

The Importance of PSHE

Our personal, social and health education (PSHE) programme promotes children's personal, social and economic development, as well as their health and wellbeing. It helps to give children the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy, independent lives and to become informed, active, responsible citizens.

At Hitherfield, children's happiness and safety are our first priority, we believe the children's rights to a protected well-being are enshrined in the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and PSHE is a key vehicle through which we share this with children. We regard PSHE as an important, integral component of the whole curriculum; it is central to our approach and at the core of our ethos.

Our PSHE curriculum is broad and balanced, ensuring that it:

- Promotes the moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our children and of society;
- Prepares our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences they already face and for adult life;
- Provides information about keeping healthy and safe, emotionally and physically;
- Encourages our children to understand how all actions have consequences and how they can make informed choices to help themselves, others and the environment.

Our aims for children are:

Health & Wellbeing

- Know and understand what constitutes a healthy lifestyle.
- Know how to maintain physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing.
- Be aware of safety issues, including how to respond in an emergency.
- Know how to manage change, including puberty, transition and loss.

Relationships

- Develop and maintain a variety of healthy relationships within a range of social and cultural contexts.
- Know how to recognise and manage emotions within a range of relationships.
- Know how to recognise risky or negative relationships, including all forms of bullying and abuse, and ask for help.
- Know how to respect equality and diversity in relationships.

Living in the Wider World

- Know the importance of responsible behaviours and actions.
- Be responsible and independent members of the school community.
- Be positive and active members of a democratic society.
- Know about the importance of respecting and protecting the environment.
- Develop self-confidence and self-esteem and make informed choices regarding personal and social issues.
- Develop good relationships with other members of the school and the wider community.
- Know about where money comes from, keeping it safe and the importance of managing it effectively.
- Have a basic understanding of enterprise.

Organisation / Provision

PSHE is delivered within a whole school approach which includes:

- Dedicated curriculum time
- Teaching PSHE through and in other subjects/curriculum areas
- Circle Time
- Special and regular assemblies
- PSHE activities and school events e.g. Anti-Bullying Week
- Pastoral care and guidance
- Visiting speakers
- Learning Mentor Team