



Newman
Catholic College

Everyone Counts
Everyone Contributes
Everyone Succeeds

School of Sanctuary Award



Schools of
Sanctuary

What is a School of Sanctuary?

A School of Sanctuary is a safe and welcoming place, especially for those seeking sanctuary. It is a school that is proud to be a place of safety and inclusion for all.

A School of Sanctuary is a school that helps its students, staff and wider community to understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary.

Schools of Sanctuary is a nationwide initiative to celebrate the good practice of schools who welcome asylum seeking and refugee families into their school community and foster a culture of welcome and inclusion for all.



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Why become a School of Sanctuary?

**Schools of Sanctuary
is not just about
asylum seekers and
refugees**

**Schools of Sanctuary
is for everyone**

- **Creating a sense of safety and inclusion that is beneficial to everyone**
- **Provides learning opportunities about what it means to seek sanctuary and to dispel some negative myths as well as wider issues of human rights and social justice.**
- **Strengthens race equality and community cohesion in school**
- **Increases student voice and promotes active citizenship.**
- **Supports schools to promote British Values, SMSC and fulfil the Equality Act 2010**



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Our Newman Family

- Families from all over the world
- Many very traumatic backgrounds and stories
- Some have no recourse to public funds
- Ever changing community
- Housing issues
- Ninety Five (95%) of our pupils are from ethnic minority groups.
- The number of pupils speaking English as an Additional Language is 77%.
- We have over 60 different languages spoken.
- The number of pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant is 29.6%



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Becoming School of Sanctuary

LEARN

EMBED

SHARE

- School audit
- Evidence submission



The award is valid for 3 years



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Key Principles

There are three simple principles to being a School of Sanctuary:

1. **Learn** about what it means to be seeking sanctuary.
2. Take positive action to **embed** concepts of welcome, safety and inclusion within your school and the wider community.
3. **Share** your vision and achievements – be proud!

So that... ultimately

- Our students feel welcome
- Our students feel safe
- It is a place of sanctuary



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What next?

Timeline



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- Completed the self-assessment tool March 2019
- Review Self Assessment May 1st 2019- Discussed at SLT, Emailed to key staff
- Introduction to Schools of Sanctuary to all Staff at Twilight March 21st 2019
- Collate evidence
- Celebrate Refugee Week 17th to 23rd June 2019

Refugee
Week



Theme: Different Pasts, Shared Future

- School of Sanctuary assessment completed no later than July 2019