

Doverly Acorns Pre-School

Teaching children British values

Nicky Morgan (Education Secretary) has said that early years providers must teach 'fundamental British values in an age appropriate way' to children from the age of 2.

David Cameron has backed this, saying that we need to teach 'freedom, tolerance, respect for the rule of law, belief in personal and social responsibility and respect for British institutions'.

Ms Morgan says we are to teach children about –

- Right from wrong*
- Taking turns and sharing*
- Challenging negative attitudes and stereotypes*
- Mutual respect and tolerance of different religions and beliefs*

Here at Doverly Acorns we already incorporate the following into our planning, all of which will support your children's learning about 'fundamental British Values'. I thought it important to share this with our Parents and Carers to ensure a consistent approach from both home and Pre-School.

How we incorporate British values into our curriculum here at Doverly Acorns:-

- Teach children to share and take turns – in conversation, at the shops, when reading books etc.***
- Celebrate British special days e.g. St George's Day***
- Help children to understand about friendship and support them to make friends***
- Focus on listening skills so children wait before shouting out and understand not to spoil a song or book by talking through the words***
- Promote manners – please, thank you, sorry, age appropriate behaviour at the table etc.***
- Take children on outings into the local community***
- Teach them about British flowers, trees, birds and animals***
- Cover a variety of themes about people who live in the world around us***
- Watch British television programmes***
- Teach them about the British weather***
- Teach empathy and understanding***
- Give children age appropriate words to describe disability***
- Help children to set appropriate behaviour boundaries***
- When doing arts and crafts, use British artists and sculptors for inspiration***
- Cook British food with the children***
- Learn about British villages, towns and cities***
- Use the learning characteristic 'critical thinking' to support children to ask questions and become independent and creative learners.***

Thank you very much for your support.

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