



BRITISH VALUES STATEMENT - Elmsleigh Infant and Nursery School

British Values

Elmsleigh Infant and Nursery School are a very inclusive school and are proud in celebrating being part of Britain in a culturally diverse society.

We are dedicated in promoting British Values through our school assemblies, collective worship, Religious Education and PSHE curriculum. We have an ethos which is underpinned by our core values of providing excellence for all.

Rule of Law

- ✓ We welcome all new parents and support them through an induction process which includes sharing our expectations and signing our Home School Agreement.
- ✓ Elmsleigh has strong links with our local community police officers and fire services.
- ✓ We regularly review behaviour incidents in school and share these with key stakeholders.
- ✓ Whole-school, class, and playground rules are shared and revisited regularly.

Individual Liberty

- ✓ Within school, our children are taught about the impact of the choices they make in life, impacting on excellent behaviour.
- ✓ Children are free to choose play-time and class activities which is cascaded through to Year 2.
- ✓ Our children are very vocal in their beliefs and our highly skilled staff give children the time to talk if they have worries.
- ✓ We teach children about freedom of speech and rights through Assemblies, collective worship, PSHE and E-safety lessons. Children are regularly taught how to stay safe in the world.

Democracy

- ✓ We have School Council representatives from each class who help to make the school a better place. The school council children make sure that children's opinions are heard from their class. The school council have helped to design the new playground markings, cast votes during whole school competitions and are helping to create a wildlife area for the fundraising committee. Our children take part in pupil interviews on a termly basis to help us to understand perceptions and views about school life.
- ✓ We teach turn-taking and fairness from the Nursery through games, circle time and lessons.
- ✓ We invite parents to share their views regularly through our open-door policy. The Headteacher is available on the school gate every morning; questionnaires are sent out to parents and carers annually and the results are published.

Mutual Respect

- ✓ Our school provides many opportunities to identify and value the differences and similarities between people through SEAL which is taught regularly.
- ✓ We are proud to be part of a strong community: we have an active and dedicated fundraising team who help to support the school.
- ✓ Our Enhanced Resource provision allows children to develop mutual respect for each other regardless of ability.
- ✓ Children learn about special British celebrations and event through the curriculum and assemblies. Our Year 2 children focus on Remembrance Day as a topic and we observe a 2-minute silence as a whole school as well as visit the memorials. We provide food for our local food bank during Harvest Festival celebrations.

Tolerance of different Faiths and Beliefs

- ✓ We have weekly visitors from our church community who promote key themes including belonging, fairness, law and freedom.
- ✓ Special celebrations in different faiths are taught including Diwali, Christmas, Chinese New Year, Easter
- ✓ We focus as a whole school on an 'Arts Culture Week' every year where a different culture is learned through the Arts, including India, China and Visitors from different faiths visit to enhance our multi-cultural curriculum.