

British Values

Gloucester Nursery School is committed to working closely and in harmony with its community and celebrating the diversity of the UK. We aim to prepare children for life in modern Britain and to ensure that our school ethos, curriculum and approaches to teaching and learning reflect and promote British values.

We recognise that these values are not exclusive to being British and that they have come to be accepted throughout the democratic world as the method of creating an orderly society in which individual members can feel safe, valued and can contribute to for the good of themselves and others.

We work alongside our local community and recognise the variety of religious beliefs within it. We take children outside the school to take part in local events and meet different members of the community to appreciate the valuable contributions they make.

We take opportunities to:

- Acknowledge, celebrate and commemorate national events and anniversaries related to key events in Britain's past
- Support charities that are selected by the children and families and arrange fundraising events
- Invite members of the local community to our school events.

We understand that the role that our school has in helping prevent radicalisation and supporting our children in developing a world view recognising Britain's place within it. The four British values are:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Details about how each British Value is embedded into our practice

British value	Statement	In practice
Democracy	<p>Many of our school routines are built upon the concept of democracy. All children have the opportunity as an individual and as a member of a Family Worker group, to influence decision making and to have a voice.</p> <p>Children are regularly consulted both formally and informally about how their school might be improved. They see the example that is set with staff working co-operatively with parents, governors and each other to make the school the best it can be.</p>	<p>Children vote for different events e.g. school trips or for snacks</p>
The rule of law	<p>Children in our school understand the need for rules to make ours a happy and secure environment.</p> <p>Children are helped to understand the reasons for rules related to safety.</p>	<p>Issues to do with the rules we apply in school and how they appear in practice are discussed during Pow Wow times.</p>
Individual liberty	<p>The rights of every child are at the centre of our ethos. However, children also recognise the boundaries there must be too.</p> <p>Independent thinking and learning are encouraged and there are opportunities for children to make their own choices throughout the nursery session.</p> <p>We place an emphasis on respecting difference and valuing creativity.</p>	<p>Throughout the nursery sessions and during extended school provision, children make choices and are encouraged to be independent. At lunch time children choose what games to play with Early Years Assistants.</p>
Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs	<p>Respect is one of our school values. We recognise the importance of not only respecting one another but self-respect too.</p> <p>We have a clear anti-bullying policy which emphasises the importance of us creating an environment both with school and the wider world in which individuals can feel safe and valued.</p> <p>We welcome all visitors to the school and on school visits into the community children behave well.</p> <p>Each individual is respected in our school and our actions towards one another reflect this.</p> <p>We welcome difference and diversity and aim to create understanding of how this adds to the richness of our community.</p>	<p>During Protective Behaviour work with children includes topics such as friendships, sharing, support networks, keeping the environment tidy and looking after resources.</p> <p>The staff code of conduct ensures that staff behave towards each other in an exemplary way, setting a good example for the children. The language used between staff and children at all times is considered to be vital in showing how we respect one another.</p> <p>Parents visit the nursery to share their cultures and faiths with the children.</p>