

Whiteley Preschool British Values Policy



This policy should be read in conjunction with our safeguarding and child protection policy and equality and diversity policy.

On the 1st July 2015 the Prevent Duty became part of our legislation. Under this legislation it is our responsibility as a preschool to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and identify those who oppose British Values. It also requires us to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. By upholding these British Values as defined by the Prevent Strategy and embedding them into our daily practice and activities resilience is built in children to challenge extremist views.

Legislation

- Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 Prevent Duty
- Equality Act 2010
- Statutory Framework for the EYFS 2021

Democracy

We encourage children to develop their self-confidence and self-awareness through play. As a free-flow setting children are encouraged to make choices about what they would like to explore and make their own decisions on how they are going to use the resources provided for them. Through collaboration and negotiation, children learn to take turns, share, make decisions and resolve problems. The children often use sand timers to aid with turn taking and can vote for different choices for next week's snack, teaching them that their vote count.

Rule of law

We help the children to learn how to manage their own feelings and behaviour. We do this through emotion cards, labelling emotions and allowing the children to express their own feelings. We set boundaries so that the children understand what the expectations are. This is done through our preschool rules which are taught to the children when they join the setting. These are: Walking feet, kind hands, listening ears.

We use positive language for example: - "I like it when you use your listening ears".

Children are encouraged to risk assess themselves so that they understand how they can keep themselves and each other safe. It also allows them to understand what happens if they break the rules and the possible consequences of this.

Individual Liberty

We help children to develop a positive sense of themselves by building on their self-confidence and self-awareness which enables them to have a positive image of themselves. At Whiteley Preschool we do this through praise, certificates and an achievement tree which celebrates achievements at preschool and at home. As a free flow setting the children follow their own interests and learn to be independent. This is supported by the educators and adult led activities throughout the day. Having the independence to choose gives the children opportunities to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase their confidence in their own abilities.

All children are given time and space to explore. We reflect on similarities and differences and encourage children to develop their opinions, teaching them that everyone is free to ask questions and to make their own opinion and feel valued.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

By following the Rule of Law, we help children to learn how to manage their own feelings and behaviour. We discuss with the children how we may have made others feel and how this has impacted on how we feel. Children are encouraged to respect their peers and their environment, including the resources that we have at preschool. Educators model behaviour and language, encouraging and building on friendships through small group time, common interests, play and role modelling. All children are encouraged to explore all the preschool areas, toys, and resources within the continuous provision.

We have four key groups at Whiteley Preschool, each with their own keyworker and co keyworker: Owl, Squirrel, Gruffalo & Fox. Key groups allow the children to feel part of a small community by identifying with their key group. All children and staff are part of the larger Whiteley Preschool community and in turn the preschool plays a part in the wider Whiteley Community. We make use of the local environment, and the children often visit the woods and take part in litter picking in the local vicinity. We also learn about

Our Equality and Diversity Policy sets out our commitment to provide equal opportunities and anti-discriminative practice for all staff, children, and their families. We respect and value different faiths, views, cultures, and races. When joining the setting we find out about children's faiths and the events that they celebrate as a family. Parents/carers are invited into the setting to celebrate cultural events with us. In addition, we operate an open-door policy meaning parents are welcome to visit or join in with their children at any time.

We help the children to explore similarities and differences in themselves, their families, faiths, communities, cultures, and traditions. We share and discuss celebrations and experiences that take place outside of preschool at group times and during free-flow play. We teach the children that different cultures celebrate different traditions for example Chinese New Year and Diwali. We promote all cultures, including the British culture and explore our weather, native animals, foods, and events.

This policy was adopted on 8th November 2015

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Signed.....Chairperson