

Upholding British Values

at our Setting

Fundamental British Values:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect and Tolerance for those with different faiths

Democracy

At North Islington Nursery School we believe that everyone should be treated equally. We ensure that all children have access to a stimulating and challenging learning environment and staff support children as they develop effective characteristics of learning. Children are supported in developing self-confidence and self-awareness, we encourage children to voice their opinions and allow children the time to think and respond.

The environment at our setting allows children to make their own choices for learning. Children are encouraged to select their own resources and are given time to choose and develop their own ideas in play. Children's choices are respected as adults allow them time and space.

Rule of Law

All children are supported to manage their feelings and behaviour. We have high expectations of children's behaviour and staff are consistent in developing effective and appropriate boundaries which keep us safe. Children have a right to express their feelings and staff ensure that this happens as we support the understanding between right and wrong. The setting ensures that boundaries are clear and adults model empathy and are consistent in dealing with disagreements when they arise. Children are rewarded through praise and encouragement and are supported to voice their opinions and feelings by allowing them the opportunity and time to talk and reflect.

Individual Liberty

Staff at North Islington believe that children learn best through play. We value the time that children are given to explore the environment, return to much loved activities, to lead or follow others and to develop and refine skills in self chosen activities. The importance of listening to and allowing children to make choices ensures that children's individual liberty is being supported and celebrated. The emphasis that staff give to self-chosen play enables children to see how important others choices, opinions and ideas are.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

At North Islington Nursery School we actively promote respect for and tolerance of other faiths, cultures and races. Our staff team and the families we welcome to the school reflect a diverse community which we celebrate in appropriate ways. Children are encouraged to share pictures of their families and make special books about themselves, their interests and their life. Staff ensure that children explore the differences between themselves and others related to faiths, communities, cultures and traditions. We read stories as starting points to provoke conversations and we act upon the interests of children to support their understanding and widening interest of the world around them. We promote and value the home languages of children and invite parents into the classrooms to share stories in their home language. Respecting cultural difference is not a once a year or irregular occurrence, Instead, our daily interactions with children and their families reflect our commitment to mutual respect and staff are empowered by each other to challenge any behaviour that does not uphold the same values or beliefs.