



Westfield Nursery School British Values Statement

Vision

At Westfield Nursery we aim to deliver against our vision 'Inspired beginnings; outstanding futures'.

Philosophy

The DfE has 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. At Westfield Nursery School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

We listen to children's and parent's voices. Our school Behaviour Policy is clear that children are expected to contribute and co-operate, considering the views of others.

The Rule of Law

We consistently reinforce our high expectations of children. 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. Children start to understand rules in simple games, in rules of behaviour both inside and outside and at different times of the day, such as tidy up time.

Individual Liberty

Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment and empowering teaching. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms. They can plan and decide where to play and what to do.

Mutual Respect

Children are modelled respect for others through caring, sharing and listening to others. Staff help children to understand how to respect by talking about how actions/words can affect others.

Tolerance of Others

We aim to enhance children's understanding of different faiths and beliefs by celebrating a range of festivals throughout the year. Children have the opportunity to wear traditional costumes and try different foods from other cultures and we encourage parents/carers to participate and support our events together as an harmonious community. They support each other throughout the day such as at snack time and in helping to put coats on.

Identifying and Combating Discrimination

Children are treated as individuals and discrimination is not tolerated. We celebrate difference such as gender, race and language.

Conclusion

At Westfield Nursery School, embedded in everything we do, is our determination to develop empathy and understanding to make everyone at our nursery feel valued and respected.

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