



Character Education

Four aspects of Character Education are:

- The ability to remain motivated and persevere when setbacks are encountered;
- The learning of positive moral attributes known as 'virtues' such as courage, honesty, generosity, integrity, humility and a sense of justice;
- The acquisition of social confidence and the ability to listen attentively to the views of others, behave with courtesy and speak persuasively to an audience;
- An appreciation of the importance of long-term commitments.

Character Education contributes to forming children ready to take their place in the world. At Marlborough Primary Academy we provide a rich, broad and balanced curriculum and promote the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of children. We prepare children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

All staff subscribe to the same ethos and have high expectations for exemplary behaviour. Staff are consistent in implementing the behaviour policy and there is a calm atmosphere throughout the school. The outstanding pupil behaviour and high academic achievement spring from the school's ethos and values.

We provide opportunities to help children explore and express their character and build the skills they need for resilience and empathy. Character Education is taught through assemblies, across the curriculum, in dedicated Character Education lessons and in extracurricular clubs.

At Marlborough Primary Academy School, we acknowledge that the experiences provided for children in their primary years have a major impact on their future wellbeing and success. It is for this reason, we have made a whole school commitment to the teaching and development of character traits, attributes and behaviours which underpin achievement and success; endeavouring to ensure that developing 'character' goes hand in hand with high educational aspirations and achievement.

Aims:

- Acquire a sound knowledge and understanding of how the United Kingdom is governed, its political system and how citizens participate actively in its democratic systems of government
- Develop a sound knowledge and understanding of the role of law and the justice system in our society and how laws are shaped and enforced.
- Develop an interest in, and commitment to, participation in volunteering as well as other forms of responsible activity, that they will take with them into adulthood.
- Are equipped with the skills to think critically and debate political questions, to enable them to manage their money on a day-to-day basis, and plan for future financial needs.