

Lee Royd Nursery School



OUR STATEMENT OF BRITISH VALUES

At Lee Royd Nursery School we promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

We believe that the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) already provides a solid foundation to encourage a child's understanding and acceptance that we live in diverse communities with many different cultures and lifestyles.

Democracy

We listen to the children's and parent's voices. We promote a sense of belonging to the school community, where we seek to take account of each other's views, and where members of the community are expected to contribute and co-operate.

What does 'Democracy' look like for our school?

At Lee Royd Nursery, children are provided with many opportunities to talk – to staff and to each other. We encourage them to 'use their words'. We talk about being 'fair' and we 'listen' to everyone's ideas. We can all make our own 'choices' – we all have our own opinions. We respect each individual.

The Rule of Law

We consistently reinforce our high expectations of children. Children are taught the value and the reasons behind our expectations (rules): that they are there to protect us, that everyone has responsibilities and that there are consequences when rules are broken. Our Behaviour Policy supports these values.

What does 'The rule of Law' look like for our school?

At Lee Royd Nursery, children are encouraged to be polite, to use their manners and to have 'kind hands and kind words.' We talk about ways in which we can be kind and what we should do if someone is not being kind to us. We regularly make reference to our class rules and why we need to have them.

Individual Liberty

Within school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate, and provide

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boundaries for young children so that they can make choices safely through provision of a safe enabling environment and effective teaching.

What does 'Individual Liberty' look like for our school?

At Lee Royd Nursery, we welcome the opportunity for children to talk about their experiences, their likes and dislikes. They are encouraged to have a go at things they find difficult and staff talk to them about the importance of not giving up – that things can be achieved through perseverance.

Mutual Respect

The ethos of Lee Royd Nursery School is based on core values, one of which is respect. We expect children to learn to care for others, to share and to listen to each other. Staff help children to understand how to respect by talking about how actions and words can affect others, and by modelling this in their relationships with each other.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We aim to enhance children's understanding of different beliefs and faiths by celebrating a range of festivals throughout the year. Children have the opportunity to wear traditional costumes and try different foods from other cultures. We encourage parents and carers to support and participate in our events together as a community. It is our aim to develop empathy and understanding and to make everyone at Lee Royd feel valued and respected.

What does 'Mutual Respect and Tolerance' look like for our school?

At Lee Royd, we give children the opportunity to talk about things they like doing with their families and we help the children understand that similarities and differences connect us or make us unique. We celebrate individual's birthdays and other occasions that are special to us, for example, Eid, Christmas and Easter.

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