

## Respect Policy

LSI Portsmouth is proud to be a school with staff and students of many different ages and nationalities from many different backgrounds. We believe that this mix of people and cultures makes the school an interesting and exciting place in which to work and study.

Help us to keep LSI Portsmouth a happy place for all staff and students by remembering the following guidelines:

- **Respect** other **students, teachers** and all **staff** and **visitors** at LSI Portsmouth, whatever their **race, gender, age, sexuality, appearance or dress, disability, economic background, political opinion** or **religion**.
- **No discrimination of any sort, bullying or sexual harassment.**
- **Speak English at all times** inside LSI Portsmouth. This way, people from other countries can understand you and join your conversation. Respect that other people do not understand your language and have come here to improve their English – **please go outside if you really need to speak your own language.**
- Use your time at LSI Portsmouth to **meet new people from different backgrounds and from different countries (not just your own country!), learn new things about the world and about British life and culture.**
- **English is a very polite language.** Use ‘please’, ‘thank you’, and ‘sorry’ to show your respect for other people.
- **Think carefully about other people’s feelings before you speak or act.** What may be acceptable in your country or with your friends could upset someone from a different background or culture. Please be sensitive.
- **Understand** that people may have questions about your culture, religion or background. **Help** them to learn more about you by **sharing your beliefs** and ideas, but **respect** that theirs may be different to yours.

Remember that we are all different and this is what makes the world such an interesting place! **Respect the difference. Respect everyone.**

*If you hear or see anything that you think is **upsetting, rude** or **unfair** please **tell your teacher immediately**. If you can’t find your teacher, please talk to the Director of Studies or the Principal or a Welfare Officer. You can also email a Welfare Officer – [welfare@lsi-portsmouth.co.uk](mailto:welfare@lsi-portsmouth.co.uk)*

*If you are not happy with the school's response, please contact our national association, English UK (for details of their complaints procedure, please visit [www.englishuk.com](http://www.englishuk.com)).*

*LSI Portsmouth complies with the British Government's **Prevent Policy** – if you feel that someone holds extreme political, social, or religious ideals or aspirations please tell your teacher or someone in the welfare team immediately.*