



Politics and Citizenship Curriculum Statement

No one is born a good citizen; no nation is born a democracy. Rather, both are processes that continue to evolve over a lifetime. Young people must be included from birth. A society that cuts off from its youth severs its lifeline."
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Politics and Citizenship education aims for children to:

- understand what makes for good relationships with others;
- have respect for others;
- be independent and responsible members of the school community;
- be positive and active members of a democratic society;
- develop self-confidence and self-esteem, and make informed choices regarding personal and social issues;
- develop good relationships with other members of the school and the wider community;
- take part in a range of practical activities that promote active citizenship;
- understand "the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs" (PREVENT strategy, 2011).

At Duncombe, we plan for Politics and Citizenship in a variety of ways. A large part of the Politics and Citizenship curriculum is met through our PSHE and religious education lessons, which promote an understanding and celebration of the similarities and differences between people.

We also develop Politics and Citizenship through activities and whole-school events:

- We have an inclusive Whole School Council which involves all pupils from Years 1 – 6 in meetings. This approach gives every pupil a voice and allows us to build their opinions into the running of our school.
- Our Green Team promotes the importance of caring for the environment at school, in the community and in the wider world.
- Our topic and science curriculums encourage children to develop an understanding and appreciation of the world around them.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 can participate in the Debate Mate program, debating topics weekly at school and in local competitions.
- We offer children the opportunity to hear a variety of visiting speakers, who we invite into the school to talk about their role in creating a positive and supportive local community.
- We offer residential trips throughout KS2 aimed at developing pupils' self esteem and giving them opportunities to develop leadership and co-operative skills.

Duncombe is a school that develops, cares for and respects its citizens and encourages those citizens to take this attitude into the world with them.