



MODERN BRITISH VALUES AT GAMESLEY EARLY EXCELLENCE CENTRE

The ethos of the Nursery School reflects the moral values which Britain and our community intends to promote. We actively promote the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. It is our intention that these determine behaviour throughout the Nursery with adults, young people and children in an age appropriate way. These values include:-

- Telling the truth.
- Respecting the rights and property of others.
- Respect for different faiths and beliefs.
- Acting considerately towards others.
- Taking personal responsibility for one's actions.
- Self-discipline.
- Sharing and taking turns.
- Inclusion.

Whilst children are at Gamesley Early Excellence Centre, their personal, social and emotional development is paramount. To be effective learners and citizens in their community they need to have both self –confidence and self-esteem. Throughout the Nursery day we encourage the children to understand and express their feelings appropriately and this in turn teaches them to develop positive social links with others. Our children do very well in this area of the curriculum and we feel that this “sets them up” to be active, responsible, tolerant, rule abiding citizens in modern Britain.

Promoting Democracy

At our Nursery School we ensure that all our children have a voice that is listened to. Adults listen to children, children are encouraged to listen to each other and children listen to adults.

We value and promote the democracy of the group through providing a variety of learning opportunities such as small group time, planning of role play experiences, spending of fundraising money for Nursery, etc. Adults support the decisions that children make and we promote turn taking, sharing and collaboration. Children learn that they are valued and their thoughts and ideas are respected by both adults and their peers.

Promoting the rule of law

Our simple “Golden rules” are clearly displayed throughout the Nursery and these are revisited each term as new children join us. Adults constantly talk to the children and use these rules throughout the day, explaining the reasons for them and helping children to learn about ‘right’ and ‘wrong’. We have high expectations that our children will know and use these rules whilst in our Nursery and that these sets of behaviour will impact on the way in which they act and react out of Nursery. We have high expectations as to how children behave and children are expected and encouraged to take responsibility for their behaviour and the Nursery resources.

Promoting Individual Liberty

At our Nursery we actively encourage children to make choices within a safe and supportive environment. Our provision of resources and our daily routine structure enables children to make those choices safely. Through supportive interactions adults encourage children to develop a positive sense of themselves. We provide opportunities for children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase confidence in their own abilities e.g. children are encouraged to take risks on outdoor equipment/obstacle course, talk about their experiences and learning. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedom.

Promoting mutual respect and tolerance

Throughout their time at the Nursery children learn about different faiths and values through the celebration of different cultural festivals and the sharing of stories throughout the year. We ensure that there are clothes from a variety of cultures in the home-corner and children are given the opportunity to try different foods, listen to multi-cultural music, read books and complete jigsaws relating to other cultures. We make visits to both the local and wider community. We help children to acquire a tolerance and appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures and we encourage children to discuss the similarities and differences that exist amongst us all. Similarly, adults encourage and explain the importance of tolerant behaviours such as sharing and respecting others opinions.

