

# School of Sanctuary

At West Kirby Primary we have decided to become a School of Sanctuary.

## What is a School of Sanctuary?

A School of Sanctuary is a school that is committed to being a safe and welcoming place for all, especially those seeking sanctuary. This could be people whose lives were in danger in their own country, who have troubles at home or are just looking for a place of safety.

A School of Sanctuary is a school that helps its students, staff and wider community understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary and to extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the school community. It is a school that is proud to be a place of safety and inclusion for all.



The programme began in Yorkshire, England, and there are now Schools of Sanctuary in Wales and Ireland as well as many English cities and towns. Liverpool is a City of Sanctuary.

<https://liverpool.cityofsanctuary.org/>

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!

During January, we will have a special guest come to our school to talk with the children about what becoming a School of Sanctuary involves. We hope the children will really enjoy the assembly and will look forward to completing more work throughout the year.

If you would like more information about School of Sanctuary follow this link-

<https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>

