



## STARFISH NURSERY

### RACE AND CULTURE POLICY

#### Policy on Religious Education

Our Starfish Nursery provides an opportunity for children to learn about different religions. We believe that children learn actively through “hands on experience”.

This means that wherever possible, when looking at a festival, we will arrange outings, food and supporting materials to be available to the children.

#### Aim

We aim to:

- Promote British values.
- Provide a foundation for a culturally diverse education;
- To encourage respect and understanding for all cultures and faiths;
- To reflect the multi-ethnic society in which we live;
- To offer children the opportunity to learn through direct and enjoyable experience.

We welcome input from parents/carers about the festivals and religious practices that they observe. This will assist staff in planning and delivering a curriculum which reflects all children and their home lives.

#### Methods

A range of festivals, religious practices are included in planning which are included into activities for the children in Starfish Nursery.

#### Staff Guidelines for Celebrating Religious Festivals

- All staff are to be involved in all aspects of celebrating festivals with children.
- Provide a balance of world religions e.g. Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism etc, linking mainly to children using the setting at the time or as the children’s interest arise.
- Ensure equal attention is given to all religions festivals of children attending.
- Share information and resources with colleagues.
- Plan ahead in a Staff Meeting so everyone knows what to do.
- Provide written information for parents/carers both in Newsletters and Parents/carers’ Notice boards.

This policy was adopted for Starfish Nursery.

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