



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Awareness (SMSC)

Pupils at Cowling show high levels of SMSC in the following ways:

Assembly

A daily assembly is held which follows the school's PHSCE themes as well as focusing on motivational aspects, British Values, emotional well-being and diversity.

Young Leaders

Key Stage 2 pupils follow the Archbishop of York's Young Leaders programme which encourages pupils to "be the change they want to see". This involves pupils leading change in school, at home and taking part in a project within the local community. Pupils have created a memorial garden in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church and supported a wide range of charities. Pupils were delighted to be asked to speak at the Young Leaders Award Conference at Whalley Abbey, Clitheroe.

Pupil Voice

Pupil's views are gathered via the School Council, Eco-team, Fairtrade team, governor interviews and "afternoon tea" meetings each Friday with the headteacher for children who have been recognised in our celebration assembly. These discussions encourage children to reflect and develop personal values from an early age. Four of our School Councillors were invited to attend the Children's Voice Conference in Harrogate. Through the curriculum pupils are given the opportunity to hold debates.

Inspiring the Future – Guest Speakers

Children in Key Stage 2 welcome guest speakers from the Inspiring the Future initiative to open their eyes to the opportunities available to them beyond their immediate environment.

Outward Bound

Children in Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to take part in an annual Outward Bound challenge held at the Ullswater Centre which promotes perseverance, independence and teamworking preparing our pupils for life beyond school.

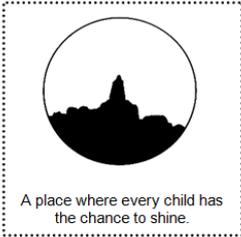
High Adventure

Our youngest children (Reception) take part in team building activities with High Adventure promoting positive, supportive relationships from a young age.

Understanding of right and wrong

Pupils clearly show an understanding of right and wrong both inside and outside of school. (Fairtrade Committee, Eco-schools). This is demonstrated through observations of behaviour both within and outside of the classroom.

Behaviour is good throughout school with children showing honesty, fairness and a sense of justice. Our children resolve playground conflicts intelligently and seek consensus while



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accepting the rights of others to hold different opinions and beliefs. (Governor reports)

Our Behaviour for Learning Policy encourages all our children to persevere and try new things. Everyone at Cowling follows the Eight Steps to Success: Improve, Try New Things, Don't Give Up, Push Yourself, Understand Others, Imagine, Concentrate and Work Hard.

Community

Our pupils are actively involved in community events requiring a high level of social skills – interfaith, church activities, support for the local food bank, charity events (including Children in Need, Comic Relief, Air Ambulance, Sport Relief, Dogs Trust).

Our children show respect for people with disabilities – Invictus Games Para-athlete Rob Crome Hawke is a visitor to school and inspires pupils to persevere.

Pupils represent the school at the British Legion commemorations, welcome senior citizens to school events and are commended on their behaviour on trips and visits. Our pupils work with local historians to find out more about their own community and environment.

Collaboration with other schools provide a range of artistic, sporting and other opportunities. Collaboration has raised awareness of the different options available to pupils as they progress through school. Excellent links with Cowling Playgroup eases transition into school and strong links with South Craven school prepare pupils well for their next stage of education.

Sports Funding is used to widen pupil's experience of a range of sports (climbing, fencing, dancing, caving) and to work with sporting groups within the community (High Adventure, Keighley Cougars, Skipton RUFC, Sutton Cricket Club.)

Cultural

The school has strong links with schools both at home and overseas (Sierra Leone and France – etwinning initiative) where pupils share learning and exchange work. This encourages pupils to show respect and appreciate diverse cultures. In Autumn we celebrate European Languages Day. Children respond positively and respectfully to all. Our children do not tolerate racism or any other form of prejudice.

The school works with a wide range of faiths including neighbouring churches and is linked with the Interfaith centre in Bradford to promote awareness and respect for people with different religious beliefs to their own. Rev Collings delivers assemblies in school and raises awareness of the work of the church. Trips are planned to a variety of different places of worship such as mosques and temples through the Interfaith Centre.

Curriculum enrichment helps our children develop an appreciation of theatre, music, art and literature. Our choir has competed in the Skipton Music Festival and also in the Young Voices Choir which unites thousands of children across the north west performing at the arena in Manchester.

Professional musicians visit school giving children an experience of a range of different instruments. The accordion has proved extremely popular. Our school attends music, dance, drama, MFL, sporting events held at South Craven School and at county level (cross country).