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# British Values

**Responsibility:** Nursery Lead

**Review Cycle:** Every 2 years, or earlier

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April 2016	April 2017
April 2017	April 2019
May 2018	May 2020
May 2020	May 2022
Sept 2021	Sept 2023
Sept 2023	Sept 2025
Sept 2024	Sept 2026

## Statement of Commitment to British Values

### Policy Statement:

The EYFS statutory framework (January 2024) states:

Children's personal, social and emotional development (PSED) is crucial for children to lead healthy and happy lives, and is fundamental to their cognitive development.

Underpinning their personal development are the important attachments that shape their social world. Strong, warm and supportive relationships with adults enable children to learn how to understand their own feelings and those of others. ... Through supported interaction with other children, they learn how to make good friendships, co-operate and resolve conflicts peaceably. These attributes will provide a secure platform from which children can achieve at school and in later life

Nursery uphold British Values by:

1. Embracing diversity.
2. Learning about the importance of religion, traditions, cultural heritage and preferences.
3. Challenging stereotyping, labelling and prejudice.
4. Tackling discrimination.

### St Thomas a Becket Nursery British Values Statement

At St Thomas a Becket Nursery, we are committed to promoting the essential British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These values are integrated into our daily practices, curriculum, and environment, ensuring that our children grow up as responsible, caring, and informed members of society.

#### Democracy

We encourage children to express their views and make choices in their learning. Through group activities, including children in decision making and discussions, we teach the importance of listening to others and respecting different opinions. Our children learn that their voices matter and that everyone has the right to be heard.

#### The Rule of Law

Understanding the importance of rules and boundaries is a key part of our nursery's ethos. We help children understand the reasons behind rules, teaching them about right and wrong, and the consequences of their actions. Our consistent approach ensures that children feel safe and secure, and understand the importance of following rules for the well-being of everyone.

#### Individual Liberty

We nurture a supportive environment where children are encouraged to make choices and take risks within a safe and structured framework. We promote independence by allowing children to explore their interests and develop confidence in their abilities. Through this, they learn about their own rights and the freedom to express themselves while respecting others.

#### Mutual Respect

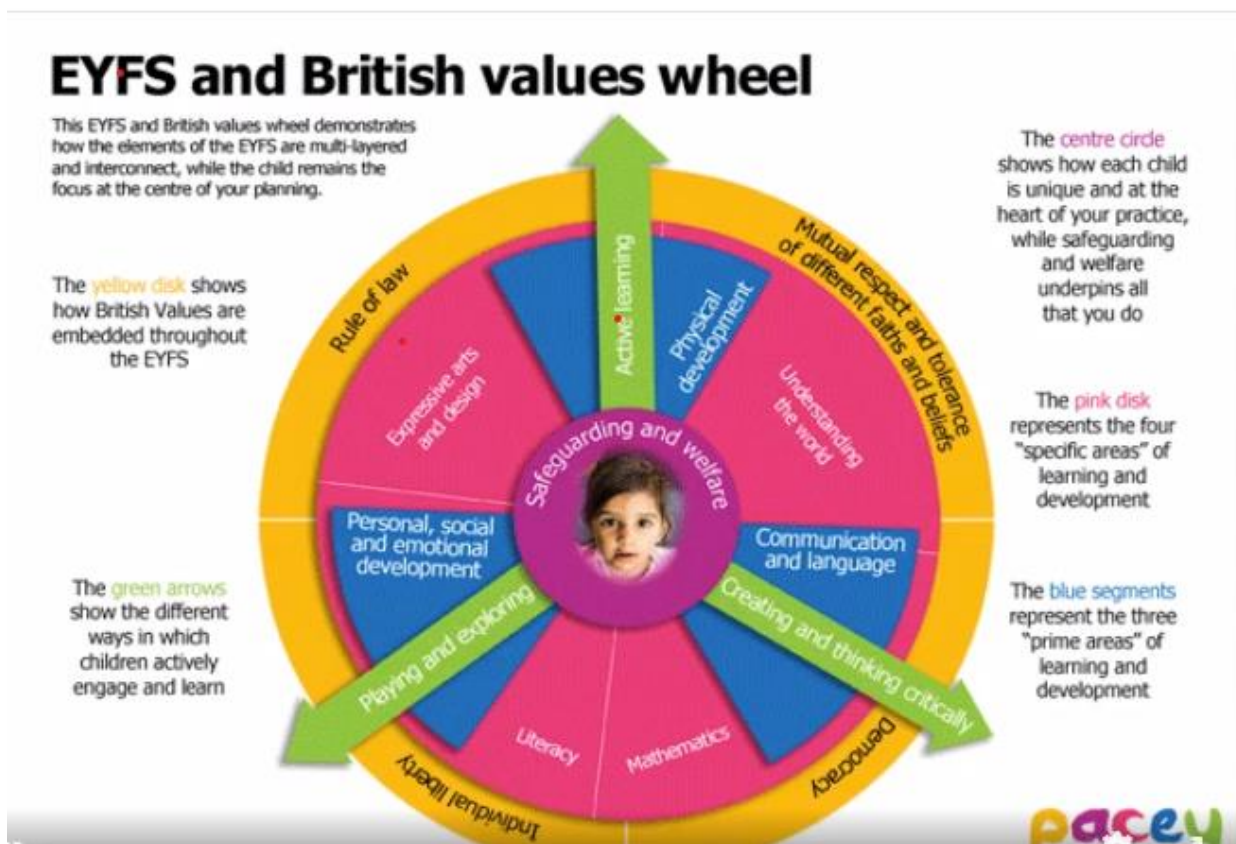
Respect is at the heart of our nursery community. We teach children to value each other's opinions, feelings, and cultural backgrounds. Through collaborative play and positive

