



HOOK JUNIOR
SCHOOL

**Social, Moral Spiritual and Cultural
Learning**

What is SMSC?

SMSC is an umbrella term for all of a school's activities which develop children's:

- Social development
- Moral development
- Spiritual development
- Cultural development



This is a statutory requirement under the 1988 Education Act and is very broad.

It includes discrete PSHE curriculum work, topics designed to support SMSC across the curriculum and the wider school ethos.

SMSC Programme

School Values
British Values
Prevent strategy
Curriculum integration of topics
Collective worship

Spiritual

Moral

Social

Cultural

RE

Assemblies

Trips to
places of
worship

RE

Behaviour
expectations at
school

Discrete lessons
about issues
such as bullying

Assemblies

Nurture group

Lifebus

Class time

Pupil Voice (e.g.
School Council)

Nurture group

Play and PE

Sports teams

SRE

Discrete lessons
about social issues
and relationships

Geography

French

Global learning
and goals

RE

Trips to different
locations

Local community
links

In 'learning' terms this means:

- To develop children's **self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence**
- To support children's **learning behaviours**
- To help children **stay safe online and offline**
- To promote **open-minded learners and prevent radicalisation**
- To regard people of all **faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance**
- To get young people to consider what is **'right' and 'wrong**
- To understand and upkeep **the rule of English civil and criminal law**
- To **accept responsibility for children's own behaviour**
- To acquire a broad **general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England;**
- **To have respect for democracy and support participation in the democratic processes.**

This is progressive across our school:

Year 3: To understand what a community is and how our own community works.

Year 4: To understand how communities around the world are similar and different.

Year 5: To explore how democratic principles work in our community.

Year 6: To explore issues surrounding nationality, terrorism and immigration.

What do children say about SMSC?

It's kind of...like...**EVERYTHING** ...we do...and is turning us into real people!

Boy in Year 5

I love to learn about people from other countries as it is great to know how other people are similar to us.

Boy Year 4

Learning about friendships has helped me to not fall out with people and to know what to do if I am upset.

Girl in Year 3

Having a real life palaeontologist talk to us makes me want to be a scientist now, not a Youtuber.

Girl in Year 6

I know it is okay to make mistakes and that it helps me learn - I don't cry any more about school!

Boy in Year 3