



Promotion of British values in the Voyage Learning Campus

This policy applies to all stakeholders within the Voyage Learning Campus.

The Voyage Learning Campus aims to prepare all its students fully for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life in British Society.

We believe that the following list exemplifies the values important to British citizens:

- Democracy,
- Respect of the rule of law,
- Appreciation of the rights of other citizens,
- Individual liberty,
- The promotion of opportunities for all,
- Support for those who cannot, by themselves, sustain a dignified life-style,
- Religious tolerance and respect for cultural diversity,
- Treating others with fairness,
- Participation in community life,
- The contribution to, as well as the benefit from, cultural and economic resources.

At our Campus students will encounter these principles throughout everyday school life. In particular, our promotion of spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding has been described by Ofsted as being core strength of our Campus.

The curriculum is mapped in detail across the whole school. Listed below are some examples of how we promote these values in our school community:

Democracy

Student voice is significant in regards to life in our Campus. Each individual school site elects a school council, which plays an effective part in informing improvements in our school. They are elected by their peers and are involved in making the Campus a better place to learn. Students make decision about recreation and social time resources, venues for visits and reward trips.

Student questionnaires and interviews are also conducted bi termly. We know that the formation of a whole Campus school council and the active participation of our students will lead to a more sophisticated understanding of democracy in the future.

The Rule of Law

Our Students will encounter rules and laws throughout their entire lives. We want our students to understand that whether these laws govern the class, the school, the neighbourhood or the country, they are set for good reasons and must be adhered to.

This understanding of the importance of rules will be consistently reinforced through assemblies and our curriculum. The involvement of our students in the creation of the campus rules helps them to understand the reasons behind the rules and the consequences if they are broken. Through philosophical enquiry in our philosophy for learning lessons, we allow opportunity to debate and discuss the reasons for laws so that children can recognise the importance of these for their own protection. Throughout the year we welcome visits from members of the wider community including police, prison service, fire brigade, recovering addicts, human rights speakers and many more. We believe that clear explanations and real life stories emphasise the importance of the rule of law for our Students.

Individual Liberty

We invest a great deal of time in creating a positive culture in our school, so that students are in a safe environment where choices and freedoms are encouraged. In lessons, learning tasks are often left for the student to decide upon. We encourage young people to choose the task that will challenge them, giving them more freedom to determine their own learning. Through the use of Guest Speakers we are able to promote the ethos of liberty and the dangers associated with illegal and anti - social behaviours.

Mutual respect

Mutual respect is at the core of our Campus life. Students build excellent relationships with their key teacher and other staff. The Campus works tirelessly with parents and carers to foster an environment of mutual respect. We actively support families through the work of our Campus Family and Student liaison Officer. Feedback from parents, carers and students indicates that respect is core strength of our Campus.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

At the Campus we offer a culturally rich and diverse curriculum in which all major religions are studied and respected. We strongly believe that tolerance is gained through knowledge and understanding. Through our curriculum and the routines of our daily school life, we strive to demonstrate tolerance and help children to become knowledgeable and understanding citizens who can build a better Britain for the future.