

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

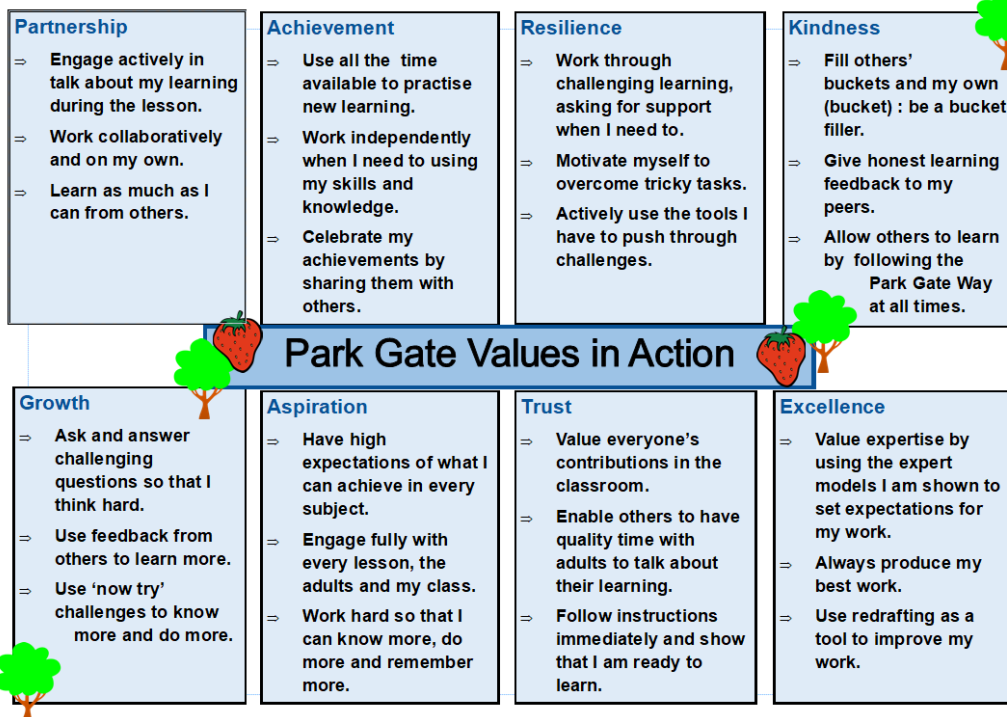


All areas of teaching and learning provide opportunities to promote your child's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. To enhance this, specific opportunities are planned within the school curriculum. Much of this is achieved through religious education, personal, social and health education and citizenship. A significant contribution is also made by the school ethos; effective, positive relationships throughout the school; assemblies and class

reflection times. The wide range of enrichment activities on offer also supports this. These include theatre trips, author visits to school, residential trips, themed days and a range of day trips to support the curriculum.

Promoting British Values

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced the need "to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rules of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs". At Park Gate Primary School these values are intertwined in our Park Gate Values and through The Park Gate Way. The Park Gate Values in Action also guide the children with their learning behaviours.



Further opportunities to support our children to be active and educated citizens include:

Democracy

Each year the children in each class work collaboratively to decide a set of class expectations. We have an active school council with members who are elected by their class mates and who meet regularly to discuss relevant issues and to express the views of their class mates. House captains are also elected by the pupils each year. They take on the role of leading their house through actively promoting the Park Gate Way.

The Rule of Law

Pupils are taught from an early age about the rules of the school. The children, through a democratic process, shaped the Park Gate Way, which is displayed around the school. The values behind the rules are embedded in the ethos of the school. They are applicable to all members of our school community. Visits from community groups such as the Police and Fire Service help to reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

Pupils are encouraged to make choices and take risks in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils are encouraged to persevere and be resilient with their attitude to learning. They are encouraged to be curious and to ask questions, seeking creative solutions to any challenges they face. We help pupils assess risk by involving them in decisions and through our PDL teaching and e-safety content.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

Park Gate Primary School is an increasingly diverse community. We welcome and celebrate different faiths and cultures, actively promoting and highlighting diversity. Through the PDL curriculum, discussions with visitors to the school and assemblies, we help pupils develop a growing understanding of their role in the school and wider community. We involve ourselves in community events which sometimes benefit local people and sometimes aim to help charities on an international level.