



School of Sanctuary

A **School of Sanctuary** is a school that is committed to being a safe and welcoming place for all, especially those who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict, persecution, or hardship.

At its heart, being a School of Sanctuary means creating a culture of **inclusion, understanding, and compassion**. It involves the whole school community – staff, students, and families – learning about the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers, embedding inclusive practices into everyday school life, and sharing this commitment with others.

We are currently applying to be a School of Sanctuary and Longbenton High School is proud to be on this journey — because every young person deserves to belong.

Our School of Sanctuary Pledge

At Longbenton High School, we are proud to be a place of welcome, inclusion, and understanding. We commit to being a **School of Sanctuary** for everyone in our community — especially those seeking safety and refuge.

We are committed to upholding the values of compassion, inclusion, and respect at the heart of the School of Sanctuary vision. Guided by our KIDMAP values—Kindness, Integrity, Determination, Manners, Ambition, and Positivity—we strive to ensure that every student, including those seeking sanctuary, feels seen, supported, and celebrated.

We pledge to:

LEARN about the experiences of those who have been forced to flee and the challenges they face.

- We will help our students and staff learn about the experiences of refugees, asylum seekers, and those who have been displaced.
- We will educate our community about the importance of human rights, safety, and compassion.

EMBED inclusive practices that remove barriers to learning, nurture a sense of belonging, and support every young person to thrive.

- We will embed a culture of sanctuary into the heart of school life — in our curriculum, our policies, and our relationships.
- We will create a safe, nurturing environment where all learners feel valued, respected, and supported to succeed.

SHARE our commitment to welcome and inclusion with our wider school community and beyond.



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- We will share our commitment to sanctuary with the wider community.
- We will celebrate the voices, stories, and contributions of those from all backgrounds.
- We will stand up against prejudice and work to build a more just, inclusive society.

We believe that diversity enriches our community, and we are proud to stand in solidarity with refugees, asylum seekers, and all those seeking sanctuary.

Together, we will continue to build a school that is not only safe, but one where all can flourish.