



Long-Term Curriculum Overview: PSHE - Australia

Key Stage(s): 4

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Curriculum Intent

Our curriculum aims to nurture the whole child, supporting emotional wellbeing, resilience, and positive mental health. We focus on creating safe, inclusive environments where pupils with SEMH needs can thrive academically and personally. The curriculum is personalised and underpinned by strong relationships and consistency.

Curriculum Implementation

- Structured Routine: Clear, consistent lessons to support the reduction of anxiety and increase engagement.
- Therapeutic Approaches: Use of Zones of Regulation.
- Adapted Curriculum: Use of accessible activities and adapted scaffolding to meet the needs of all learners.
- Environment: Calming, sensory-aware settings.

Curriculum Impact

- Pupils develop emotional literacy and self-regulation.
- Increased engagement and attendance.
- Reduced behavioural incidents.
- Positive relationships with peers and adults.
- Preparation for transitions and independence.

Term	Topic / Learning Focus	Links towards EHCP Outcomes	Independent Skills Development	Assessment / Reflection of Learning	Resources / Programmes Used
Autumn 1	<p>Being Me in my world Freedom, human rights & act, safety, violations Grief cycle, loss, responses to loss, support Social media - pros and cons, algorithms, managing screen time and exposure Online identity, sharing/ enhancing images and the law, netiquette Personal data and risk, GDPR, social media and data collection, where to find help with online activity Different types of relationships, strategies for managing relationships on and offline</p>	<p>Communication and interaction: PSHE links directly to communication and interaction by teaching children essential skills for expressing themselves, understanding others, and forming healthy relationships</p> <p>Cognition and learning: (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic) education links to cognition and learning by fostering essential self-regulation, emotional intelligence, and metacognitive skills that improve focus, memory, and the ability to process information</p> <p>Social, emotional and Mental health: HE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education directly links to social, emotional, and mental</p>	<p>Life Skills: PSHE teaches crucial skills for managing personal well-being, such as financial literacy and understanding healthy relationships, empowering individuals to make sound choices for themselves.</p> <p>Health & Safety: It provides vital knowledge about both physical and mental health, helping young</p>	<p>Self-Assessment: PSHE provides opportunities for pupils to reflect on their own learning, such as how their confidence or sense of beliefs has developed. Teachers incorporate this by providing time for private reflection or guided discussion to help pupils analyze personal responses to the work.</p> <p>"I Can" Statements: Our PSHE program use "I can"</p>	<p>Jigsaw PSHE Discussions Debates Presentations Drawing task Writing tasks Creative tasks Role play</p>

		<p>health by equipping students with essential skills, knowledge, and understanding to navigate life's challenges (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education directly links to social, emotional, and mental health by equipping students with essential skills, knowledge, and understanding to navigate life's challenges</p> <p>Sensory/Physical Needs: by addressing health, wellbeing, and inclusion, helping students understand their bodies, manage physical and sensory challenges, and participate in activities that support physical health</p>	<p>people understand their own bodies, stay safe, and know how to seek help when needed.</p> <p>Preparation for Adulthood: By addressing topics relevant to adult life, including careers, economic well-being, and personal safety, PSHE prepares young people for the transition into independence after leaving school.</p>	<p>statements to help pupils reflect on and self-assess their own progress in developing specific skills and attributes.</p> <p>Pupil and Peer Assessment: Pupils can engage in self-assessment and, in some cases, peer assessment to evaluate their understanding and development within the PSHE context.</p>	
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Autumn 2	PSHE Growth and Well being BTEC				
Spring 1	<p>Dreams and Goals Important relationships, resilience & how to develop My future goals, physical and mental health and how they may impact future goals, looking after mental health Work/life balance, success, social media and potential impact on career Achieving life balance, self care Health goals, looking after others, blood and organ donation Developing resilience, achieving goals</p>	<p>Communication and interaction: Vocabulary and Confidence: PSHE provides a safe environment for pupils to develop the vocabulary and confidence needed to articulate their thoughts and feelings clearly.</p> <p>Cognition and learning: Focus and Concentration: Strategies taught in PSHE, such as mindfulness and relaxation techniques, can quiet the mind and improve focus, enabling children to engage more</p>	<p>Problem-Solving: PSHE explicitly teaches independent problem-solving skills and strategies for managing diverse real-life situations, reducing anxiety associated with uncertainty.</p> <p>Responsibility: Young people learn to take responsibility for their actions and understand the consequences, a</p>	<p>Evidence of Learning: Learning is documented through pupil books, teacher notes, Floorbooks, and other tools that capture conceptual understanding, comments, and reflections, providing concrete evidence of the learning journey.</p> <p>Teacher and Pupil Assessment: Learning is assessed through a combination of</p>	<p>Jigsaw PSHE Discussions Debates Presentations Drawing task Writing tasks Creative tasks Role play</p>

