

# The Importance of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development within Ilchester Community Primary School

## Overview

At Ilchester Community Primary School we actively develop attitudes and promote values that prepare all our pupils for life in modern Britain. We have a strong 'family' ethos in our school community, which teaches our children that no matter where they are from, they belong to and are an integral part of school life and we recognise the importance of strong relationships with parents, families and teachers.

Our curriculum promotes - democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and social and emotional resilience. We achieve this by integrating our vibrant, creative curriculum with dynamic assemblies, community events, PHSEE lessons, discussions and school council activities on a daily and on-going basis.

Our school understands that each pupil is a unique individual and we are committed to develop each pupil's strong sense of self-worth. We are motivated to support each child's curiosity and eagerness to learn and the opportunity to thrive and succeed regardless of ability.

*Please see the sections below for details of how we develop and promote the Spiritual, Moral, Cultural, and Social attitudes and values within our school.*

## The Importance of Spiritual Development at Ilchester Community Primary School

<p>We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that caters for each child's spiritual, social, cultural and moral development. This is reflected in our assemblies where issues such as 'good to be me', winning and losing, healthy living and team building have helped the children's sense of enjoyment and fascination for learning about themselves.</p>	<p>Star of the Week, Green Cards and other achievements are celebrated in our celebration assemblies providing an opportunity to experience the feelings and emotions of others.</p>	<p>Everyone's voice is heard,- democratic voting of the school council- suggestion boxes, worry boxes, circle time, dropping in to see headmaster to chat through ideas.....</p>
<p>Very strong links with our local vicar, Rev Bruce, who is also a governor, promote an awareness of Christian religious beliefs as well as a great knowledge and respect of other world religions.</p>	<p>The fundraising activities – raising money for Nepal, Red Nose Day, the Year 6 charity - have helped the whole school community reflect on and respect the differences and circumstances of the community and the wider world that we live in.</p>	<p>We strive to create and develop a school ethos where pupils grow in confidence, are encouraged to express their feelings, respect others and to be respected.</p>
<p>Visits to places of worship in Key Stage 1 and 2 are organised within the curriculum to enhance the children's spiritual understanding.</p>	<p>Circle time gives the children the chance to question, share ideas have healthy discussions and most importantly time to think and reflect.</p>	

## The Importance of Moral Development at Ilchester Community Primary School

<p>We aim to create an environment where good behavior is always recognised and encouraged and that our positive rules are adhered to ensuring the children can distinguish between right and wrong.</p>	<p>Extra training given to Lunchtime supervisors to help promote good behavior, conflict resolution and respect between pupils during play times.</p>	<p>Year 6 elections for house captains are a way of promoting the democratic process, expression of views, decision making and promoting responsibilities. Year 5 and 6 pupils are given the opportunity to be play leaders on the infant site.</p>
<p>The school has developed a strong Behaviour Policy. This has been shared with all pupils and parents when they join the school. The clear policy lets pupils know what behaviour is expected from them and that they are accountable for their behaviour.</p>	<p>We are able to learn the values of ‘win or lose, taking part is the thing that matters’ through sports days, outside sporting activities within the federation, PE and Sports Festivals.</p>	<p>A strong house and house points system within the school enhances the feeling of belonging, team building, accountability for actions, good behaviour and respect for others.</p>
<p>The Manners board, stickers, green cards and positive praise are used to promote positive behaviour and Children to be selected in Fridays Celebration Assembly.</p>	<p>Circle time and PHSEE lessons allow pupils to express their views upon ethical and personal topics without fear of condemnations or reprisals. World wide moral issues, current and historical, are discussed and questioned openly within lessons.</p>	<p>Assemblies from our vicar, Rev Bruce, help pupils reflect upon concepts such as uniqueness, sense of worth, being a good neighbor, saying no to bullying and proverbs- wisdom for life.</p>

## The Importance of Social Development at Ilchester Community Primary School

<p>Our aim is to empower our children to respect and care for others within our school and the wider community and respect everyone equally regardless of race, gender, disability or belief. All the members of our school community respect the rules of the society within which we live and strive to live in harmony with each other.</p>	<p>Our school has a mixed environment of pupils from various ethnic backgrounds and nationalities largely due to our proximity to the Naval Air base at Yeovilton. This enables all our pupils to experience the positive differences between nationalities and cultures and the opportunity to learn from them.</p>	<p>The close links with the Yeovilton Airbase provide many developmental opportunities for our children eg - Church Service on the military base for Remembrance Day, Swimming lessons in the base pool, Helicopter visits at the school fete, trips to the base for a literacy program to promote boy's writing.</p>
<p>Year 4 and Year 6 pupils take part in residential trips. The aim of these trips is to encourage social interaction and team building for all pupils. Our amazing team of teachers and teaching assistants make these trips possible for all pupils, regardless of disability, to make it an inclusive, enjoyable and unforgettable experience for all of our children.</p>	<p>Each class takes turns in providing cakes for community coffee mornings in the village hall. Year 6 pupils take turns in serving teas, coffees and cakes to our local community.</p>	<p>The pupils take part in the democratic process by voting in house and vice captains on a yearly basis. Candidates stand, express their views and experience and are voted in by the other members of their house.</p>
<p>Pupils continue to develop their social skills by within the wide variety of extra curricular clubs run at the school- including, singing, rugby, cricket cooking and drama.</p>	<p>A hub room for parents and children to come into school and contact their partners/parents/carers on Macs and iPads via skype whilst away from home.</p>	

## The Importance of Cultural Development at Ilchester Community Primary School

<p>Our aim is to develop our children’s cultural experiences through visits and visitors. We organise a variety of trips including an overseas trip, museums trips , farm trips, trips to cities and the coast.</p> <p>We also have topic role play days where the children dress up and immerse themselves in their learning topic and have visits from important guests such as Queen Victoria and members from our local community.</p>	<p>Our school is lucky enough to have a wide variety of nationalities within the school environment. Our children can learn, first hand, about their different cultures and backgrounds through ‘show and tell’ talks about their lives in a different country, willing parents presenting special lessons and having theme days about their respective countries and by ‘point of view’ articles in the Ilchester School Newsletter.</p>	<p>Our assemblies are a great opportunity to share music and learn about different cultures. They reinforce the respect for cultural differences and promote and appreciation of diversity.</p>
<p>Vibrant and exciting art, music, cultural opportunities woven into the learning topics across the curriculum e.g. musician workshops, artists and theatre visits.</p>	<p>Amazing visual displays across the whole school celebrating the work done by everyone and reflecting multi-cultural Britain.</p>	<p>We encourage all our children to pursue outside interests, in groups or as individuals, whether they are sporting or cultural, and celebrate their achievements in assemblies.</p>

