



## **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.

Students across all of our phases will encounter these principles throughout their every day school life and through the wider curriculum. 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 suggestions and decisions about recreation and social time resources, venues for visits and reward trips.

Student questionnaires and interviews are also conducted on a regular basis. 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 is consistently reinforced through assemblies and our curriculum based on the expectations of 'Ready, Respectful, Safe', the involvement of our students in developing their understanding of the rules and the consequences if they are broken. Through philosophical enquiry in our PSHE and tutor programmes, including social activities, we provide 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, there is often a degree of choice and flexibility within set learning tasks. 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 school life and respect is one of our key expectations. Students build excellent relationships with their key teachers and other staff. The school is committed to working closely 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 a 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.