

# Promoting British Values Policy (Updated for EYFS 2025)

**Policy Statement:** At Butterflies Nursery, we are committed to promoting British values within our childminding setting. We believe that embedding these values fosters a positive, inclusive, and respectful environment that helps children develop a strong sense of citizenship, diversity, and mutual respect.

## Democracy

- Children will have opportunities to express their opinions, make choices, and participate in decision-making processes.
- They will be encouraged to share their views, listen to others, and respect differing perspectives.
- Activities such as **voting on group decisions** or **expressing preferences in play and learning** will be incorporated into daily routines.

## Rule of Law

- Children will learn about the importance of rules and laws in maintaining a safe and fair environment.
- Simple, age-appropriate rules will be established, helping children understand boundaries and consequences in a **positive and supportive** way.
- Staff will model **fairness, consistency, and positive reinforcement** when teaching children about rules.

## Individual Liberty

- Children will be supported to develop their **independence, confidence, and decision-making skills**.
- They will be encouraged to **express their ideas, opinions, and interests**, while understanding their personal rights and responsibilities.
- We will create an environment where children feel **safe to make choices** and explore their own abilities.

## **Mutual Respect and Tolerance**

- We will celebrate **diversity** and teach children to value and respect people of **different backgrounds, cultures, religions, and beliefs**.
- Books, resources, and activities will reflect a variety of cultures, traditions, and perspectives to foster understanding and **challenge stereotypes**.
- Children will learn about **kindness, empathy, and cooperation** in their daily interactions.

## **British Cultural Heritage**

- We will introduce children to aspects of **British culture, history, and traditions** in a respectful and age-appropriate manner.
- Events such as **Remembrance Day, St. George's Day, and traditional British festivals** will be included in activities to support cultural awareness.
- Children will engage in **local community events** and learn about their **environment and heritage**.

## **Discussion and Reflection**

- Open discussions about **values, fairness, and respect** will be encouraged.
- Reflection and critical thinking will be promoted through **stories, role play, and group discussions**.
- Children will be encouraged to **ask questions, share experiences, and develop their understanding of the world around them**.

## **Parent and Community Involvement**

- We will work **collaboratively with parents and guardians** to promote British values at home and in the childminding setting.
- Families will be invited to **share their cultural backgrounds and traditions**, fostering an inclusive and **diverse learning environment**.
- Links with **local community groups and services** will be encouraged to help children feel a sense of belonging.

### **Age-Appropriate Approach**

- Activities and discussions about British values will be adapted based on the **ages, backgrounds, and developmental stages** of the children in our care.
- Play-based learning, storytelling, and hands-on activities will be used to **engage children in a meaningful way**.

### **Review and Monitoring**

- This policy will be **reviewed annually** or more frequently if required, ensuring **compliance with EYFS 2025** and any **new legislation or guidance**.
- Feedback from **parents, legal guardians, and staff** will be welcomed to continuously improve our **approach to promoting British values**.

### **Alignment with EYFS 2025 Changes**

- The **EYFS 2025 framework continues to emphasise** the importance of promoting British values **as part of children's personal, social, and emotional development**.
- We align our approach with the updated guidance by ensuring British values are **integrated into daily routines, play, and discussions**, rather than being taught as separate topics.
- Our policy reflects the **EYFS 2025 focus on community engagement**, supporting children's **understanding of their roles and responsibilities** in society.

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