

NEW PARK ACADEMY

BRITISH VALUES POLICY

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Preparing our students for life in modern Britain

One of our core values as a school is to be at the heart of our community. This means serving our community and ensuring our students are active members of the community. We recognise the multi-cultural and multi-faith nature of the wider community in the United Kingdom and the challenges our young people face in modern Britain. Our goal is to ensure our students are prepared for adult life in today's ever-changing world.

At New Park Academy we actively promote the defined British Values of:

- Democracy
- Rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

These values are woven throughout school life.

Democracy

Democracy is central to the way we work at New Park Academy. We value the views of our students and empower them to participate in discussions and decision making through the Student Council and Peer Mentoring. New Park Academy also supports Rights Respecting Schools. Our school behaviour policy involves rewards and sanctions; this is shared through all aspects of school life and shared with parents, and children from Year 7 to Year 11. As a school, we try to make democracy a key part of school life by allowing our children a choice of ideas to vote upon.

Rule of Law

The enforcement of rules is part of every day school life. Students are taught the importance of acting responsibly and respecting each other and the rights of everyone in school to be safe and to learn. Our success focuses on the benefits of acting responsibly whilst highlighting the basic rules we follow to ensure everyone has an opportunity to succeed in our school. Students are also taught about the UK legal system, and judiciary through Citizenship classes and partnering with local agencies.

Individual Liberty

At New Park Academy students are taught to make sensible choices and to learn right from wrong in an environment that is safe and supportive. We encourage individual liberty whilst providing boundaries to ensure our students are safe. E-Safety, Citizenship and PHSE provide time as part of the curriculum to discuss democracy, liberty and tolerance and how to balance liberty and safety. Visits from authorities such as Police, Fire Service and Army are a regular part of our events calendar and help reinforce this message.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

‘Respect for yourself and others’ is one of the core values at New Park Academy and can be seen on our Values poster throughout the school. Our students are taught to care for each other and ‘speak kindly of others’ in everything we do at New Park Academy. We operate a policy of zero tolerance on discrimination of any kind through rigorously enforcing our Anti-Bullying and Race and Equality Policies. A broad and balanced range of religions, cultures and beliefs are studied across the curriculum in all key stages.