



Our Approach to teaching Personal Development at Malvern Parish CofE Primary School.



Personal Development

Personal Development is at the heart of our school vision and learning journey for all our pupils. It encourages, promotes, adopts and embeds a range of skills that allow children to flourish and become life-long learners.

We support children to acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives, now and in the future. As part of a whole-school approach, Personal Development education develops the qualities and attributes children need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society. The benefits to pupils of such an approach are numerous as Personal Development prepares them to manage many of the most critical opportunities, challenges and responsibilities they will face growing up in such rapidly changing and challenging world. It also helps them to connect and apply the knowledge and understanding they learn in all subjects to practical, real-life situations whilst helping them to feel safe and secure enough to fulfil their academic potential whilst building firm foundations for the future.

Our whole school approach promotes effective relationships between all members of the school community. The promotion of pupils' personal and social development underpins other learning. Personal Development education contributes to assisting children and young people to build their personal identities, confidence and self-esteem and understand what influences their decisions. Developing self-understanding, empathy and the ability to work with others helps our pupils to enjoy healthy and productive relationships in all aspects of their lives.

Intent

At Malvern Parish CofE Primary School, our aim for the Personal Development curriculum is to reflect the school's vision and values. At the core of this is to demonstrate and teach the skills, knowledge and understanding that pupils need to lead confident, healthy lives and to become informed, active and responsible citizens. Children will learn about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, relationships, sex, human sexuality and sexual health. Personal Development is taught in the context of relationships and promotes self-esteem and emotional health and wellbeing to encourage children to form healthy and meaningful relationships, based on respect for themselves and for others. Malvern Parish CofE Primary believe in working in partnership with parents and carers so that the child's physical, moral, mental wellbeing and emotional development can be supported at home.

Implementation

Personal Development is the backbone to our entire curriculum, the golden thread that runs through it and is an integral part of everything we do at Malvern Parish CofE Primary School. Personal Development curriculum has been carefully selected to ensure that it covers all RSHE statutory requirements and because it meets the varying needs of our children. The spiral curriculum design allows children to develop their skills and learning year on year with each new topic building on the last. Children engage in discussions, debates and hands on activities which promotes positive behaviour, safety, achievement and wellbeing and supports pupil development in terms of values for life.

There are four key themes which are taught in every year group. These are:

- Myself and My Relationships
- Healthy and Safer Lifestyles
- Citizenship
- Economic Wellbeing

British Values and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development are carefully woven throughout the Personal Development curriculum. This enables our children to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

We are passionate about delivering structured lessons which excite and motivate children but to further enhance the Personal Development of all of our pupils, we have adopted a unique addition to our curriculum in the form of a 2 Year Calendar for Fulfilling Learning which provides numerous experiences that allow children to realise their god given talents and live life to the full.

The pupils at Malvern Parish CofE Primary achieve all of this whilst enjoying being a child by taking part in activities which may involve them getting wet, muddy and most of all – having fun!

Impact

Malvern Parish CofE Primary will assess the impact of the Personal Development programme in several ways including lesson observations, teacher planning and book looks alongside discussion and feedback from both children and parents. The teaching and learning of Personal Development will be continually reviewed allowing any changes that need to be made. Achievements in the development of skills and values taught through Personal Development can be celebrated in a number of ways including Celebration Assembly, Collective Worships, achievement displays and weekly certificates. Parents and carers will be informed of their child's progress in Personal Development through informal discussions, parents evening and the annual school report.

Documents

Personal Development Programme, Curriculum Policy, Approach to teaching PSHE, PE Whole School Plan, Fulfilling Learning Calendar, PE And Sports Premium, Swimming and Water Safety Curriculum.

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