(s) of staff

Responsible: Ms Karen Marshall/Mrs Adrienne Walton (PSHE Coordinators)

Review Date: Spring 2012

Policy Statement

PSHE and citizenship help to give pupils the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy, independent lives and to become informed, active and responsible citizens. (The National Curriculum 2000).

PSHE comprises planned provision to promote the personal and social development, health and wellbeing of pupils in a school (2003-2004 PSHE Annual report by QCA).

Other related policies and documents include the Sex and Relationship (SRE) policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, Drug Education Policy, Child Protection Policy and the Promoting Race Equality document.

Aims and Objectives

This policy is a working document which provides guidance and information on all aspects of PSHE and citizenship in the school for staff, parents/carers and governors.

Moral and Values Framework

The PSHE and citizenship programme at Recreation Road Infant School reflects the school ethos and demonstrates and encourages the following values:

- Respect for self;
- Respect for others;
- Responsibility for their own actions;
- Responsibility to their family, friends, schools and wider community.

Equal Opportunities Statement

The school is committed to the provision of PSHE and citizenship to all of its pupils. Our programme aims to respond to the diversity of children's cultures, faiths and family backgrounds.

Content

PSHE is a vital part of our Foundation Stage Curriculum. The skills and dispositions learnt in Reception are further developed into Key Stage One.

In Key Stage One pupils learn to better recognise and name feelings and express positive qualities about themselves and others. They develop skills to manage feelings in a positive and effective way and develop confidence in sharing their views and opinions.

They learn to set themselves simple goals and make choices about some aspects of their health and well-being. Pupils identify and respect differences and similarities between

people, recognise how their behaviour affects other people and that bullying is wrong and know how to get help dealing with it.

PSHE and citizenship should not be delivered in isolation but firmly embedded in all curriculum areas. At Recreation Road Infant School the *main* content is delivered through circle time during a discrete half-hour weekly timetabled session. These are often generated by the needs of the class members at the time.

PSHE and citizenship is normally delivered by class teachers in mixed gender groups. Active learning methods, which involve children's full participation, are used.

Occasionally, appropriate and suitably experienced and/or knowledgeable visitors from outside school may be invited to contribute to the delivery of PSHE and citizenship in school. Recreation Road Infant School has a code of practice for using visitors to support the delivery of PSHE:

- Visitors are invited in to school because of the particular expertise or contribution they are able to make;
- All visitors are familiar with and understand the school's relevant policies and work within them;

Organisation

- All input to PSHE lessons are part of a planned programme and negotiated and agreed with staff in advance;
- All visitors are supervised/supported by a member of staff at all times;
- The input of visitors is monitored and evaluated by staff and pupils. This evaluation informs future planning.

Evaluation of the PSHE & citizenship programme is conducted using a variety of informal activities which have been built into the programme. Teachers are required to keep their own personal evaluation of each topic/theme covered. These are used by the coordinator to inform future planning.

Recreation Road Infant School believes in the importance of training for staff delivering PSHE & citizenship. Staff are encouraged to access appropriate training and support to help them deliver effective PSHE & citizenship.

Specific Issues within PSHE & citizenship

Confidentiality

As a general rule a child's confidentiality is maintained by the teacher or member of staff concerned. If this person believes that the child is at risk or in danger, she/he talks to the named child protection coordinator who may confer with the headteacher before any decision is made.

The child concerned will be informed that confidentiality is being breached and reasons why. The child will be supported by the teacher throughout the process.

Child Protection

The school has a separate Child Protection Policy. Effective PSHE & citizenship may bring about disclosures of child protection issues and staff should be aware of the procedures for reporting their concerns.

Controversial and Sensitive Issues

Staff are aware that views around some PSHE related issues are varied. However, while personal views are respected, all PSHE issues are taught without bias. Topics are presented using a variety of views and beliefs so that pupils are able to form their own, informed opinions but also respect others that may have a different opinions.

Dissemination

This policy is available on our school website where it can be accessed by the community. Training is regularly delivered to staff on the policy content. Several copies are available from the school office on request from parents.

Monitoring

The PSHE coordinator facilitates the gathering of policy feedback from parents, staff and pupils every three years. Information on the teaching and impact of PSHE and citizenship are reported to the Full Governing Body in line with our School Self-Evaluation Year Plan.

Signed.....Headteacher

Signed.....Chair of Governors

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