interactions, children learn the importance of sharing, listening, and showing kindness to others. We model and reinforce respectful behaviour in all aspects of nursery life.

### Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

Our nursery celebrates the diverse society in which we live and the vibrant and diverse nursery family community. We introduce children to a variety of cultural traditions, religions, and celebrations through stories, activities, role play and parent / carer input. By fostering an environment of curiosity and open-mindedness, we help children to understand and appreciate the differences and similarities between people. This helps them develop a sense of belonging and respect for others, regardless of their background.

At St Thomas a Becket Nursery, we are proud to instill these British values in our children, preparing them for a future where they contribute positively to the diverse and dynamic society around them.



## The Fundamental British Values at St Thomas a Becket Nursery:

British Values are embedded in the EYFS curriculum and practice  
We encourage our children to draw up our nursery 'Golden Rules'

### Democracy

We develop children's self-confidence and self-awareness,  
support them to make choices and decisions about what they want to explore and how.

#### We do this when the children:

Gain a sense of belonging and include others	Learn about shared values
Understand they have a voice and are listened to	Feel important and that their views matter
Take turns when resources are limited	Choose their choice of play /art /activity /song /book and turn take when necessary
Work together towards a common goal and respect the decisions made by their friends	Learn to manage their emotions and let adults know how they feel through use of verbal or non-verbal communication such as signs and symbols cards

### The Rule of Law;

We support children to manage their own feelings and behaviour: about learning right from wrong: about  
behaving within agreed and clearly defined boundaries: about dealing with the consequences

#### We do this when the children:

Work together to create rules and behaviour codes	Understand that rules apply to everyone
Understand their actions and consequences	See that we're following our rules and modelling behaviours
Understand how they may have made others feel rather than just saying sorry	Learn about people who help us and rules we need to follow

### Individual Liberty

Our curriculum delivery focuses on children's self-confidence & self-awareness, people & communities.  
We help children to develop a positive sense of themselves. Every time we provide opportunities for  
children to make their own decisions and explore the world around them, we are helping them to  
develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase their confidence in their own abilities.

#### We do this when the children:

Play, explore and achieve beyond culturally perceived restrictions such as gender / SEND	Become independent – chose what to play with, put on their coat, go to the toilet and wash their hands
Role play - explore language of feelings and responsibility / sharing a favourite book	Tuff tray exploratory play / messy play / outdoor play / gross motor skills development
Understand that it's ok to have different opinions	Learn to think critically
Learn about and love and care for their world	Learn what their plants need to enable them to grow

### Mutual Respect and Tolerance -

At nursery we learn to treat others as we want to be treated. How to be part of a community, manage our  
feelings and behaviour; and form relationships with others

#### We do this when the children:

Value and respect their families and nursery friends	Reflect on their differences
Understand and recognise our multicultural and diverse world	Celebrate festivals and special days from the world around us – Celebrating Ramadan with Shameem
Learn about the world in which we live and be proud of what they see around them	Learn about and respect faiths and beliefs – through stories, images and art activities
Learn to be kind, helpful and respectful of others	Learn about compromise – sharing, turn taking