

Our children will be... Cosmopolitan

“Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things.”- Flora Lewis.

Modern Foreign Languages is about much more than learning lists of words. It is an opportunity to look at the world beyond our own experience, to explore new cultures, ideas and traditions. In studying a new language our children learn to reflect on aspects of their own lives and make comparisons with the way other people live, broadening their own horizons. This, in turn, leads to children that are more tolerant and accepting of others.

Children who can communicate in more than one language are more confident when speaking in any language, including their own. Learning a language can help to improve memory, problem-solving skills, concentration, ability to multitask, and listening skills. Moreover, when children learn a new language, they develop new brain networks, knowledge and a skill set that are all in place for further language learning.

At Sacred Heart we aim to give our children the knowledge and skills to communicate with French speakers from all over the world. We want them to know how to express their own ideas and opinions in French and ask others about themselves. Pupils are taught French phonics at all stages of their learning, building up a strong knowledge of how the French language sounds and looks.

We endeavour to broaden pupils’ knowledge of the culture and history of the French speaking world and aim for our children to be global citizens, who are curious about our wonderful world and all it has to offer.

