



## Bedford Nursery Schools Federation

### BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT

#### *Teaching British Values*

Promoting British Values at Bedford Nursery Schools Federation.

In 2014 the Department for Education published guidance on promoting British values in schools to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. These values were first set out by the government in the 'Prevent' strategy in 2011.

The guidance reinforced that "schools should 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"

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 Well-being (behaviour) policy is clear that children are expected to contribute and co-operate, taking into account the views of others. They are encouraged to make simple choices and are supported to take turns, share and join in group activities.

#### **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. We support children to understand these boundaries by having clear, consistent routines that help children feel safe and secure.

#### **Individual Liberty**

Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment with empowering teaching. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms. Children are respected as individuals, and we celebrate what makes them unique.

#### **Mutual Respect**

Part of our school ethos and well-being policy (behaviour) revolves around core values such as 'respect' and children are modelled to and explicitly encouraged to show caring, sharing and listening to others. Staff help children to understand how to respect by talking about how actions/words can affect others. The children learn about similarities and differences through stories, celebrations and daily experiences. We encourage caring behaviour and friendships.

#### **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. We recognise that parents and carers play a vital role in supporting children's values and attitudes. We work closely with families to ensure that children feel secure, respected and included, promoting positive values within our 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.

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