

The Portal Ethos and Culture

The Portal is for children and young people in Norfolk aged four to eighteen.

The Portal will always value each child and young person. Students will be helped to take charge of their learning. Individual 'Living and Learning Plans' (ILLPs) will be co-produced with each child and young person by exploring their thoughts, feelings and needs. These will be based on 'where have I come from', 'where do I want to be in the future' and 'what do I need and want to do now'. Each young person will receive support to discover what is important to them, what great qualities they have and what they stand for.

Everyone attached to The Portal will be expected to show and encourage respect, growth, fairness, making changes and free thinking. Adults involved in The Portal will help children and young people to explore the world and take safe risks; as it is often by making mistakes that we learn and understand. The Portal will work in close collaboration with parents and carers who together with volunteers, leaders and qualified people will all help to create exceptional learning situations for each child and young person.

Children and young people attending The Portal will learn alongside children of different ages in a respectful and friendly way. Notes, photos or recordings will be kept of all types of learning and growing. Everyone involved in The Portal will share in learning, watching, and recording so ILLPs can be kept up to date and meaningful. We will encourage all to share different people's knowledge, beliefs and feelings, and treat these with complete respect. The whole person will be taken care of; mind, body and soul, and given opportunities to take part in lots of activities where they can enjoy learning.

The motto for everyone in The Portal is: Learn to live. Live to learn.