

PSHCE Curriculum Statement

(Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic Education)

At Woodfall Primary School, our PSHCE curriculum aims to give our pupils the knowledge to understand the choices they face as they grow up and the skills to make safe choices as they prepare to become adults. As part of a whole school approach, PSHCE develops the qualities and attributes pupils need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of a community, including the school or local communities as well as national or global communities.

Due to the flexibility of the PSHCE curriculum, the pupils at Woodfall can discuss interests and experiences, which relate to their abilities and backgrounds. Pupils are provided with opportunities to address real-life issues and are encouraged to make a difference. Across the school, topics and lesson content are adapted to the needs of each group and the school is skilled at making sensitive issues accessible to pupils in a safe and supportive environment. Parents are given support and guidance on sensitive issues taught at Woodfall through updates and workshops including e-safety and Real Love Rocks.

At Woodfall Primary School, delivery of PSHCE is taught using a cross-curricular approach through core and foundation subjects and as stand-alone lessons. Teachers use a wide range of teaching methods, including role-play, discussion, debate, group work, circle time and problem solving. Through SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) pupils learn to recognise, name, express and manage a range of emotions. Our PSHCE curriculum follows the guidelines provided by the PSHE Association. PSHE teaches pupils about healthy lifestyles, personal safety, managing money, relationships and preparing for work. Healthy lifestyles includes being prepared for puberty, drugs education (especially smoking and alcohol) and sexual health. In relationships, we look at positive friendships but also explore bullying / controlling behaviour and what to do if they are being treated in a way they do not like.

At Woodfall, we believe the role of PSHCE is significant to individual pupil motivation and achievement; it teaches children to make independent, healthy, confident and respectful choices in order to develop into an active citizen with a strong, positive disposition and self-worth.