

Intent

At Blackwell Primary School, our aim is for all children to leave our school as:

Kind, empathetic and compassionate individuals who understand the impact their words and actions have on others and who choose to use this responsibility in a positive way to respect, support and care for others.

Young people capable of forming and maintaining positive relationships, cooperating as part of a team and working through disagreements with others by listening to alternative perspectives and verbalising their own feelings in order to reach compromises or solutions whilst accepting, at times, that some relationships become unhealthy and that it is not a positive decision to maintain such connections.

Students who embrace and celebrate the uniqueness of every individual and are inclusive of everyone regardless of any differences as well as valuing their own individuality and being proud of the amazing, valued people they are, pursuing their dreams and goals with confidence and self-belief.

Emotionally resilient, mindful people who can acknowledge, recognise and accept their feelings and develop a toolkit of strategies they can use to verbalise their emotions and regulate them, placing great value on their own emotional well-being.

Confident children unafraid of facing a challenge and celebrating their own achievements without comparing themselves to others whilst also recognising situations in which they need support and being willing to accept help from others.

Young people who are prepared for the changes they will go through as they grow, armed with the vocabulary and awareness needed to voice any worries or concerns or ask any questions whilst developing a clear understanding of ways in which they can make positive choices regarding keeping their bodies and minds safe and healthy.

Critical and reflective thinkers who ask questions about the world around them in order to form their own opinions, challenging stereotypes and recognising subjectivity.

Implementation

At Blackwell, our RSE curriculum, which is part of PSHE, is age appropriate and designed to prepare children for the next stages in their life. We want children to understand what healthy relationships look like and how to ask for help if there is anything they are worried about in their own family or friend relationships. We prepare our older children by teaching them about

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puberty and how to deal with the physical developments and the emotional impact this change will bring. We discuss body image and consider gender stereotypes and prejudices. Our oldest children receive age-appropriate and inclusive sex education which has been developed in consultation with parents. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from this aspect of the curriculum. However, at Blackwell, through careful consultation and by keeping parents well informed of the content of sex education lessons, all children are included.

The curriculum is taught through dedicated PSHE lessons which involve lots of discussion, role play and sharing ideas and strategies. However, the aims of PSHE run through every aspect of school life.