



## **British Values Policy**

The DfE have recently reinforced the need "to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 'Prevent Strategy', and these values have been reiterated by the Prime Minister in 2014 and added to Ofsted inspection guidance in July 2014.

### **Promoting British Values at Safe Haven Day Nursery.**

At Safe Haven Day Nursery, we feel that because we are already an inclusive setting and the EYFS already sets a solid foundation to encourage a child's understanding, promotes respect, tolerance, diversity and acceptance that we live in a diverse community with many different cultures and lifestyles. Our setting already enables children to be independent learners, to make choices and to build strong relationships with other children and staff. We would challenge children, staff or parents who expressed opinions that cause conflict against fundamental British values, where we would then encourage a more positive approach. These values are regularly reinforced throughout our everyday practice, in the following ways:

#### **Democracy:**

We respect, listen to and act on children's and parent's voice. Which is why we include the children's and their parent's comments in their learning journey's. We encourage and support the children to contribute to and co-operate with situations throughout the day, taking into account the views of others, whilst recognising that everyone is entitled to have their own opinion and beliefs, which shouldn't be influenced by others opinions. Children are also involved in making rules for the room, where they are then encouraged to contribute and cooperate with them; again, taking into account the views of others. The children are given opportunities to make choices and decisions independently, e.g. being involved in choosing activities (Child LED Learning), choosing their own breakfast and their favourite stories and songs.

### **The Rule of Law:**

We consistently reinforce our high expectations of children. Our children are taught to be kind, helpful and respectful of others. They are also taught the value and reasons behind our expectations i.e. that they are there to protect us, that everyone has a responsibility and that there are consequences when expectations are not followed. Our 'Golden Rules' that are displayed within each of our rooms are ones that have been implemented through the thoughts and opinions of all the children within that room. We are always promoting the importance of listening to and respecting others, as well as teaching them how to have a conversation. I.e. listen to the other person and wait before speaking. We also speak to the children about table manners during meal times and ask the children what they think they should be doing at meal times. We also speak about using our please and thank you's. This links in with our 'Behaviour Policy' which aims to teach children to behave in socially acceptable ways and to understand the rights and needs of others. We use positive strategies to handle any conflict and praise and acknowledge desirable behaviours.

### **Individual Liberty:**

At Safe Haven Day Nursery, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We educate the children about boundaries, where we then make sure they are implemented within the rooms. This then enables young children to make choices, to manage risks; whilst in a safe environment and surrounded by empowering role modelling, by the staff. Children are encouraged to know, understand and voice their rights and personal freedoms; whilst also being given opportunities to resolve conflicts effectively.

### **Mutual Respect:**

We highly value all of our children and their families. So, we teach the children about compromise; some of us believe on thing, some of us believe something different but we help the children to understand we can all play together and have our own ideas. We celebrate our rich, cultural and religious diversity and promote mutual respect through our everyday practice and activities. At Safe Haven, children are modelled respect through caring, sharing and listening to others. Staff help the children to understand how actions and words affect others. All children, including those with special educational needs and disabilities are valued for their individuality and supported to achieve their very best.

Children are taught that life is not always the same for everyone and we support charities such as 'Red Nose Day', 'Children in Need', 'Shoe-Box

Appeal'. This is done by getting the staff and the children and their families to participate in fundraising events to help the charities. As well as learning the children what the event and charity is about, in ways that are suitable for their age and stage of learning and development. We will also celebrate events such as Safe Haven Day Nursery's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday in June 2020, the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016, the anniversary of the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the 29<sup>th</sup> April (2011).

### **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:**

We teach our children to be part of their local community by visiting the local shops, local events, families and friend's houses. We aim to enhance children's understanding of different faiths and beliefs by participating in a range of celebrations throughout the year i.e. festivals and special days. Children have the opportunity to dress-up in clothes and try different foods from other cultures. We encourage parents/carers to participate and support our multi-cultural events.

During autumn, every year, we take part in 'One World Week' and celebrate the richness and diversity of our world. This involves looking at the different types of clothes that the different cultures wear and the different foods they eat. A different country is explored each day for one week. This enables the children to learn about many other aspects of the wide world they live in. We link this into the children's learning by displaying posters, displays, messages of welcome that reflect the wide range of languages and cultures that we are fortunate to have within our nursery. We also read books with the children that show world religions, cultures, blended families, disabilities and equality. We also provide planned activities, resources and outings to teach the children about the wider world they live within. We also let the children cook, eat and learn about traditional foods; where we teach them where they come from and other aspects of this that are relevant to their age and stage of learning and development. We also promote the learning of British weather and seasons. We monitor all forms of bullying and actively promote politeness and good manners towards all involved within our setting.

**At Safe Haven Day Nursery, embedded in everything we do, is our determination to develop skills of empathy and tolerance to make everyone at our setting feel valued and respected.**

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