

Emmer Green after school club

British values policy

The Department for Education reinforced the need “to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs”

At EGASC part of our ethos is that all children feel that their voice and opinions are heard and that they are welcomed and included and we all take ownership of our club, working together to make it the best for everyone who attends. We recognise the need for children to understand the importance of British values and how reinforcing these throughout the early years and childhood encourages children to grow into responsible, tolerant and respectful individuals. We seek to promote these fundamental British values through our everyday routine and life at the club, and the values are reinforced regularly in the following ways:

Democracy

Throughout each school year children decide upon and help create our club rules/ values. Children then contribute to writing up these rules/ values, which are displayed for all children to refer to. Group voting is used to make decisions on games and activities during sessions and they are involved in the planning of activities giving their ideas to contribute to our planning. Children are also included in our annual questionnaire to give their feedback and are able to put forward their views about the club, food and activities.

The rule of law

Behaviour expectations of children attending the club are consistently reinforced, and through discussions and during play, staff support children to develop their sense of morality and what is right and wrong, the reasoning behind our rules, and that we are responsible for our actions and that our actions have consequences.

Individual Liberty

Children are given the freedom and encouragement to make choices and take risks at the club, knowing they are in a safe environment. They choose from a range of activities and resources and are given opportunities to follow their own interests by sharing ideas for planning activities, but are also encouraged to try out new activities and games to broaden their interests. Children volunteer each day to help set up for tea and carry out other tasks to encourage responsible behavior.

Mutual Respect

Children are encouraged to treat each other with respect and staff understand their responsibility to model respectful behavior at the club. Children are encouraged to cooperate with each other during play, listening to others ideas to create and take part in group games and activities, share resources and take turns with each other.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

The after school club has children attending from various cultures and backgrounds and promotes diversity by celebrating a range of festivals from different cultures. We try foods from different countries, and plan various activities around these festivals to encourage understanding and acceptance of other cultures and backgrounds. Children sit with their key groups during teatime to encourage opportunities to communicate and build relationships with others from different friendship and year groups.