



## Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural Education (SMSC)

SMSC education prepares pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. We believe that this is a core function of education.

As a Church School, we are particularly concerned about the holistic development of the children in our care. We recognise that good education is about creating young people who have the moral strength and spiritual depth to live a fulfilled life in modern society, which can be marked by rapid change, global competition and personal insecurity.

We believe that Religious Education and Collective Worship play a key role in this and have also embedded SMSC at the heart of our values-based curriculum.

Learning *about* and learning *from* different religious beliefs and practice - through the distinct knowledge, understanding and skills contained within our bespoke Religious Education curriculum - is essential to achieving these aims.

Exploring the concepts of faith and belief - and their roles in the spiritual, moral and cultural lives of people living in a diverse society - helps individuals develop moral awareness and social understanding. This in turn helps children develop their understanding of the fundamental British Values of individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance / acceptance.

