

# British Values Intent, Implementation and Impact

## Intent

At Dimple Well Infant School and Nursery we aim to provide children with knowledge, skills and experiences so that they can be a proud and valuable member of our society. By providing children with knowledge, through stories, discrete teaching and hands on experiences, we hope to give them an internal set of values that will help them to thrive in our ever changing world.

## Implementation

At Dimple Well we are proud to be part of Britain. We show this pride by celebrating traditional customs throughout the year; this includes Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day, Mother's Day, local and national charity events and national sporting events.

We teach the children about the four fundamental values both discretely and throughout the curriculum. Much of our learning comes from sharing stories or experiences. By allowing the children time to reflect on what they have learnt they can then make decisions on how they can implement these values in life.

### **Democracy**

It is important that all of our Dimple Well community feel that they have the right for their voice to be heard. We ensure there are opportunities for this to happen for children, parents and staff throughout the year. This takes many different forms which include having an open door policy, through questionnaires and surveys, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and our School Council.

### **The Rule of Law**

It is important that children understand that there are rules and laws that are designed to keep us and others safe. This starts with our class and whole school rules and progresses into the laws that we must follow as members of society. We refer to these rules and laws in our school life every day, such as in assembly and when reflecting upon our behaviour choices.

### **Individual Liberty**

Alongside rules and laws, we encourage children to make their own choices and express their own views and opinions of their likes, dislikes and beliefs. We enable children to do this by providing them a safe and welcoming environment. As part of our SEALs programme, we explore ourselves through themes such as 'Good to Be Me' during assemblies and Circle Time activities. These give children the opportunity to explore, compare and talk about their similarities and differences.

### **Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs**

The children and staff at Dimple Well Infant School understand that everyone is equal, regardless of differences, both those that we can see and those which we cannot. Our children understand that respect should be shown to all.

For more details on how we cover the four fundamental values please refer to our British Values Policy and our Annual Coverage document.

## Impact

Our children are given the opportunity to debate on and vote for different issues as part of their school life. Children are able to successfully work together to help one another, by respecting each other's contributions to discussions and taking on roles to support the learning of their peers.

Our children understand that rules at our school are in place to keep themselves and others safe and healthy. Children understand the importance of accepting responsibility for their own actions and that the rules we follow are also in place to support and prepare them for the world beyond Dimple Well.

Our children are given safe boundaries enabling them to make independent and informed choices. They understand that we are all unique and that we should embrace and encourage difference and individuality.

Our children are able to show respect to themselves and others. They are able to talk about different faiths and cultures that they learn about, they are able to ask questions and because of this they show respect towards others of different faiths and religions.

Through a broad and varied curriculum taught both implicitly and explicitly we are proud that the children of Dimple Well are already developing in to successful and valuable members of the wider community.