



Preparing SKA's Children for Life in Modern Britain

The school's culture and ethos prioritises the development of responsible, respectful and active citizens who are actively involved in the school's community. Our set of core values and golden rule ensure children are clear of what is expected of them as members of the SKA community and also 'Life Outside Kirkby'.



Children's mental health and wellbeing is prioritised as we recognise staying mentally healthy is important in order to increase their confidence, resilience and knowledge.

Our expectations of conduct and behaviour in school, paired with our high-quality nurture provision, ensures children are able to reflect, learn, behave with integrity and cooperate well with others.

The school promotes healthy physical lifestyles and age-appropriate understanding of healthy relationships through its well-structured curriculum. Children at SKA recognise the dangers of inappropriate use of mobile technology and social media, including online and offline risks to their wellbeing. Families play an important role in ensuring all children receive a healthy physical and mental upbringing. Regular newsletters - highlighting support, fact-sheets and information available – are shared to strengthen the home-school relationship.

British Values

**DEMOCRACY RULE OF LAW INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY MUTUAL RESPECT
TOLERANCE OF THOSE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS**

In 2017, the Department for Education (DfE) introduced a statutory duty for all schools to promote British Values more actively. The British Values are woven through the SKA curriculum to ensure children are well-prepared for a happy and successful life.

Democracy is instilled through an active school parliament. Children campaign at the beginning of the academic year to select a representative for their class who as a group become the voice of the school. The school has clear rules which are frequently linked to the outside world and **its laws**. The PSHE curriculum supports rich teaching of **rule of law** and local visits from the PCSOs and 'Squaring Up' bring this to life. Children are encouraged to exercise their rights and personal freedoms, and are actively encouraged to make their own **individual** decisions in a safe and supportive environment. **Respect** is one of our school values. The children are taught that **mutual respect** is an expectation of all and must be shown to everyone. They learn that their own behaviour choices have an effect on their own rights as well as the rights of others. A rich, well-structured R.E. curriculum ensures children receive high-quality learning about different faiths and religions, and how to be **tolerant** of lives – often 'Outside Kirkby' - that are different to their own. Festivals and celebrations are embedded in the R.E. and assembly curriculum, along with visits to places of worship throughout their time at SKA. Assemblies focused on British Values introduce and re-visit the above so it is at the forefront of school life.

Protected Characteristics

The school is dedicated to promoting and reinforcing these values to all pupils, guaranteeing there will be no discrimination against any individual or group. Children are taught about the **9 protected characteristics** through PSHE lessons, assemblies and where possible, other curriculum links such as artists, historians and authors.

We strongly believe our offer prepares all children who attend SKA for a happy and successful life in Modern Britain.

Reviewed October 2023 by Adam Potter (Headteacher)