

Character and Values



Character and Values education development usually occurs over a number of years and within a number of environments. Since family members are the first individuals with whom one comes into contact the influence of the family continues to be extremely important to a child's character and values development.

As students progress through schools, it is important that their education provide instructional opportunities, explicit and implicit that help them develop their beliefs about what is right and good.

The following definitions are intended to guide schools in providing the basis for the teaching of values and character.

- **Values Concepts:** ideas, beliefs or understandings one has that guide and are reflected in one's behavior
- **Values Education:** the process of providing opportunities for the continuous development in all students of the knowledge, skills and attitudes related to certain values which lead to behavior exhibiting those values
- **Character:** attributes or features that make up and distinguish the individual; the complex of mental and ethical traits making a person, group or nation
- **Character Concepts:** actions, attitudes and practice that characterise a person. Acting honorably under all circumstances, even when it is to the disadvantage of the self

Character and Values at Park House encompasses the statutory Relationship and Sex Education as well as being a bespoke PHSE programme specially designed for Park House students, with the aim of ensuring that all student have the necessary skills for life to make informed and well thought out choices.

