



# Isca Academy

## PSHE and Citizenship Policy

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Isca Academy has the success of every child at heart. Our key priority within the PSHE and Citizenship curriculum is to provide knowledge, understanding and opportunities to address current and past concerns. It is vital that a whole school approach to PSHE and Citizenship contributes to school improvement and to the health and wellbeing for all of our students.

Parents and careers are able to access the PSHE and Citizenship programme of study through the Isca Academy website.

Our school's overarching aim is for students to deepen their knowledge and understanding of all situations so that they develop into rounded young adults and positive citizens.

We will create a safe and supportive learning environment by ensuring that the context of taught content is appropriate to the age group and that sensitive topics are taught with consideration and knowledge by qualified staff or specialists from outside agencies.

We will ensure that where students indicate that they may be vulnerable and at risk, they will get appropriate support from our Safeguarding officer, Pastoral Team, Heads of Year, Tutors and if required, outside multi agencies.

We promote the understanding of the needs and interests of all students, irrespective of gender, culture, ability or aptitude by addressing current topics that are relevant to all.

Teaching staff and outside speakers will take into account the ability, age, readiness, and cultural backgrounds of our young people and those with English as an additional language to ensure that all students can fully access our PSHE and Citizenship education provision.

We promote social learning experiences, and expect our students to show a high regard for the needs of others by teaching them about respect, collaboration and healthy relationships.

Our programme of study promotes the values of friendship, positive relationships, family, education and British Values.

The learning outcomes of our programme are that students will:

- Know and understand how to stay safe and healthy
- Be able to say and do the right thing in any situation
- Understand that they have a right to have an opinion and to make choices
- Understand that they have a responsibility to make the right choices, to contribute to creating a safe environment both in and out of school

The programme will be delivered through a range of teaching methods, including timetabled lessons, collapsed days, tutor sessions, assemblies, tutor projects, extra-curricular activities, the use of outside specialists, speakers eg. school nurse, police and theatre companies.

We are committed to working with parents and carers to improve our provision. We will offer support by ensuring that they have access to useful support with professional help on our website and within the school. We will also invite parents and carers to participate in some areas of the programme of study if they so wish.

We will communicate with parents about their right to withdraw their child by a statement that will be on our website with the programme of study. Parents and carers are welcome to contact the school to ask to withdraw their child from any of the topics.

The programme will be led by Mr John Potter (Assistant Headteacher) and taught by teachers at Isca Academy and will be supported by outside speakers and professional agencies. The programme will also be supported by Mrs J Taylor (Transition co-ordinator) and Mrs L Casper (CEIAG).

The Programme of study complements other activities within the school, for example Isca Academy Safeguarding policy and anti bullying policy. The programme of study also takes into consideration National Awareness days and topics that the school have evaluated to be most appropriate.

Further information on PSHE and Citizenship can be found here:

<http://www.castingcallpro.com/uk/play/4525/chelseas-choice>

<https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/>

<https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/content.aspx?CategoryID=1128>

<http://www.fpa.org.uk/help-and-advice/advice-for-parents-carers>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/specials/drugs/351624.stm>