

**SMSC STATEMENT OF INTENT**

*At The Gates, the aim of our SMSC curriculum is to ensure that pupils leave us with a maturing understanding of the experiences and values of others and a growing sense of identity based on personal values and self-worth within a community. We believe that our whole-school vision, ethos and aims reflect our intention to incorporate spiritual, moral, social and cultural values into the very fabric of our school ethos and daily life. We pride ourselves on encouraging children to: enjoy learning, have high expectations of themselves, respect each other and fulfil their true potential. We facilitate this by fostering the values of Growth, Achievement, Teamwork, Enjoyment and Success entering the spirit of a 'can do' culture. We believe that through our unique approaches of enriching experiences, assemblies, SMSC focus questions and Big questions, all children are encouraged to explore values and beliefs, including religious beliefs, and the way in which they impact on peoples' lives. Through the use of high-quality reading texts, children are able to explore stimulus for thinking, learn about diversity and are given the opportunity to form meaningful discussions, thus supporting their conceptual and language development. SMSC helps children to think about: the kind of people we aspire to be, the kind of world we aspire to create, and the kind of education we aspire to provide. By offering every child, whatever their own individual characteristics, the chance to achieve their full potential, we believe they will achieve high standards, providing foundations for future learning leading children to become a responsible member of society and keen to make a positive contribution.*