



Thames View Junior School

Votes For school lesson are taught on a weekly basis following a whole school assembly.

Votes for Schools supports the effective delivery of spiritual, moral social and cultural development (SMSC), British Values and Prevent, Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Citizenship.

What is SMSC?

SMSC stands for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Every school in England needs to be able to show pupil progress in SMSC. As part of the weekly vote, **VotesforSchools**, provides **SMSC resources** as a basis for informed decision-making, directly meeting the needs of children.

All SMSC resources are **Ofsted-compliant**, as demonstrated in the guidelines of 2015.

What are British Values?

According to Ofsted, fundamental British values are:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Using VotesforSchools as a resource for Tutor Time or in a 45 minute lesson, makes for consistent, quality delivery of British values, week in, week out.

What is Prevent?

The Prevent agenda, involves safeguarding vulnerable young people from radicalisation. VotesforSchools encourages students to voice different views, demonstrating that opinions are different to facts and should be supported with an informed evidence base.