



# PSHE Intent Statement



At The Merton Primary School, our Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) – including Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) – is designed to help children become healthy, independent, and responsible members of society. Through a carefully structured curriculum, we support pupils in understanding their personal and social development, while exploring the moral, social, and cultural issues they may encounter as they grow.

We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive environment where children learn about their rights and responsibilities and what it means to be an active, respectful member of a diverse society. Our curriculum promotes self-worth by encouraging all pupils to play a positive role in school life and contribute meaningfully to the wider community.

PSHE and RSE at The Merton are delivered through a combination of high-quality resources, first-hand experiences, and the sharing of good practice. We are responsive to the needs of our pupils and tailor our lessons to reflect the unique context of each class, recognising the importance of flexibility and personalisation. Our curriculum equips children with the knowledge, skills, and understanding to make informed, safe choices and to navigate the challenges of modern life with confidence.

We follow a progressive programme of study that builds upon the statutory content outlined in the national curriculum and government guidance. PSHE and RSE are valued as essential parts of our primary education offer, taught weekly and adapted where necessary to address emerging issues in a timely, age-appropriate, and sensitive manner.

These subjects are embedded within our wider school ethos and are regularly reinforced through assemblies and everyday interactions. In doing so, we nurture children's spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development and celebrate their growth as individuals.

It is our intent to provide every child with a strong foundation to grow into confident, respectful, and well-rounded individuals – fully prepared for life in an ever-changing world.