



Bedford Nursery Schools Federation

BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT

Teaching British Values

Promoting British Values at Bedford Nursery Schools Federation.

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 and these values have been reiterated by the Prime Minister this year (2014). At Bedford Nursery Schools Federation 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, taking into account 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.

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.

Mutual Respect

Part of our School Ethos and Behaviour Policy has revolved around Core Values such as ‘Respect’ and children are modelled this by 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 those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

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 a harmonious community.

At Bedford Nursery Schools, embedded in everything we do, is our determination to develop empathy and understanding to make everyone at our settings feel valued and respected.

“Celebrating & Strengthening our Communities together”