

Promoting British Values Policy

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1. Rationale

- 1.1.** Devon Studio School has an obligation under section 78 of the Education Act (2002) which requires all Schools, as part of a broad and balanced curriculum, to promote the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development of students.
- 1.2.** In June 2014, the Secretary of State for Education announced that schools would be required to actively promote British values from September 2014. With this in mind we are committed to:

Actively promoting the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1.** Ensure that principles are actively promoted which:

- Enable pupils to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence;
- Enable pupils to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England;
- Encourage pupils to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative and understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality in which the school is situated and to society more widely;
- Enable pupils to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England;
- Further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling pupils to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures;
- Encourage respect for other people, paying particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010;
- Encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic process, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England;
- Prevent the promotion of partisan political views in the teaching of any subject in the school and;
- Take such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure that where political issues are brought to the attention of pupils they are offered a balanced presentation of opposing views. This should be:
 - While they are in attendance at the school;



- While they are taking part in extra-curricular activities which are provided or organised by or on behalf of the school or;
- In the promotion at the school, including through the distribution of promotional material, of extra-curricular activities taking place at the school or elsewhere.

2.2. The Governors and staff at Devon Studio School will:

- Ensure that fundamental British values are embedded as an integral part of the ethos and culture of Devon Studio School;
- Challenge opinions or behaviours in school by students, staff, visitors, volunteers or parents that are contrary to fundamental British values, including extremist views;
- Ensure that all visitors to Devon Studio School are screened to ensure that they do not attempt to promote systems that undermine fundamental British values including extremism or radicalisation;
- Ensure that our students understand that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their well-being and safety and that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to its law;
- Teach our students about the democracy and the rule of English civil and criminal law and will not teach anything that undermines it;
- Ensure all students within the school, regardless of age, have a voice that is listened to;
- Demonstrate how democracy works and by developing an understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making by actively promoting democratic processes such as electing a school council, in both Primary and Secondary phases of the school, whose members are voted for by the students;
- Reinforce fundamental British values through the SMSC programme, PSHE curriculum, Citizenship curriculum and the assembly programme;
- Ensure that our students are taught a balanced RE curriculum, that is broadly Christian but which also takes account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions represented in Britain;
- Ensure that our students understand that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law;
- Ensure that we develop a tolerance and understanding of different faiths, cultures and beliefs by visiting places of worship, inviting visiting speakers to the school and using teaching resources from a wide variety of sources to help pupils understand a range of faiths;



- Enable our students to develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in and contribute positively to our local community and life in modern Britain;
- Enable our students to develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in the community of the school e.g. supporting younger children in lessons and delivering extra-curricular activities;
- Deliver a balanced programme of assemblies which promote students' Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development, providing clear guidance on what is right and what is wrong;
- Ensure an understanding of the importance of identifying and combatting discrimination, extremism and radicalisation;
- Ensure that there are effective risk assessments and screening policies and procedures in place to safeguard and promote students' welfare against the threat of extremism and radicalisation.

3. Organisation and Delivery

- 3.1.** The Promotion of British Values is not delivered in isolation within the curriculum but forms part of a complete programme of guidance and development for students. All Coaches are encouraged to share ideas about how this theme can be included effectively within teaching and learning and projects that incorporate core subject and British Values themes are actively sought.
- 3.2.** Key areas are delivered through assembly and by specialists to ensure that contemporary information is delivered in an interesting and informative way.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

- 4.1.** It is recognised the Promotion of British Values has to be regularly revised in line with new legislation. A full review and evaluation takes place each year involving staff, students and external contributors and views are used to inform future planning. New resources are constantly being reviewed and included, if appropriate, by the Learning 4 Life Co-ordinator to ensure an up to date programme.

