

## Severnbanks Primary School



### Where STARS Shine

#### Intent

We aim to ensure that, over their time at Severnbanks Primary, learners receive a Personal Development programme that gives them the knowledge that they need to make decisions, to be resilient and to develop their character and personality. We provide these rich experiences in a coherently planned way – through our curriculum, enrichment and extra-curricular activities.

Children at Severnbanks know and understand their role in society; they have a sound sense of self and contribute positively to their community.

They are tolerant and understand that everyone's voice should be heard and everyone's views should be acknowledged and respected. They leave primary school armed with the school core values of **respect, honesty, resilience, kindness, justice and trust**. They are aware of their responsibility as a citizen of the modern world and have secure and developed moral foundations on which to further build. Pupils regularly demonstrate their contribution now and in the future towards society, community and others.

Pupils leadership skills and voice and developed across all aspects of school life, enabling them to understand that they can make a change and have a positive impact on others. As a result, pupils have high aspirations of themselves and others and the confidence to speak out and challenge in a positive, respectful manner.

At Severnbanks School we are proud to support all children to develop social awareness; strength of character; acceptance of others; and academic confidence. Personal Development is not an added extra - it is woven through all we do. Through every interaction; every lesson; every event; every assembly. Our primary aim is to prepare children for the wider world so that they can have a strong sense of purpose and belonging, and so that they have the confidence to make their voices heard.

At Severnbanks School, we are committed to providing a purposeful and empowering curriculum that fully prepares learners for the next steps in their school career and the **wider world**. We want our children to **aspire to achieve** and believe that it is essential that they understand the world in which they live. Broadening our children's horizons and giving them the belief that they are capable of achieving great things drives our curriculum. Our Personal Development Curriculum offer, gives children the knowledge and understanding they need to make informed choices and to be a positive influence in the communities that they belong to. We champion children being Global citizens.

Today's children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also includes challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives positively. Our aim is to develop skills and attributes such as resilience, self-esteem, risk-management, team-working and critical thinking.

#### Implementation

Personal Development is woven in to all aspects of school life at Severnbanks Primary and we pride ourselves on providing an environment for all pupils to flourish and mature into well-informed young adults.

We aim to embrace the many talents and interests of our pupils and offer a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, which are selected based on pupil voice and regular school council meetings.

At Severnbanks we have devised our own Personal Development plan.

### **Impact**

Children leave Severnbanks with the confidence to try new things and make mistakes, seeing the opportunity that lies within adversity. Our bespoke curriculum, based on Global Citizenship, has been designed to get the best out of each and every learner. Children are resilient, hardworking and driven. They have been taught how to converse respectfully; how to value the responses offered by peers by celebrating ideas that are not their own, and how to politely disagree, offering their own thoughts and ideas. They stretch their own thinking by asking questions of both their peers and themselves. The impact of our Personal development programme is to give our learners the knowledge and tools they need to understand how to take care of themselves, physically and mentally, and how they can stay safe and thrive in an ever-changing world.

### **Inclusion, Quality First Teaching, Support and Assessment**

An inclusive approach, teamed with a 'Growth Mindset', is adopted by both staff and students in all aspects of personal development and the belief is that everyone can make a valued contribution to learning in personal development opportunities. Children are encouraged to think carefully, persevere and show appreciation and understanding for others' contributions and points of view.

### **Extra-Curricular Provision**

Severnbanks Primary School values the personal development of everyone within the school community and works hard to ensure children receive quality PD provision and education. Our staff encourage and champion children's interests outside of school alongside their academic development. There are regular opportunities for children to talk, discuss and learn new skills. Children are encouraged to lead assemblies, join clubs, perform in plays and take ownership over their personal development both in and out of school. Severnbanks Primary School is a school where difference, diversity and personal development are nurtured and celebrated.

### **Developing the skills of Reading, Writing, Speaking and listening through PD**

Opportunities for writing in PD will be provided as it allows the children time to be critical, reflect and write in much more depth about their own ideas and ways of life and those of other people. Children will be encouraged to read text or have text read to them that are thought-provoking and spend time discussing and listening to others.