## Ruardean Acorns Pre-School statement of intent

## At Ruardean Acorns we promote decision making, rules awareness, freedom and respect.

**Aim**

To actively promote fundamental British Values set out by the Prevent Duty, 2015. We aim to do this by building children’s resilience to radicalisation during daily activities. “Radicalisation” denotes a process that may take place gradually or more suddenly, and which, among other things, may be manifested through specific types of behaviour; please see our Safeguarding policy for more details. Department for Education, states the fundamental British values can be broken down as the following: Democracy, The rule of law, Individual liberty, Mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. To actively promote British Values we will ensure we provide more than tokenism e.g. we will do more than just provide notices on the walls or multi-faith books in the story corner.

**Methods**

**Democracy:** making decisions together

As part of self-confidence and self-awareness (Personal, Social and Emotional Development):

* Managers and staff will encourage children to see their role in the bigger picture, encouraging children to know their views count, value each other’s views and values and talk about their feelings, for example when they do or do not need help. When appropriate demonstrate democracy in action, for example, children sharing views on what the theme of their role play area could be with a show of hands.
* Staff will support the decisions that children make and provide activities that involve turn-taking, sharing and collaboration. Children should be given opportunities to develop enquiring minds in an atmosphere where questions are valued.

**Rule of law:** understanding rules matter

As part of the focus on managing feelings and behaviour (Personal Social and Emotional development)

* Staff will ensure that children understand their own and others’ behaviour and its consequences, and learn to distinguish right from wrong.
* Staff will collaborate with children to create the rules and the codes of behaviour, for example, to agree the rules about tidying up and ensure that all children understand rules apply to everyone.

**Individual liberty:** freedom for all

As part of the focus on self-confidence & self-awareness and people & communities (Personal Social and Emotional development and Understanding the World):

* Children should develop a positive sense of themselves. Staff will provide opportunities for children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase their confidence in their own abilities, for example through allowing children to take risks on an obstacle course, mix colours, talking about their experiences and learning.
* Staff will encourage a range of experiences that allow children to explore the language of feelings and responsibility, reflect on their differences and understand we are free to have different opinions, for example in a small group discuss what they feel about transferring into Reception Class.

**Mutual respect and tolerance:** treat others as you want to be treated

As part of the focus on people & communities, managing feelings & behaviour and making relationships as cited in Personal Social and Emotional development and Understanding the World:

* Managers and leaders will create an ethos of inclusivity and tolerance where views, faiths, cultures and races are valued and children are engaged with the wider community.
* Children should acquire a tolerance and appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures; know about similarities and differences between themselves and others and among families, faiths, communities, cultures and traditions and share and discuss practices, celebrations and experiences.
* Staff will encourage and explain the importance of tolerant behaviours e.g. sharing and respecting other’s opinions.
* Staff will promote diverse attitudes and challenge stereotypes, for example, sharing stories that reflect and value the diversity of children’s experiences and providing resources and activities that challenge gender, cultural and racial stereotyping.

**What is not acceptable is:**

* actively promoting intolerance of other faiths, cultures and races
* failure to challenge gender stereotypes and routinely segregate girls and boys
* isolating children from their wider community
* failure to challenge behaviours (whether of staff, children or parents) that are not in line with the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs

Links to other polices: Staffing and employment, Admissions, Safeguarding children and child protection procedures, Equality and diversity, Behaviour

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Ruardean Acorns held on 21/8/17

Signed on behalf of Ruardean Acorns...........................................................

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