

Key Stage 3 Personal Development curriculum

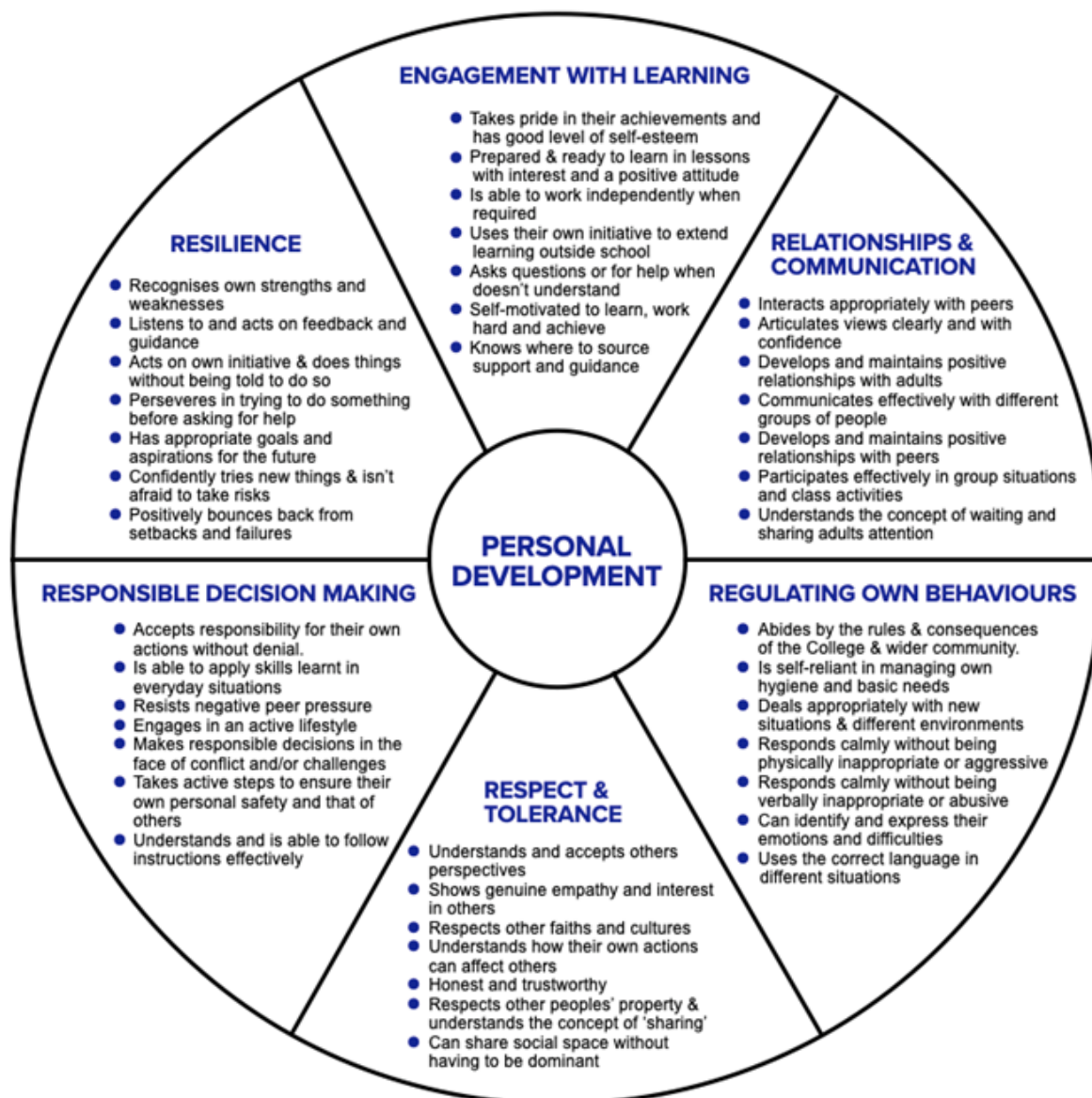
New River College has developed a working definition and commitment to pupils' personal development.

We aim to support all students at New River College to develop as confident, resilient, independent and responsible citizens who are able to make informed and healthy decisions throughout their lives. This will require us to develop student's social, moral, spiritual and cultural skills and to support their physical and emotional wellbeing. All students have dedicated lessons on their timetable for Personal Development.

We have developed a framework for assessing pupils in six different areas of Personal Development.

- Engagement with learning
- Relationships and communication
- Regulating own behaviours
- Respect and tolerance
- Responsible decision-making
- Resilience.

Within these six categories there are more specific focus areas for pupils' Personal Development. Staff, pupils and parents agree individualised focus areas.



There is an assessment as part of pupils' induction to the school and reviews every half term of pupils' progress in their Personal Development.

Once areas for development have been agreed, interventions are put in place to develop pupils' skills. These include:

- support in returning to mainstream through our colleagues in the Outreach Team
- activities in the community to support social communication skills
- outdoor activities to enable students to expose themselves to new experiences.

Below are examples of interventions that are offered to students to support them in their focus areas for personal development.

- Sports leadership
- Boxing
- Music production
- On-to-one tutoring
- Social skills
- Planning for My Future
- Cooking
- Mentoring
- Engagement with learning
- Transition to mainstream
- Resilience
- Developing self-esteem
- Logo therapy
- Music therapy