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Description automatically generated **British Values**: Updated January 2025

**British Values** are an important aspect of ensuring that Early Years providers support the development of children in line with the values promoted by the Department for Education (DfE). These values ensure that children receive a well-rounded education that promotes respect, tolerance, and democracy from an early age.

The British Values outlined by the DfE focus on the following five core principles:

1. **Democracy**: Encouraging children to understand the idea of decision-making and listening to others' views.
   * In practice, this involves providing opportunities for children to vote on activities, encouraging them to take part in discussions, and ensuring their voices are heard.
2. **Rule of Law**: Teaching children to understand the importance of rules, boundaries, and respect for authority.
   * We focus on developing children's understanding of why rules are important, and encourage them to follow rules, such as turn-taking and listening to others.
3. **Individual Liberty**: Promoting freedom of choice and the ability for children to express themselves in a safe and supportive environment.
   * This includes helping children explore their personal interests, encouraging them to make decisions about their play, and fostering an environment where children can make choices safely.
4. **Mutual Respect and Tolerance**: Teaching children to appreciate diversity and understand and respect others, regardless of their background, culture, or beliefs.
   * We provide opportunities for children to interact with others from different cultures and backgrounds, and we model and encourage respectful behaviour, such as kindness, empathy, and listening.
5. **Equality of Opportunity**: Ensuring that every child has equal access to learning, regardless of their background or characteristics.
   * Fledglings ensure that no child is discriminated against, regardless of their gender, race, religion, or background. All children have equal opportunities to participate in all activities.

**Implementation:**

At Fledglings we foster these British Values by:

* Integrating these values into everyday practices.
* Promoting these values consistently through activities and teaching.
* Embedding these principles into the curriculum and the learning environment.
* Providing an atmosphere where children feel safe, respected, and valued.
* Providing opportunities for children to develop an understanding of British values.
* Fostering an environment of inclusion, where diversity is celebrated, and where children learn to value and respect the differences in people.
* Promoting positive behaviour through clear guidance and boundaries.
* **Aims and objectives**: To promote the British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
* **Strategies and methods**: Incorporating role-play, storytelling, and discussions around themes of fairness, kindness, and respecting others. Using circle time to discuss feelings, rules, and decision-making.
* **Implementation**: Encouraging children to take part in activities that help them understand how these values impact daily life. This might include group work, voting on play options, or learning about different cultures.
* **Monitoring and Evaluation**: Regular reviews of how well the British values are being embedded, often through observations, discussions with staff, and feedback from children and parents.

**Prevent Strategy**

Under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, Fledglings also has a duty “To have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

In summary, we will not only focus on academic learning but also on embedding these fundamental British values into daily routines and activities, ensuring that children are developing into well-rounded, respectful, and responsible individuals.

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