



Furzehill Childcare Centre

Promoting British Values

The DfE have 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, and these values were reiterated by the Prime Minister in the Prevent Duty 2015. At Furzehill Childcare Centre these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy:

We listen to children’s and parent’s voice. We listen to our children, watch, observe and learn what their likes and dislikes are. We work closely with parents to ensure the child’s voice is heard and their needs responded to. Small group times and meaningful conversations with peers and adults, teach our children to listen to and respect other people and their values.

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. Thus enabling children to assimilate their understanding of right and wrong.

Individual Liberty:

Within the settings children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As an organisation we educate and provide boundaries for young children to make choices safely, through our provision of a safe environment and empowering teaching. Adults encourage children to help each other during play, snack, lunch and tidy up time, along with promoting independence through awarding small levels of responsibility, nurturing children’s confidence to choose resources and take turns independently.

Mutual Respect:

Our approach to Achieving Positive Behaviours is underpinned by a strong emphasis of ‘Respect’. Adults model this to children by caring, sharing and listening to others. Also, children are helped to understand how to show respect by talking about how actions/words can affect others. To ensure our children’s understanding of respect is wide reaching, visits from visitors who work in the community such as the police help them to understand and respect the roles of people in the community.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

In our learning and routines we promote tolerance and understanding while celebrating British values, this will help children respect other cultures while developing a sense of national identity. We aim to enhance children’s understanding of different faiths and beliefs by participating in a range of celebrations throughout the year. We visit the church for Harvest Festival and Christmas, we celebrate British traditions such as Shrove Tuesday and the Royal Family events and we also observe traditions from other cultures such as Chinese New Year and Diwali. Children have the opportunity to dress-up in clothes and try different foods from other cultures and we encourage parents/carers to participate and support our multi-cultural activities.

