

"Inspiring a love of lifelong learning"

# Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

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Learning at Charville is underpinned by our Core Values

Respect

Independence

Self-belief

Honesty

Caring

Determination

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### Scope

- 1.1 Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) is a non-statutory subject within the school curriculum. However, section 2.5 of the national curriculum states that all state schools 'should make provision for personal, social, health and economic education (PSHCE), drawing on good practice'.
- 1.2 Academies, free schools and independent schools are not bound by the national curriculum, however all schools share the same statutory duties. Under section 78 of the Education Act 2002 and the Academies Act 2010, schools must provide a 'balanced and broadly-based curriculum' which promotes 'the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society, and prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life'. PSHCE education makes a major contribution to schools fulfilling this duty.
- 1.3 Schools also have duties in relation to promoting pupil wellbeing and pupil safeguarding (Children Act 2004) and community cohesion (Education Act 2006). Paragraph 41 of statutory guidance on Keeping Children Safe in Education, the Department for Education states that 'schools should consider how children may be taught about safeguarding, including online, through teaching and learning opportunities. This may include covering relevant issues through PSHCE.'
- 1.4 The Equality Act 2010 also places duties on schools not just to address prejudice-based bullying but also to help to prevent it happening, and in doing so to keep protected characteristic groups safe. PSHCE education, with its focus on identity and equality, can help schools to fulfil this duty.
- 1.5 In addition to the national curriculum framework, the Department for Education guidance states that the subject is 'an important and necessary part of all pupils' education' and that 'schools should seek to use PSHE education to build, where appropriate, on the statutory content already outlined in the national curriculum, the basic school curriculum and in statutory guidance on: drug education, financial education, relationship and sex education (RSE) and the importance of physical activity and diet for a healthy lifestyle.'
- 1.6 At Charville, we believe that our PSHCE programme of study brings together citizenship and personal wellbeing through a Values Based Education. It is intended to support the school in developing a coherent whole-school approach to personal, social, health and citizenship education (PSHCE). It also enables children to become healthy, independent, confident and responsible members of society. They learn to appreciate what it means to be a positive member of a diverse, multicultural community.
- 1.7 We must teach relationships education under the Children and Social Work Act 2017, in line with the terms set out in statutory guidance.
- 1.8 We must teach health education under the same statutory guidance.

# 2. Aims

2.1 Our intention is that when children leave Charville for the next phase of their education, they will do so with the knowledge, understanding and emotional intelligence to be able to play an active, positive and successful role in today's diverse society. We want our children to have high aspirations, a belief in themselves and realise that anything is possible if they put their mind to it. In an ever—changing world, it is important that they are aware, to an

- appropriate level, of different factors which will affect their world and that they learn how to deal with these so that they have positive mental health and well-being.
- 2.2 Our PSHCE curriculum develops learning and results in the acquisition of knowledge and skills which will enable children to access the wider curriculum and prepare them to be a global citizen now and in their future roles within a global community. It promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils, preparing them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences for later life. Our children's mental health and wellbeing is a primary focus of our curriculum. It is important that they are able to identify their emotions and select appropriate self-regulation strategies in order to support positive mental health wellbeing. Our Relationships and Sex Education enables our children to learn how to be safe, and to understand and develop healthy relationships, both now and in their future lives. Woven through the heart of our PSHCE teaching, is a commitment to enhancing and promoting our school values.

# 3. Objectives

- 3.1 The objectives of personal, social and health education and citizenship are to enable children to:
  - know and understand what constitutes a healthy lifestyle
  - be aware of safety issues
  - understand what makes for positive relationships with others
  - have respect for others
  - be independent and responsible members of the school community
  - be positive and active members of a democratic society
  - develop self-confidence and self-esteem, and make informed choices regarding personal and social issues
  - develop positive relationships with other members of the school and the wider community.
  - have a secure understanding of positive mental health and wellbeing and how it can be achieved.
  - know who they can talk to if they feel unhappy or unsafe.

# 4. Values

4.1 PSHCE education is guided by Charville's six core values: Respect, Independence, Self-belief, Honesty, Caring and Determination. It is also supported by 16 further values: Pride, Precision, Dedication, Altruism, Empathy, Forgiveness, Challenge, Integrity, Co-operation, Peace, Resilience, Courage, Ambition, Fairness, Justice, and Patience. In addition to our school values, Charville also promotes the fundamental British Values of Democracy, the Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Through PSHCE lessons, assemblies and planned follow-up work, we foster the notions of responsibility and empowerment to promote a sense of achievement and to enhance self-confidence.

### 4.2 Democracy

Democracy is an important value at our school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council. The elections of members of the School Council

are based on pupil votes. Our school Council is able to genuinely effect change within the school. Pupils in Upper Key Stage Two have the opportunity to run for the role of House Captains. They organise and run their own campaigns, and every pupil in the school has the opportunity to vote for the candidate who they believe to be the most suitable. This supports them to understand how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process.

