



## **British Values**

### **Policy statement**

The Department for Education (DfE) have reinforced the need ‘to create and enforce clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those different faiths and beliefs.’

The government set out this definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. At little Squirts these values are reinforced regularly through daily practices

### **Procedures**

At Little Squirts we promote British values through our daily practice.

#### *Democracy*

We listen to children’s and parent’s voices. Children are encouraged to contribute to decision making that relates to them. They are encouraged to consider other peoples views and if a general consensus cannot be reached, a majority vote wins and this explained to the children at the time.

#### *The rule of law*

We consistently reinforce our high expectations of the children and use a reward system in the shape of a ‘good news tree’ to highlight when children are achieving this. Appropriate language is used to help them to understand the value and reason behind the expectations (rules), explaining that they are there to protect us and our environment and that everyone has a responsibility. It is made clear that there are consequences to rules not being followed through explanation and demonstration.

#### *Individual liberty*

Children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and secure environment. At Little Squirts we educate and provide boundaries for the children to make choices

safely through our provision of a safe environment and empowering teaching. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedom.

Mutual respect

Children are encouraged to respect each other by listening to each other as well as sharing and demonstrating kind behaviour. Appropriate language is used to help them to understand how to respect each other by talking about how actions and words can affect and possibly hurt others. We encourage children to consider how they would feel if it were them in the situation if unkind behaviour is witnessed or reported.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

We aim to enhance children's understanding of different faiths and beliefs by participating in a range of celebrations throughout the year, paying particular attention to any practices that are followed by our current children and families. We offer the opportunity to dress up in different clothes and for the children to try a variety of food from other cultures and we encourage parents and carers to support and participate in our multicultural events.

This policy was adopted by Little Squirts Preschool on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (review date 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020)

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