**Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education Policy at Chipping Sodbury School**

**We aim to ensure all students experience and demonstrate the following in the four SMSC areas:**

**Spiritual Education**
- Develop personality and character
- Are self-aware and sensitive to the needs of others
- Think deeply and reflect
- Experience a sense of awe, wonder and mystery
- Have clear personal values and are open to new ideas
- Appreciate the importance of beliefs and values in human affairs
- Have a clear sense of identity and belonging
- Are able to express their feelings and emotions openly
- Are creative, imaginative and perceptive
- Are curious about the world around them
- Respond with interest and develop from new experiences

**Moral Education**
- Take personal responsibility for their actions
- Know the difference between right and wrong
- Tell the truth and keep promises
- Respect the rights and property of others
- Exercise self-discipline
- Understand the consequences of the actions of themselves and others
- Help those less fortunate than themselves
- Show a keen interest in ethical issues
- Make reasoned and responsible responses to moral dilemmas
- Reassess values in the light of experiences
- Articulate their own attitudes and values
- Help set guidelines to govern their own behaviour and behave consistently in accordance with these principles

**Social Education**
- Co-operate effectively with each other and participate successfully in the community as a whole
- Develop the inter-personal skills necessary for successful relationships
- Exercise responsibility
- Participate successfully as a member of a group or team
- Show respect for people, living things, property and the environment
- Relate well to other people's social skills and personal qualities
- Accept others' rights to hold different views / beliefs
- Respect others' needs and interests
- Resolve conflicts intelligently and seek consensus
- Challenge, when necessary and in appropriate ways, the values of a group or wider community
- Reflect on their own contribution to society and to the world of work
- Benefit from advice offered by those in authority or counselling roles
- Appreciate the rights and responsibilities of individuals within the wider social setting
- Understand how societies function and are organised in structures such as the family, the school and local and wider communities
- Participate in activities relevant to the community
- Understand the notion of interdependence in an increasingly complex society

**Cultural Education**
- Understand that cultures are always changing and equip students to cope with change
- Have insight into their own and others' cultures
- Embrace and celebrate diversity
- Challenge any form of prejudice
- Recognise and understand their own cultural assumptions and values
- Appreciate cultural diversity and accord dignity and respect to other people's values and beliefs
- Are open to new ideas and demonstrate a willingness to modify cultural values in the light of experience
- Develop an ability to use language and understand images / icons – for example, in music, art, literature – which have significance and meaning in a cultural context
- Are willing to participate in, and respond to, artistic and cultural enterprises
- Experience a sense of personal enrichment through encounters with cultural media and traditions from a range of cultures
- Have a regard for the heights of human achievement in all cultures and societies
- Appreciate the diversity and interdependence

**Evidence can be found in many different forms. It could include:**
- Positive attitudes and values
- Lesson observation of teachers' promotion of SMSC opportunities
- Curriculum contribution to SMSC of different subject areas
- The range and uptake of opportunities provided by the school outside the formal curriculum
- Assemblies, tutor time and co-operative learning time
- The RE and PSHE programmes of study
- Analysis of behaviour/ racist/ discrimination incidents
- Evaluation of students' attitudes and changes over time
- Classroom climate for learning: students' attitudes and response from lesson observations and learning walks
- School ethos (from student/parent surveys, external evaluation, learning walks, visitor feedback)
- Relationships developed by the school with the wider community