



PSE, SEAL and Citizenship Policy

Policy Statement

SEAL, PSHE and Citizenship help to give pupils the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy, independent lives and to become informed, active, responsible citizens.

Aims and Objectives

This policy is a working document which provides guidance and information on all aspects of SEAL, PSHE and Citizenship in the school for staff, parents / carers and governors.

Moral & Values Framework

The SEAL, PSHE and Citizenship programme at Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth School reflects the school ethos and demonstrates and encourages the following values:

- Respect for self
- Respect for others
- Responsibility for their own actions
- Responsibility for their family, friends, school and the wider community

Equal Opportunities Statement

The school is committed to the provision of SEAL, PSHE and Citizenship to all of its pupils. Our programme aims to respond to the diversity of children's cultures, faiths and family backgrounds. Equal time and provision will be allocated for all groups but there may be occasions where pupils with Special Educational Needs are given extra support.

Content

In the Foundation Phase pupils learn to recognise and name feelings and express positive qualities about themselves. They develop skills to manage feelings in a positive and effective way and develop confidence in sharing their views and opinions. They learn to set themselves simple goals and make choices about some aspects of their health and well-being. Pupils identify and respect differences and

similarities between people, recognise how their behaviour affects other people and that bullying is wrong and know how to get help dealing with it.

In Key Stage 2 pupils learn to express their views confidently and listen and show respect for the views of others. They recognise their own worth and that of others and face new challenges positively. Pupils learn about the bodily and emotional changes at puberty, and ways of dealing with these in a positive way are discussed. They talk about a range of jobs, understand that they will need to develop skills to work in the future and how to look after and save money. Healthy lifestyles, including what affects mental health and risks involving substances and drugs, are discussed. Various types of relationships are investigated and skills are developed to maintain good relationships or to challenge negative behaviours such as stereotyping and aggression. They learn about rights, responsibilities and duties.

Materials used, particularly for SRE and Drugs education, reflect consultation with parents / carers and the school healthy schools adviser. The range of material used is available to parents / carers on request.

Organisation

SEAL, PSHE & Citizenship should not be delivered in isolation but firmly embedded in all curriculum areas. At Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth School the *main* content is delivered through a weekly timetabled session.

SEAL, PSHE & Citizenship is normally delivered by class teachers in mixed gender groups. Active learning methods, which involve children's full participation, are used.

Occasionally, appropriate and suitably experienced and / or knowledgeable visitors from outside school may be invited to contribute to the delivery of SEAL, PSHE & Citizenship in school. The following points will be considered for using visitors to support learning in this area.

- Visitors are invited into school because of the particular expertise or contribution they are able to make;
- All visitors should be familiar with and understand the school's relevant policies and work within them;
- All input to SEAL and PSHE lessons should be part of a planned programme and negotiated and agreed with staff in advance;
- All visitors will be supported / supervised by a member of staff throughout the visit
- The input of visitors is monitored and evaluated by staff and pupils. This evaluation informs future planning.

Evaluation of the SEAL, PSHE & Citizenship programme is conducted using a variety of informal activities which have been built into the programme. Regular discussions between the co-ordinator and class teachers inform future planning and development of the subject.

Specific Issues within SEAL, PSHE & Citizenship

Confidentiality & Child Protection

Effective SEAL, PSHE & Citizenship teaching and learning may bring about disclosures of child protection issues and staff should be aware of the procedures for reporting their concerns. The school has a separate Child Protection policy and the procedures outlined for Child Protection issues at Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth School should be followed. As a general rule a child's confidentiality is maintained by the teacher or member of staff concerned. If this person believes the child to be at risk or in danger however, he / she will talk to the named Child Protection Coordinator, currently the Head Teacher.

Controversial and Sensitive Issues

Staff are aware that views around some SEAL & PSHE issues are varied. However, whilst personal views are respected, all SEAL & PSHE issues are taught without bias. Topics are presented considering a variety of views and beliefs so that pupils are able to come to their own informed opinions but also respect others who may have a different view.

Policy Dissemination

All staff members and governors receive a copy of this policy. Copies are available from the school office for parents on request.

The SEAL & PSHE Coordinator will facilitates the gathering of feedback from parents, staff and pupils through regular questionnaires and pupil.

Signed by Headteacher: _____

Signed by Chair of Governors: _____

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