### 4.3 The Rule of Law

The importance of laws and rules, whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout the school day, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Our system for behaviour is underpinned by our school values alongside an agreed set of codes. Through our PSHCE curriculum, children learn about the school's expectations, routines, values and standards for positive behaviour. Children are asked to identify which values they have not followed and which aspects of the code they have broken to ensure that this connection is made and understood.

Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that govern and protect us; the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the police and the fire service are regular parts of our calendar and they help to reinforce this message.

# 4.4 <u>Individual Liberty</u>

At Charville, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, safe in the knowledge that they are in a protective and supportive environment. As a school, we provide boundaries for our children to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and planned curriculum.

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety teaching and PSHCE and RSE curriculum.

Pupils are given the freedom to make choices, for example, signing up for extra-curricular clubs. EYFS pupils are given the freedom to self-select their learning activities. All pupils are encouraged to make personal choices about the food that they eat.

# 4.5 <u>Mutual Respect</u>

Our school ethos is rooted in our core Values, including Respect and Caring, and these values determine how we live as a community at Charville Academy. Pupils are consistently reminded of the importance of showing respect to all members of our school and wider community.

# 4.6 Tolerance

At Charville, we achieve Tolerance through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity in our local community.

### 5. Learning and Teaching

- 5.1 We adopt a range of learning and teaching techniques and place an emphasis on active learning by including pupils in discussions, investigations and problem-solving activities. Lessons are organised in such a way that pupils are able to participate in discussions to resolve conflicts or set agreed classroom rules of behaviour. Pupils are encouraged to take part in a range of practical activities that promote active citizenship, including fundraising, visits to the wider community and open days.
- 5.2 At Charville, we adopt a whole school approach to PSHCE, guided by our school values. The values support the curriculum by developing an understanding of the social and emotional aspects of learning. Each month, the whole school focuses on one of the values as well as other aspects of the PSHE curriculum, including identity, relationships and safety.
- 5.3 Weekly assemblies introduce and reflect on the value of the month. Teachers nominate a child who has exemplified the qualities discussed for the week's theme to be the values ambassador of the week. These children get the opportunity to attend a tea party with the Head Teacher, where they discuss the ways in which they have shown the values. When displaying positive behaviour, following school's values and for academic achievements, the children receive a house point or a star as a reward.
- 5.4 Our PSHCE curriculum is broad, balanced and based on knowledge.
- 5.5 Our PSHCE curriculum is supplemented by visiting speakers, including health workers, police officers and representatives from charities such as the NSPCC. Visitors to the classroom bring their expertise to enrich pupil's learning. Learning objectives and outcomes are agreed prior to the visit. Visitors form just one part of our planned, developmental programme.
- 5.6 Year 6 children are offered the opportunity to attend a residential visit, where there is a particular focus on developing pupils' self-esteem. It gives them opportunities to develop leadership and co-operative skills.
- 5.7 Where appropriate, the PSHCE and Citizenship curriculum is taught and developed in a cross-curricular way, through links with Religious Education, Geography, Science, History and PE.

### 6. PSHCE in the EYFS

- 6.1 In the Early Years Foundation Stage, PSHCE is encouraged through the 'Personal, Social and Emotional Development' curriculum.
- 6.2 PSHCE is about making connections and is strongly linked to play. PSHCE is taught through activities that are part of topics, as well as on an individual basis to develop personal skills such as dressing, feeding and toileting. Positive experiences are built through daily opportunities to share and enjoy a range of different activities. The children are given the opportunity to engage in social activities, as members of a small group or occasionally during whole school activities.
- 6.3 PSHCE and Citizenship in the EYFS comes under the umbrella of Personal, Social and Emotional Development; one of the 7 areas of learning. Successful personal, social and emotional development is critical for very young children in all aspects of their lives and gives them the best opportunity for success in all other areas of learning. This area of learning is about emotional well-being, knowing who you are and where you belong in and feeling good about yourself. It is also about developing respect for others, social competence and a positive disposition to learn.
- 6.4 At Charville, much of children's Personal, Social and Emotional development is done continuously through talking and interacting with others. However, all children in the EYFS

take part in regular PSHCE and thinking skills sessions, which are supported by resources such as props and videos.

