



Bury and Whitefield JEWISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Ethos/Mission

Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary School and Nursery is committed to providing a caring, welcoming and secure environment, in which all children feel a sense of belonging, all children are motivated to work to the best of their ability and where the unique needs and achievements of each child are recognised. We aim to provide a curriculum which is relevant, balanced and in line with statutory requirements.

We believe that children should be taught respect for themselves and others. We aim to instil in our children a caring and responsible attitude towards other people, both within school and the wider community, as well as to develop in them a sense of awareness and understanding of moral, social and environmental issues. We have high expectations of behaviour and discipline, both in school and when involved in out of school activities, and aim to treat all children consistently and fairly.

In addition to quote Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis (Wellbeing of LGBT & Pupils. A Guide for Orthodox Jewish Schools). “We are, of course, aware of the Torah’s issurim (prohibitions) here, including Vayikra/Leviticus 18:22, but when homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying is carried out with ‘justifications’ from Jewish texts, a major chilul Hashem (desecration of God’s name) is caused. We must be ever-mindful of the mitzva to “Love your neighbour as yourself” (Vayikra/Leviticus19:18), considered by Rabbi Akiva to be the most important principle of the Torah.”

Through the teaching of Judaism according to Halacha, the promotion of Jewish values, the State of Israel, and the celebration of Jewish worship according to the tenets of the local community orthodox Synagogues, we hope to foster in our children a love and understanding of their Jewish faith and heritage, which they will be encouraged to continue at secondary school and carry into adult life.

BWJPS policy on Equality includes the school motto “Love your neighbour as yourself”.

Addressing Prejudice Related Incidents

This school is opposed to all forms of prejudice and we recognise that children and young people who experience any form of prejudice related discrimination may fare less well in the education system. We provide both our pupils and staff with an awareness of the impact of prejudice in order to reduce the likelihood of any incidents. If incidents occur we address them immediately and report them to the Local Authority using the online reporting system at <http://portal.irisadapt.com> .