



Developing Pupils' Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) and the promotion of British Values

Information for Parents

All schools must meet the requirements set out in section 78 of the Education Act 2002 and promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. Through ensuring pupils' SMSC development, we can also demonstrate that we are actively promoting fundamental British values. British Values are those defined in the accompanying statutory guidance from the DfE as values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

We meet the statutory requirement for collective worship, establishing a strong school ethos supported by effective relationships throughout the school, and providing relevant activities beyond the classroom to ensure pupils' SMSC development. Through our programmes of study within our bespoke Citizenship Department in Key Stage 3 and 4, through our PART Lesson programme and through our Assembly Programme (including outside agencies, presentations, drama and speakers) pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance. At Northgate High School, pupils also understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to its law. The school's ethos and teaching, support the rule of English civil and criminal law and indeed, our Safer Schools Partnership with Norfolk Constabulary with regular communication and support through a PCSO enables staff and pupils to be aware of the law in our community.

SMSC is inspected as part of the Ofsted Framework, and in our most recent inspection, the report identified that, "There are good opportunities for students to develop their spiritual and cultural awareness in a wide range of school trips and visits, through European and community links". Subject Departments are encouraged to make explicit through their programmes of study, unit content which enables students to develop their spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness, alongside the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities provided.

The document link below is the Statutory Guidance document from the DfE - **Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools**