



## **Freedom of Expression**

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As a Rights Respecting School we hold every individual's right to self-expression as an essential principle of our school ethos.

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, through whatever medium they choose. This may include political expression, creative/artistic expression and through various mediums such as words, pictures, images and actions.

All children in school are enabled to aspire high and reach their personal goals, whether that is through cognitive challenge, creative expression, physical skill, social connection, spiritual growth . . . The uniqueness of every child is recognised and nurtured.

Members of our community who belong to the LGBT+ community, different religious backgrounds, and people who bring with them identities interwoven with rich cultural heritage are fully embraced. Our provision directly challenges gender bias, racial, cultural and religious prejudice and all forms of discriminatory behaviours and views. Members of our school community bring with them various life experiences, races, abilities, and economic backgrounds. We endeavour to reflect our community with all of its unique characteristics, through our creative approach to teaching and learning, school environments, policies and school values.

The opportunity for children and adults alike to share their experiences, emotions, thoughts and dreams through words, music, dance, drama . . . is the cornerstone to our school ethos.

This freedom is limited by the need to follow the rule of law, public safety, the rights of other individuals, the protection of health and morals, and the prevention of the disclosure of information received in confidence.

Children and adults alike are afforded the right to freedom of expression.

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