### 7. Inclusion

- 7.1 Pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities follow the same PSHCE programme as all other students. Careful consideration is given with regards to the level of differentiation needed, and in some cases the content and delivery are adapted to suit the needs of individual pupils. Learning Mentors and Teaching Assistants support individual pupils where required. When teaching PSHE and Citizenship, targets set for pupils with Educational Healthcare Plans are considered.
- 7.2 Activities and debates challenge our most able pupils to formulate personal views based on evidence they research and discuss.
- 7.3 Charville Academy strives to do the best for all pupils, irrespective of disability, educational needs, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, maturity, sex, gender identity, religion or sexual orientation or whether they are looked after children. We respect how pupils choose to identify themselves. Our PSHCE curriculum is sensitive to the different needs of individual pupils and is adapted over time as the pupil population changes.
- 7.4 Staff set high expectations to inspire and motivate pupils. Each individual is exposed to a full and varied programme of activities, with opportunities for all pupils to participate fully and effectively. This includes, but is not limited to, boys and girls, pupils with diverse additional educational needs and pupils from all social and cultural backgrounds. Pupils are equally respected for who they are and for the contributions that they make, regardless of their background. Knowledge, skills and understanding are taught to suit pupils' current attainment level and care is taken to ensure that all learning is appropriate. This ensures that all pupils, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, can make progress.

# 8. Confidentiality

8.1 Due to the nature of PSHCE, pupils' learning may result in them seeking advice or support on a specific personal issue. Pupils will be informed about confidentiality. Sensitive and/or controversial issues will be clarified by the teacher with the pupils and the issues of confidentiality explained. See confidentiality policy.

# 9. Monitoring and Review

9.1 Monitoring of the planning and implementation of PSHCE will be in accordance with our monitoring policy.

# 10. Appendices

10.1 Appendix 1- PSHCE Curriculum Overview 2022-2023

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# **Appendix 1: PSHCE Curriculum Overview 2022-2023**

Year Group		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	Unit Title	Feelings	People Who	Economic	Recognising Risk	Feeling Good	Life Changes
			Care for Me	Wellbeing	and	and Being Me	
					Responsibility		
	Content	Zones of	Different types	Where does	Dangers around	5 ways to	Birth to death
		Regulation	of families	money come	the house	Wellbeing- keep	
				from?	(harmful	active	Death of a pet
			Changing		substances)		
			families	What do people		Playtimes –	
				do with their	Being safe:	physical health	
				money?	stranger danger	and changing	
						friendships	
					The underwear		
					rule		
/ear 2	Unit Title	Feelings	My World Near	Recognising Risk	Medicines and	Feeling Good	Life Changes
			and Far	and	Me	and Being Me	
				Responsibility			
	Content	Zones of	Cultures	Feeling unsafe	Taking care of	5 ways to	Love and death
		Regulation			one another	Wellbeing- keep	
			Sense of	Worries		active	
		Body image and	belonging		Empathy		
		self esteem		Risks outside the		Mental health	
				home	Lifelong health	and emotional	
		Growth mindset			conditions	wellbeing	
						Healthy eating	
						and lifestyle	
Year 3	Unit Title	Feelings	Bullying	Recognising Risk	Economic	Feeling Good	Life Changes
				and	Wellbeing	and Being Me	
				Responsibility			

	Content	Zones of	Bullying	Health	Where does	5 ways to	Eating healthily
		regulation	, 0	promoting	money come	Wellbeing	,
			Cyberbullying	environments	from?	(Connect)	What's
		Strong emotions					happening to
				Smoking tobacco	Careers	Valuing others-	me?
		Body image and		is a drug /		being same and	
		self esteem		stopping		different	Healthy
				smoking			environments
		Boundaries				Gender	
						stereotypes	
Year 4	Unit Title	Feelings	Leaders	Recognising Risk	Growing and	Feeling Good	Living in a
				and	Changing	and Being Me	Diverse World
				Responsibility			
	Content	Zones of	World leaders	Drugs	Puberty	5 ways to	Ethnicity
		Regulation				Wellbeing	
			Qualities of a	Making choices	Periods	(taking notice)	Equality
		Strong	leader				
		emotions-		Online	Physical and	Valuing others in	Tolerance
		negative	Gender	relationships	emotional	the communities	
			stereotypes		changes		
		Growth mindset				Looking after the	
						community	
						Climate change	
						Cilillate change	
Year 5	Unit Title	Feelings	Activism	Living in a	Economic	Feeling Good	Life Changes
				Diverse World	Wellbeing	and Being Me	

	Content	Zones of	What makes	Being the same	Financial	5 ways to	Death
		Regulation	someone an	being different	planning	wellbeing (keep	
			activist?			earning)	Families
		Criticism and		Gender, equality	Where does		Marriage
		making mistakes	Activism in art,	and unconscious	money come	Drugs and	Forced marriage
			music and	bias	from?	volatile	Honour based
			poetry			substances	violence
					Financial		
					responsibility	Knife Crime	
						Poverty	
Year 6	Unit Title	Feelings	Online Safety	Feeling Good	Relationship	Growing and	Life Changes
				and Being Me	Equality	Changing	
	Content	Zones of		5 ways to	LGBTQIA+	Human	Secondary
		Regulation		wellbeing (giving	Refugees	reproduction	transfer
				and connecting)		CSE	Summer safety
		Being safe				FGM	
						Sexting	
		Positive				How drugs affect	
		relationships				us	