

# **Promoting British Values**

Blackwell Montessori Nursery has always promoted British values. Following the EYFS, the Montessori principles and other policies means that promoting British values is part of our everyday routine:

- Being polite, saying please and thank you
- Sharing and turn taking
- Making friends and friendship
- Being kind, helpful and respectful
- Teaching children to listen to each other
- Challenging stereotypes, no boys' or girls' only toys
- Table manners etc.

*British Values are a set of four values introduced to keep children safe and promote their welfare.*

## **Democracy**

- Our open door policy means that parents are always welcome to talk to us and we will try our best to follow their wishes
- Children are given opportunities to make decisions about the choice of activities and resources they play with
- Children's ideas and opinions are valued and listened to

## **Rule of law**

- we have a behavior policy in place, all staff follow the same strategies to deal with children's behavior
- we teach children right from wrong
- children are expected to follow nursery rules
- we teach children that rules exist to protect them from harm and that there are consequences when rules are broken

## **Individual liberty**

- children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment
- we provide boundaries for children to make choices safely, through our provision of a safe enabling environment and effective teaching
- Children have plenty of opportunities to express their ideas and opinions

### **Mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

- we have an Equality and diversity policy in place
- we encourage children to treat others as you want to be treated
- children learn about respect through interactions with caring adults and by being respected
- we celebrate and mark many British traditions as well as learn about other cultures, religions and beliefs
- we promote tolerance, teach children about similarities and differences
- we have a zero tolerance on bullying