



Promoting British Values in the Early Years at Manor Church of England Infant School

The fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs are implicitly embedded in the Early Years Foundation Stage at Manor Church of England Infant School.

Democracy: making decisions together

As part of the focus on self-confidence and self-awareness as cited in Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- Staff at Manor encourage children to see their role in the bigger picture, encouraging children to know their views count, value each other's views and values and talk about their feelings, for example when they do or do not need help. When appropriate children demonstrate democracy in action, for example, children share views on what the theme of their role play area could be with a show of hands.
- Staff support the decisions that children make and provide activities that involve turn-taking, sharing and collaboration. Children are given opportunities to develop enquiring minds in an atmosphere where questions are valued.
- In the Autumn term the children vote for class representatives of the School Council, Playground Pals, Happiness Heroes and Planet Protectors.
- On Fridays the children share their views on which resources they would like to use in the class learning environment the following week.

Rule of law: understanding rules matter as cited in Personal Social and Emotional development

As part of the focus on managing feelings and behaviour:

- Staff at Manor ensure that children understand their own and others' behaviour and its consequences, and learn to distinguish right from wrong.
- Staff collaborate with children to create the rules and the codes of behaviour, for example, to agree the rules about tidying up and ensure that all children understand rules apply to everyone.

Individual liberty: freedom for all

As part of the focus on self-confidence & self-awareness and people & communities as cited in Personal Social and Emotional development and Understanding the World:

- Children develop a positive sense of themselves. Staff provide opportunities for children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase their confidence in their own abilities, for example through allowing children to take risks on an obstacle course, mixing colours, talking about their experiences and learning.

- Staff encourage a range of experiences that allow children to explore the language of feelings and responsibility, reflecting on their differences and understanding that we are free to have different opinions, for example in small groups children discuss what they feel about transferring into Year 1.

Mutual respect and tolerance: treat others as you want to be treated

As part of the focus on people & communities, managing feelings & behaviour and making relationships as cited in Personal Social and Emotional development and Understanding the World:

- Staff create an ethos of inclusivity and tolerance where views, faiths, cultures and races are valued and children are engaged with the wider community. At Manor we follow the agreed RE syllabus 'Living Difference'.
- Children acquire a tolerance and appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures; they know about similarities and differences between themselves and others and among families, faiths, communities, cultures and traditions and share and discuss practices, celebrations and experiences.
- Staff encourage and explain the importance of tolerant behaviours such as sharing and respecting other's opinions.
- Staff promote diverse attitudes and challenge stereotypes, for example, sharing stories that reflect and value the diversity of children's experiences and by providing resources and activities that challenge gender, cultural and racial stereotyping.

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