



## **BRITISH VALUES POLICY**

### **British Values**

British values are a set of four values introduced to help keep children safe and promote their welfare and promote their spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development. At Little Steps we are an inclusive setting and our ethos and curriculum enables children to be independent learners, to make choices and to build strong relationships with their peers and all adults. Our setting believes that children flourish best when their personal, social and emotional needs are met and where there are clear and developmentally appropriate expectations for their behaviour. We would challenge pupils, staff or parents who expressed opinions contrary to fundamental British values.

### **Democracy**

We respect, listen to and act on children's and parent's views. Children are involved in making setting rules and they are expected to contribute and cooperate with them, 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, that they are there to protect us, that everyone has a responsibility and that there are consequences when rules are broken. Our 'Behaviour and Discipline Policy' aims to teach children to behave in socially acceptable ways and to understand the rights and needs of others. We use positive strategies to handle any conflict and praise and acknowledge desirable behaviours.

### **Individual Liberty**

At Little Steps children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We educate and provide boundaries for young children to make choices, to manage risks, through our provision of a safe environment and empowering teaching. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are given opportunities to resolve conflicts effectively.

### **Mutual Respect and tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

At Little Steps we value all of our children and families. We celebrate our rich cultural and religious diversity and promote mutual respect. Our staff model respect through caring, sharing and listening to others. Adults help children to understand how actions and words affect others. All children are valued for their individuality and supported to achieve their potential.



We aim to enhance children's understanding of different faiths and beliefs by participating in a range of celebrations throughout the year. Children have the opportunity to dress-up in clothes and try different foods from other cultures and we encourage parents/carers to participate and support our multi-cultural events. At Little Steps we are dedicated to developing skills of empathy and tolerance to make everyone at our setting feel valued and respected.