



**Clapham &
Clapham Park
Montessori**

Promoting British Values Policy

Clapham & Clapham Park Montessori has a duty to promote the Fundamental British Values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs.

These beliefs are embedded within the Early Years Foundation Stage whose principles we adhere to.

Some examples of the way in which we promote Fundamental British Values are given below:

Democracy

The children are encouraged to share their views and to listen to the views of others when taking part in group activities. Children are also encouraged to ask questions and to be inquisitive. When a whole group activity is to take place, for example during recreation time after lunch, the children are asked to vote with a show of hands on what that activity will be.

Rule of Law

The children learn that there are rules that govern their behaviour in the classroom and in society in general. These rules are consistently reinforced through the use of Grace and Courtesy groups and, when necessary, gentle correction. The children also come to understand these rules are not arbitrary but have been put in place to protect themselves and others and to ensure that no individual infringes upon the liberty of others.

Individual Liberty

The principle of individual liberty is enshrined in Montessori education. The children are encouraged to make individual choices and to carry out their tasks independently thereby developing a positive sense of themselves. They also learn that they must respect the individual liberties of others.

Mutual Respect

The children are expected to treat each other and the adults within the nurseries with respect. They show this respect, for example, by not interfering with or disturbing the work of others and through carrying out tasks which are for the benefit of others as well as themselves. There is no sense of competition in a Montessori classroom and instead the children learn that each individual in the mixed age classroom has something of value that they can offer to the community.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We promote an ethos of inclusivity and tolerance where different views, faiths, cultures and races are valued. Cultural and religious festivals such as Diwali, Christmas and Chinese New Year are celebrated throughout the year. The children also learn about various countries and cultures through their work in the Cultural area of the curriculum.

In addition, parents and carers are encouraged to come in and talk to the children and share their experiences of different cultures.

This Promoting British Values Policy should be read in conjunction with the Safeguarding Children and Child Protection Policy and Procedures.

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