

Moral Values

The DfE have reinforced the need “to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all nurseries to promote the fundamental British Values of: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. At Peques, we acknowledge and practice these fundamental moral values, which are already implicitly embedded in the Early Years Foundation Stage. This is a jewel that we have been promoting since the birth of Peques and forms an integral part of our Philosophy.

At Peques, this is the way we demonstrate the following fundamental “British Values”:

Democracy

- We encourage children to understand their self-worth and demonstrate to them full respect for their parents, friends and teachers in order to act as role models for them to do the same.
- The children are encouraged to share resources with each other during free and guided play as well as sharing ideas leading to child-initiated activities.
- We encourage our children to be inquisitive and ask questions when they are curious and need answers to fulfil their absorbent little minds, and always communicate with them using open ended questions.

Rule of Law

- Everyone needs boundaries even adults; we ensure that boundaries are set in a way that the children are able to clearly understand them and enjoy and feel proud to stay within them.
- We teach children that certain behaviour is not accepted and that there are consequences for such behaviour, although we **never punish or chastise** children nor use the words “punish” or “chastise” in either English, Spanish or Mandarin.
- We work with the children to enforce boundaries by creating charts of Golden Rules with them so that they feel involved and proud to abide by them.
- Tidy up time is done by singing in a fun and playful way and forms part of their daily routine.

Individual Liberty

- We provide opportunities for children to develop their self-esteem and increase their self-confidence in their appearance as well as with their abilities.
- We plan activities around emotions and feelings and explain to the children that we are all special and unique in our own way, in our appearance and in our abilities.
- We encourage children to take supervised risks for example experimenting on obstacle courses that are set up in the garden and in the nursery.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

- As with democracy, we promote full respect for each other despite, race, religion, culture, gender or disability by celebrating diversity every day as part of everyday life. At Peques we have so many families and staff from such a wide range of different cultured backgrounds that this is who we are and is a fundamental contributing factor to the Peques Culture.
- We teach children through everyday practice and role-play the importance of acceptance and tolerance and to accept each other for who we are, without becoming upset, anxious or being actually upsetting to others.

