

Richmond Avenue Primary and Nursery School
Subject Rationale



PSHE

School Ethos

Our aim is to create a rich learning environment, enabling every pupil to fulfil his or her potential. We are committed to the highest possible educational standards, with a matching concern for the personal growth and development of each pupil.

Intent

The school motto is, 'Learning, Achieving Together'. We passionately believe that all children, regardless of background, can achieve well in PSHE, develop a growing awareness of a range of personal, social, health and emotional issues and leave well prepared for the next stage of their education. PSHE within our school promotes pupils' wellbeing through the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. PSHE enables children to become healthy, independent and responsible members of society. We encourage our pupils to play a positive role in contributing to the life of the school and the wider community. In so doing we help develop their sense of self-worth.

Implementation

The PSHE curriculum is designed to enable each individual pupil to gain the skills and understanding to become a positive and self-aware member of society. At Richmond we use two schemes of work to cover a range of subjects. These include, physical health and wellbeing; drug education; keeping safe and managing risks; identity, society and equality. These are taught as a class using interactive activities, discussions and written or illustrated tasks. Each year group teach topics appropriate to their age group.

Early Years

PSHE is taught daily through continuous provision where the adults model appropriate behaviour and attitudes and discuss situations with pupils as they arise. The children are assessed against the Early Years Framework.

Key Stages One and Two

PSHE sessions take place weekly following 'You, Me, PSHE' and 'Yasmine and Tom' schemes of work. The sessions consist of interactive whiteboard activities, class discussions, written tasks and debates. Children learn about sex and relationships in an age appropriate manner. For example, in Year One children learn the proper names for body parts and talk about keeping themselves clean. In Year Five

children learn about puberty in gender specific learning groups. In Year Six, children learn how babies are made

As well as class sessions, at Richmond Avenue we are continuously teaching PSHE through our school values, ethos, school celebrations, events, trips in the local environment and residential trips.

What Is The Outcome Of Teaching PSHE At Richmond?

PSHE will enable children to become healthy, independent and responsible members of society. Pupils are given the vocabulary to be able to talk about a range of Personal, Social, Health and Economic issues. Pupils gain accurate and relevant knowledge and the skills, language and strategies they need in order to live healthy, safe, fulfilling, responsible and balanced lives.