

# Why SMSC is an important part of our School life.



SMSC stands for Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural development, and it's a key aspect of education in Willow International School. Essentially, SMSC is about helping students develop a range of personal and social skills that will enable them to become well-rounded, responsible, and engaged members of society.

What does each aspect of SMSC include?

At Willow International School we define the aspects of SMSC as follows:

**Spiritual:** The opportunity to explore beliefs, experience and faiths, feelings and values; enjoy learning about oneself, others and the surrounding world; use imagination and creativity and reflect on experiences.

**Moral:** The opportunity to learn what is right and wrong and respect the law; understand consequences; investigate moral and ethical issues and offer reasoned views.

**Social:** The opportunity to use a range of social skills to participate in the local community and beyond; appreciate diverse viewpoints; participate, volunteer and cooperate; resolve conflict.

**Cultural:** The opportunity to explore and appreciate cultural influences; appreciate the role of Britain's parliamentary system; participate in cultural opportunities; understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity.

Schools should aim to embed SMSC in all aspects of school life, from individual lessons to extra-curricular activities and assemblies. At Willow, we put [SMSC at the heart of our curriculum](#) by basing our pedagogy, on the four aspects of SMSC. This ensures that schools using excellent Curriculum planning can evidence SMSC in all their teaching and learning.

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