

KSSS British Values Statement

Promoting British values

Kettlebrook Short Stay School is committed to serving its community. Our school recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom and understands the crucial role it plays in promoting these values.

We follow equal opportunities guidance, which encourages admissions from all those entitled to education under British law, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender and sexuality, political and financial status. We are an inclusive school, dedicated to preparing students for their adult life beyond the formal examined curriculum; ensuring that we promote and reinforce British values to all our students.

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that key 'British Values' are taught in all UK schools. The five British Values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Kettlebrook Short Stay School uses strategies within the National curriculum and beyond, to embed British values and secure such outcomes for our students.

Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently being reinforced at Kettlebrook Short Stay School. Pupil questionnaires are conducted throughout the year and democratic processes are used to help decision making within the school community. Pupil Voice is important and our pupil elected school council plays a strong role in our school. The principle of democracy is also explored in different areas of the curriculum, as well as in tutor time and assemblies.

The rule of law

The students at Kettlebrook Short Stay School will encounter rules and laws throughout their entire lives. We want them to understand that the laws that are set, whether they govern the classroom, the school, the local community or the country, are there for a reason; that they are there to govern and protect us, but at the same time recognise that there are consequences when laws are broken.

Throughout the year, our school welcomes visits from members of the wider

community, including the Police and Fire Service. They reinforce the message through clear explanations and real life stories and scenarios that our students can relate to.

Individual liberty

At Kettlebrook Short Stay School, students are actively encouraged to make independent choices, knowing that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment in which to do so. Staff at Kettlebrook encourage, support and promote the students to make educated decisions; selecting from a range of activities which they have the freedom to choose from based on their interests. They are able to show independence in learning and to think for themselves.

A strong anti-bullying culture is embedded in the school and any form of bullying is challenged and addressed. Kettlebrook has a comprehensive Behaviour for Learning Policy and students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms. They are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through our e-safety teaching and PSHE lessons.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is a strong part of Kettlebrook Short Stay School and all members of the school community treat each other with respect; reiterated through its teaching and learning environments. Our PSHE curriculum embodies values of mutual respect through units such as Sex and Relationship Education and Introduction to Diversity, Prejudice and Discrimination. PE lessons at Kettlebrook see an attitude of equality and fairness being promoted.

Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum, with students learning that their behaviors have an effect on their own rights and those of others. Kettlebrook provides the opportunity for individual students to express their views in a safe environment, allowing the thoughts and opinions of all, to be heard and respected.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Tolerance is achieved by equipping students with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and through giving them the opportunities to experience such diversity within the school community. Kettlebrook students benefit from International Days, where they are actively encouraged to share different cultures, faiths and beliefs within school and also celebrate different festivities throughout the calendar year.

Kettlebrook Short Stay Schools curriculum provides many opportunities for students to be aware of the diverse societies in which we live. Our school helps to ensure that

the students have a foundation of values upon which to build a successful life on and that they will eventually contribute positively into our society.

LINKS TO OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS:

- **SMSC**
- **INCLUSION POLICY**
- **TEACHING & LEARNING POLICY**
- **STUDENT / PARENT INDUCTION PACK**
- **EQUALITY POLICY AND STATEMENT**
- **ENTRUST: TEACHING BRITISH VALUES AND PREVENT - APPENDIX 7 - 2015**