



Cultural Capital and British Values Policy

What is Cultural Capital?

At Allsorts Childcare, Cultural Capital focuses on broadening children's experiences and providing them with opportunities they might not have otherwise. We strive to understand both children and their families, which allows us to enhance and extend the opportunities and experiences available to the children. This helps us build strong foundations that can significantly impact their futures.

We believe it is essential for all children to experience the awe and wonder of the natural world around us. To engage and inspire them, we start with real-life, hands-on activities and experiences. This approach helps children improve their knowledge and skills across the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.

How is Cultural Capital implemented?

At our nursery we aim to provide our children with experiences and opportunities to explore the world around them, ask questions and take part in engaging and stimulating experiences.

This can include:

- Learning about people in our community
- Being involved in charity fundraising
- Celebrating different cultures, traditions and faiths
- Showcasing talents
- Baking, hygiene and safety in the kitchen
- Learning about road safety
- Having fun and working as a team
- Learn new words and their meaning – through stories and knowledgeable practitioners, building on children's interests and ideas
- Listen to and participate in different types of music
- Look at many different types of books, including fiction and non-fiction
- Hear and participate in a wide variety of rhymes, poems and stories

- Express and test their thoughts and ideas in different ways, such as simple experiments, building structures, painting and modelling
- Manage their feelings and behaviour and understand how to behave in different situations.
- Notice the detail in our local and wider environment, such as looking at wildlife, flowers, patterns in buildings, paving and so on.

British Values at Allsorts Childcare

The fundamental British Values—democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs—are inherently embedded within the Early Years Foundation Stage. As a nursery, we promote learning opportunities that complement these values, particularly in the area of personal, social, and emotional development. Additionally, we provide numerous opportunities for children to cultivate positive ‘Characteristics of Effective Learning,’ which are essential for their well-being and align with the principles of British Values.

Here are some examples of how we approach these values at our Nursery;

Democracy

Children are encouraged to share their views, appreciate each other’s opinions, and express their feelings during key worker times, circle time, or while discussing stories and experiences. They are also invited to share their interests and ideas, which are incorporated into the activities provided. In addition, children are involved in decision-making by having a say in the activities they participate in.

Rule of Law

We promote the importance of taking turns, sharing, and collaborating with others. This occurs as children explore activities together, take turns riding bicycles during outdoor play, and engage in games. Expectations for children’s behaviour are age-appropriate, and they are encouraged to follow important instructions, particularly those that ensure their safety, such as washing their hands before eating. We have established our own 'Golden Rules' for the room, and children are frequently reminded of these rules during key times of the day.

Individual Liberty

At Allsorts, we value all questions and encourage children to develop inquisitive minds. Our staff praise children for their efforts and appreciate their work, whether by displaying their individual achievements or sharing photos with parents. We promote a positive sense of self by providing open-ended challenges, and we always commend children for 'having a go!'

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Allsorts is fully inclusive, where diversity is recognised and celebrated. Children have access to toys and resources that reflect a broad society. We also ensure that our books showcase positive representations of various genders, ethnicities, ages, disabilities, and cultures. We actively celebrate differences by allowing children to experience festivals such as Chinese New Year and Diwali, as well as special occasions in the Christian calendar like Easter and Christmas. Children are taught to treat others as they would like to be treated, fostering empathy, kindness, and acceptance.