

## Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development at Alexandra Park Primary School

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to facilitate our children's Spiritual development...

- Visits from those who practice a range of faiths
- Beliefs and Values curriculum focused on enquiry questions
- Visits to local religious buildings
- Recognition of major world religious' holidays, e.g. Eid, Easter and Diwali
- Regular class Circle Time
- Dedicated time for outdoor learning. We encourage a sense of awe and wonder in the beautiful world around us
- Through PSHE, children get to understand themselves – as people and as learners. They know their own special qualities, develop their self-esteem and understand their strengths and weaknesses.
- Teachers provide opportunities for children to be imaginative and creative

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to facilitate our children's Social development...

- A range of leadership opportunities for children including Playground leaders, Reading Ambassadors, Wellbeing Leads, Arts Council, Sports Council and Eco Warriors
- Whole class floor books provide opportunities for collaboratively learning with peers
- Class assemblies, productions and concerts alongside lesson design encourage collaboration and develop team work
- Events within the curriculum e.g. Y4 performing at the Bridgewater Hall with the Halle orchestra
- Numerous trips and residential trips
- Wide range of before and after school clubs offered
- Carol singing at local Care Home
- Links to local feeder High Schools e.g. taster days, watch productions

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to facilitate our children's Moral development...

- Restorative approaches are embedded throughout the school
- Class Forums designed to provide or children with a voice and ownership of their own and together futures.
- Clear behaviour policy, understood by all and implemented by all staff
- "Star of the Week" assemblies
- Circle Time weekly to provide a forum for discussing issues and sharing children's ideas of right and wrong
- Picture News in assemblies and Class Forums to equip children with information about current affairs events
- Positive and inclusive relationships with our children with additional needs.
- Writing projects with a moral theme e.g. plastic pollution, Rosa Parks.
- Charity events instigated by the children

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to facilitate our children's Cultural development...

- Celebration of current events
- Exploring the values which underpin our society through our PSHE curriculum, class forums and class Circle Time
- Carefully selected range of texts across the curriculum
- Learning about those who have helped shape the world we live in
- Our inclusive and friendly school ethos supports cultural development
- Local history and geography links taught within our curriculum e.g. Stockport Staircase House Museum and the Air Raid shelters.
- Geography, Beliefs and Values and PSHE lessons give children knowledge of global cultural differences. Music, DT and Art lessons allow us to explore our own and other cultures; visiting artists have enriched this aspect of our cultural development
- Themed activity weeks/days, eg. Eat Fit, Keep Fit week.
- Participation in Stockport Schools Music and Sports events.

## How we actively promote the 9 Protected Characteristics at Alexandra Park Primary School

Our School values are Care, Aspire, Achieve. These values are at the heart of all that we do. We ensure that our children are given opportunities to develop age-appropriate knowledge and understanding through our well-planned and delivered PSHE curriculum. They also form part of our Beliefs and Values, History, Geography and English lessons; starting in EYFS, where positive messages on equality and diversity are shared with the children, including in books that form part of English lessons and early reading in KS1. Our school library has a diverse and current selection of books that have been selected to reflect and promote the diverse world in which we live. Children from Nursery to Year 6 have access to these books to read and share at home.

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to promote respect re age

- Choir Christmas visit to the elderly home in Edgeley
- Grandparents invited in to talk to children in History lessons
- Community events where grandparents are invited in

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to promote respect re disability

- Workshops and assemblies from diverse visitors and those with disabilities
- Whole school fundraising for charities with a disability link
- Age appropriate texts shared

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to promote respect re gender reassignment

- Staff training and awareness raising so that we can support those within our community

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to promote respect re marriage and civil partnership

- Support for our diverse community of parents
- Age appropriate texts shared
- PSHE curriculum

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to promote respect re pregnancy and maternity

- Welcoming and safe place for staff and visitors for nursing babies in the period after birth
- Suitable adaptations made for staff, visitors that are pregnant
- Age appropriate texts shared

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to promote respect re race

- Whole staff training on Anti-racism and unconscious bias
- Subject leaders have developed each of our curriculum areas to reflect a diverse community
- Current affairs discussed in assemblies e.g. addressing racism in society

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to promote respect re religion

- Parents coming in to share their religion
- Children also share knowledge and personal experiences relating to their religion
- Assemblies celebrate a range of religious holidays
- Beliefs and Values curriculum

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to promote respect re sex

- Equal opportunities for all
- Role models from both sexes represented in our curriculum and visitors
- Age appropriate texts shared

### Here are some examples of what happens at Alexandra Park to promote respect re sexual orientation

- Support for our diverse community of parents
- Age appropriate texts shared