

SMSC Intent

At The Observatory School, all our learners will be given the opportunity to fulfil their potential. As such, we believe that promoting the fundamentals of SMSC and British Values are vital in developing social and emotional progress, and we are committed to ensuring that our learners are equipped with the skills to thrive in a world filled with uncertainty. We take a cross-curricular approach that provides pupils with opportunities to explore and develop SMSC so that they are prepared for life in diverse, modern Britain. We recognise the needs of the pupils within our school, in particular their SEN needs and therefore place an emphasis on their social development during their education journey.

SMSC encompasses four parts:

- Spiritual
- Moral
- Social
- Cultural

Through our expansive and collaborative provision of SMSC, we:

- Enable students to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Encourage respect for themselves and others.
- Encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England.
- Encourage the ability to be reflective about their own beliefs, religious and otherwise and perspective on life.

We have a clear behaviour system, made up of three core values; be safe, be ready and be respectful. The promotion of these values teaches the pupils high standards, whilst teaching them to take responsibility for their own actions. Our school values are rooted in our school code of conduct and our day to day practice so that we can create a positive, inclusive learning environment.

We put SMSC at the heart of school development. We think about the kind of people we aspire to be, the kind of world we inspire to create and the kind of education we aspire to provide.

