

# **Policy for Promoting Fundamental British Values**

The Eveline Day Nursery

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## **The requirement to promote British Values**

In June 2014, the government announced that nursery would be required to promote British values from September 2014. These regulations will sit alongside the requirements of the Equalities Act, which also applies to all types of nurseries.

### **Promoting British Values at The Eveline Day Nursery Schools**

We agree with the Department for Education's five part definition of British Values:

- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Through effective relationships throughout the nursery, we have a strong nursery ethos that promotes the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of our children in our care. We celebrate all festivals and recognise and respect all faiths, races and cultures and have a broad representation of different faiths. Through a comprehensive PSHE curriculum, we teach our children about laws and rules and encourage them to accept responsibility for their behaviour. Our nursery promotes 'equal dignity for the whole community'.

These principles will be encountered by the children throughout their everyday life at The Eveline Day Nursery Schools.

### ***Democracy***

We listen to children's and parent's voice. Parent questionnaires are completed termly. Within the nursery, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment.

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

We strongly encourage the importance of rules and we consistently reinforce the nursery rules daily and through our curriculum. Children are taught the value and reasons behind our expectations (rules) that they are there to protect us, that everyone has a responsibility and that there are consequences when rules are broken.

### ***Individual Liberty***

Our children feel happy to learn in a safe and secure environment and their choices are valued. The children are encouraged to impact on the way the learning tasks are planned and we encourage the children to challenge themselves and determine their own learning. As a nursery we educate and provide boundaries for young children to make choices safely, through our provision of a safe enabling environment and effective teaching. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms.

### ***Mutual Respect***

At The Eveline Day Nursery we work closely with a company called 'Familylab' that focuses on effective communication and supporting one another in different relationships and our motto is 'Equal Dignity for the Whole Community'. Mutual respect is at the heart of our nursery ethos and the children are encouraged to treat each other with respect and also the staff. Our nursery is friendly and inviting and the children feel respected and valued here.

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

We celebrate many different cultures and religions at our nursery and recognise and respect the variety of belief systems. Our children benefit from a rich and varied curriculum and all of the major religions are studied across all of the age ranges. We aim to enhance children's understanding of different faiths and beliefs by participating in a range of celebrations throughout the year. Children have the opportunity to dress-up in clothes and try different foods from other cultures and we encourage parents and carers to participate and support our multi-cultural events. The children are taught about tolerance and help the children to become knowledgeable and understanding citizens who can build a better Britain for the future.