

## Personal Development at William Booth

### What are our key concepts at William Booth?

At William Booth Primary and Nursery School, our key concepts—**Journeys and Communities, Environment and Sustainability, Human Rights, and Identity and Diversity**—are at the heart of everything we do. These themes underpin our entire thematic curriculum, ensuring that all thematic learning is linked, developed, and built upon over time. By embedding these concepts into every aspect of our teaching, we provide learning that is purposeful, relevant, and deeply connected to the lives of our children and our wider community.

These key concepts are particularly important to our school because they reflect the diverse experiences and backgrounds of our pupils. **Journeys and Communities** help children understand their own personal stories and those of others, fostering a sense of **belonging**. **Environment and Sustainability** encourage responsibility and awareness of the world they will inherit. **Human Rights** empower children to stand up for fairness and equality, while **Identity and Diversity** celebrates the unique backgrounds and cultures within our school.

Beyond academic learning, these themes play a crucial and purposeful role in **personal development**, shaping children into informed, empathetic, and engaged members of society. Through trips, experiences, and meaningful discussions, we bring these key concepts to life, ensuring our children grow into confident individuals who understand and appreciate the world around them.



### What is the impact?

By embedding these concepts throughout the curriculum, children feel valued, connected, and engaged in their learning environment. A sense of belonging ensures that every child feels welcomed and included, creating a positive atmosphere where they can thrive. When children feel secure and accepted, they develop confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of identity. This, in turn, fosters well-being and academic success.

By celebrating the community and local context through our key concepts, the curriculum instills pride in children about where they come from. Learning about their surroundings, traditions, and history helps them develop a deep connection to their community. This pride encourages active participation and responsibility, ensuring children grow into respectful and engaged citizens who contribute positively to society.