		<p>effectively with new information and lessons.</p> <p>Social, emotional and Mental health:</p> <p>Develops coping mechanisms:</p> <p>Through lessons on topics like anxiety, change, loss, and grief, students learn effective, healthy ways to cope with challenges instead of resorting to unhealthy strategies like self-harm or eating disorders.</p> <p>Sensory Physical needs. Addressing Barriers:</p> <p>PSHE addresses how physical difficulties can act as barriers to learning and engagement, with a</p>	<p>fundamental aspect of becoming an autonomous adult.</p>	<p>teacher observation, focused questioning, and pupil self- and peer assessment, creating a comprehensive view of the pupil's development.</p>	
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		focus on making the curriculum accessible and providing necessary support.			
Spring 2	<p>Healthy Me My health MOT, top tips for health, adopting healthy habits Cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, breast cancer and risk factors, breast checking, skin cancer and SPF, substance misuse and physical health Mental health, mental health disorders, seeking help, substance abuse and mental health Sex, STIs, STI transmission, STI rates and data, testing for STIs, HIV/AIDS, HIV around the world</p>	<p>Communication and interaction: Building Trust: Establishing a safe, trusting space within PSHE lessons is paramount, allowing pupils to feel comfortable discussing personal and social issues openly.</p> <p>Cognition and learning: Better Decision-Making: By teaching about consequences and risk assessment, PSHE empowers students to</p>	<p>Resilience and Mental Wellbeing: By teaching self-care and coping mechanisms, PSHE helps young people develop resilience to handle setbacks and maintain good mental health, supporting them through life's challenges.</p> <p>Real-World Application: The subject provides a safe</p>	<p>Logbooks and Conversations: Pupils may record their reflections in a logbook or engage in discussions to reflect on what they have learned and how it applies to their own experiences.</p>	<p>Jigsaw PSHE Discussions Debates Presentations Drawing task Writing tasks Creative tasks Role play</p>

	<p> Safer sex contraception, hormonal contraception vs barrier methods of contraception, menstrual cycle, where to get contraceptives Actions to support good physical and mental health </p>	<p> make more informed and responsible choices, which can positively impact their educational and life paths. </p> <p> Social, emotional and mental health: Awareness of Risk and Support: Pupils learn to assess risks to their health and wellbeing and how to seek appropriate help and advice from trusted adults. </p> <p> Sensory/Physical needs. Practical Application: Activities can be designed to have clear sensory cues and props, making abstract PSHE themes more concrete </p>	<p> space to rehearse and reflect on real- life situations, giving students the experience and knowledge to manage adult responsibilities when they arise. </p>		
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		and accessible for all learners.			
Summer 1	<p>Relationships Long term relationships, love, lust, attachment, types of attraction, good relationship with self Relationship life-cycles, ending a relationship, toxic relationships, managing a break up and rejection Types of intimacy in a relationship, attraction, long term relationships, acceptable and unacceptable behaviours Relationships and the media, discernment, pornography vs real life, how does pornography affect relationships</p>	<p>Communication and interaction: Community Engagement: The skills learned in PSHE extend beyond the classroom, enabling children to apply their understanding of society to their interactions in the wider community.</p> <p>Cognition and learning: Confidence and Risk-Taking: Developing confidence and a willingness to take positive risks, fostered through PSHE, empowers students to participate more actively</p>	<p>Community and Citizenship: By developing an understanding of what is right and wrong and encouraging participation in society, PSHE prepares individuals to be active and responsible community members</p> <p>Transition and Adult Life: The curriculum builds upon knowledge and skills acquired in</p>	<p>Reflects Learning: PSHE learning is often about personal development, and this assessment model allows pupils to reflect on their own feelings of confidence and beliefs.</p> <p>Formative Assessment: Teachers use ongoing formative assessment and pupil reflection throughout a lesson or series of lessons to gauge progress</p>	<p>Jigsaw PSHE Discussions Debates Presentations Drawing task Writing tasks Creative tasks Role play</p>

	<p>Healthier and less healthy behaviours in a relationship, coercion, abuse and the law</p> <p>Healthy relationships and control</p>	<p>in their education and take on new academic challenges.</p> <p>Social, emotional and mental health: PSHE promotes a growth mindset, encouraging students to see challenges as learning opportunities and to persevere in the face of failure. This mindset is essential for tackling complex academic tasks.</p> <p>Sensory/Physical needs.</p> <p>Connects Physical and Mental Health:</p> <p>PSHE highlights how physical and mental health are intertwined, for instance, through activities like yoga or by promoting healthy sleep habits.</p>	<p>earlier years to help students navigate the challenges of adolescence and increasing independence, preparing them for their transition into adult life.</p>	<p>and identify next steps.</p>	
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<p>Summer 2</p>	<p>Changing Me Societal change, how will it affect me?, social media and social change, supporting the environment Managing change, decision making Gaining independence, personal safety, cycling, water safety, public transport, alcohol Gender stereotypes, sexuality stereotypes, marriage stereotypes, maintaining values in a relationship Reflecting on physical and emotional changes, family changes, managing change, self esteem, influences Responses to positive and negative change, choices, self-esteem</p>				
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