

## **British Values**

The Acorn Nursery School teach British Values, through play, as part of our normal day-to-day routines.

### **Democracy: making decisions together**

As part of our focus on developing self-confidence and self-awareness:

- The Manager and staff encourage children to see their role in the bigger picture, encouraging children to know their views count, value each other's views and values and talk about their feelings, for example when they do or do not need help. When appropriate staff will encourage children to demonstrate democracy in action, for example, children sharing views on what the theme of their role play area could be with a show of hands.
- Staff will support the decisions that children make and provide activities that involve turn-taking, sharing and collaboration. Children will be given opportunities to develop enquiring minds in an atmosphere where questions are valued.

### **Rule of law: understanding rules matter**

As part of our focus on children learning to manage their feelings and behaviour:

- Staff will ensure that children understand their own and others' behaviour and its consequences, and learn to distinguish right from wrong.
- Staff will collaborate with children to create the rules and the codes of behaviour, for example, to agree the rules about tidying up and ensure that all children understand rules apply to everyone.

### **Individual liberty: freedom for all**

As part of our focus on children developing their self-confidence & self-awareness and learning about people & communities:

- Children will develop a positive sense of themselves. Staff will provide opportunities for children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase their confidence in their own abilities, for example through allowing children to take risks on an obstacle course, mixing colours, talking about their experiences and learning.
- Staff will encourage a range of experiences that allow children to explore the language of feelings and responsibility, reflect on their differences and understand we are free to have different opinions, for example in a small group, discuss what they feel about moving up to school.

### **Mutual respect and tolerance: treat others as you want to be treated**

As part of our focus on people & communities, managing feelings & behaviour and making relationships:

- The Manager and Room Leaders create an ethos of inclusivity and tolerance where views, faiths, cultures and races are valued and children are engaged with the wider community.
- We will teach and encourage children to acquire a tolerance and appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures; know about similarities and differences between themselves and others

and among families, faiths, communities, cultures and traditions and share and discuss practices, celebrations and experiences.

- Staff encourage and explain the importance of tolerant behaviours such as sharing and respecting other's opinions.
- Staff promote diverse attitudes and challenge stereotypes, for example, sharing stories that reflect and value the diversity of children's experiences and providing resources and activities that challenge gender, cultural and racial stereotyping.

Staff understand that the following are not acceptable:

- Actively promoting intolerance of other faiths, cultures and races.
- Failure to challenge gender stereotypes and routinely segregate girls and boys.
- Isolating children from their wider community.
- Failure to challenge behaviours (whether of staff, children or parents) that are not in line with the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs.