

Elephant and Castle Child Care Centre  
Fundamental British Values Policy and Procedure

**Statement of intent**

At Elephant and Castle Child Care Centre we take great care in promoting and supporting the Fundamental British Values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. These values are significantly embedded in the 2014 Early Years Foundation Stage and in our practice. We aim to provide opportunities that develop enquiring minds in an atmosphere where questions are valued.

**Method**

Democracy- making decisions together

- We listen and give value to the children's views and demonstrate that they count.
- We encourage and support the children in valuing each other's views and discuss their feelings.
- At 'carpet' times we support the children in sharing their views, within a large group. At these times the children are encouraged to demonstrate democracy in action, by giving a 'show of hands'.
- Activities which are adult directed and initiated involve turn-taking, sharing and collaboration.

Rule of law- understanding rules

- We support children in understanding their own behaviour and the behaviour of others has consequences and learn to distinguish right from wrong.
- We encourage and support the children in constructing our 'Golden Rules', for the setting.
- We support the children in abiding by the rules and boundaries with regard to routines and daily activities.
- We demonstrate to the children that rules apply to everyone.

Individual liberty- freedom for all

- We support children in developing a positive sense of themselves. We encourage children to participate in activities that develops their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase their confidence in their own abilities. We sustain a safe environment that allows the children to take age appropriate risk and discuss their experiences and learning.
- We support children in group discussion to explore the language of feelings and responsibility, reflect on their differences and develop an understanding that we are free to have different opinions.

Mutual respect and tolerance- treat others as you want to be treated

- We promote diverse attitudes and challenge stereotypes by sharing stories that reflect and value the diversity of children's experiences. We provide resources and plan activities that challenge gender, cultural and racial stereotyping.
- We encourage the children to reflect on and share their 'My Stories'. This supports the children in developing an understanding in their similarities and differences between themselves and others.
- We share stories and plan activities that explores faiths, communities, cultures and traditions. We invite families and people from the local community into the setting to share their experiences, practices and celebrations.
- We have an ethos in the setting that promotes inclusivity and tolerance where views, faiths, cultures and races are valued.

This policy and procedure was adopted by the nursery in August 2015, it will be reviewed annually and amended as necessary.

Signed on behalf of the setting.