

THE NHP ETHOS

NHP is a Thinking School which promotes academic rigour and protects the joy of childhood.

Academic rigour + the joy of childhood = NHP

At the heart of an NHP education are four key values:

WONDER

We are curious. We know that a question is almost always the first stage in both the learning process and in finding our voice and so we encourage them. We inspire debate and seek intellectual growth. We find joy in imagination, passion, adventure and original thought and we nurture those qualities in our pupils.

CHALLENGE

We are ambitious. We believe that a child's school years should be a time when they feel safe to challenge and be challenged. When children do not fear failure, they are ready to express their own views, test out new ideas and take risks. At NHP, we celebrate being out of our comfort zone both personally and academically. We see making mistakes, and learning from them, as the path to deeper learning.

SELF-KNOWLEDGE

We think about ourselves. We encourage our pupils to be aware of what they think and feel in certain situations. Observing our own actions and reactions is the first step towards being more conscious of how we learn, how we behave and who we are. Increased self-knowledge is a key part of future success and growing into the person you would like to be.

COMMUNITY

We think about others. We take time to observe and consider the lives and needs of the people around us. We are part of many different communities: cultural, social, local, national and international. Appreciating the diversity and complexity of other people deepens our ability to empathise. We advocate that whilst you are forging your own path you have a responsibility to look after and respect others along the way.