



# September 2020

**Dear Parents and carers,**

Welcome back to Ambleside, after what has been a very strange few months. For those of you just joining Ambleside welcome- we are pleased to have you join our learning community and we are thrilled to have our Nurseries fully open once more!

It has been lovely to see the children as they settle into the nurseries and begin their learning journey- do take a look at our gallery to see some of the fun activities children have already experienced

We are always keen for our families to become involved in the children's learning and development. We will in the coming weeks be inviting each of you to log in to your child's learning journey where you will be able to see their learning and support the Keyworkers by commenting and sharing home learning.

The Covid 19 pandemic has impacted on our lives greatly- the way that we work, play and socialise has changed and is ever changing. It is very important to us at Ambleside to offer the children the opportunity to play, learn and build relationships in a safe environment- please help us to ensure the safety of all at Ambleside by following the guidance with regards to Covid 19 symptoms and isolation.

I also would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Julie, in normal circumstances you would have been able to meet her during a welcome meeting. She is Team Leader in Meadows and also our SENco. Please do contact her if you would like to discuss your child's learning or any individual needs. ([jdix@ambleside.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:jdix@ambleside.wokingham.sch.uk))

Best wishes Kerrie and the team.

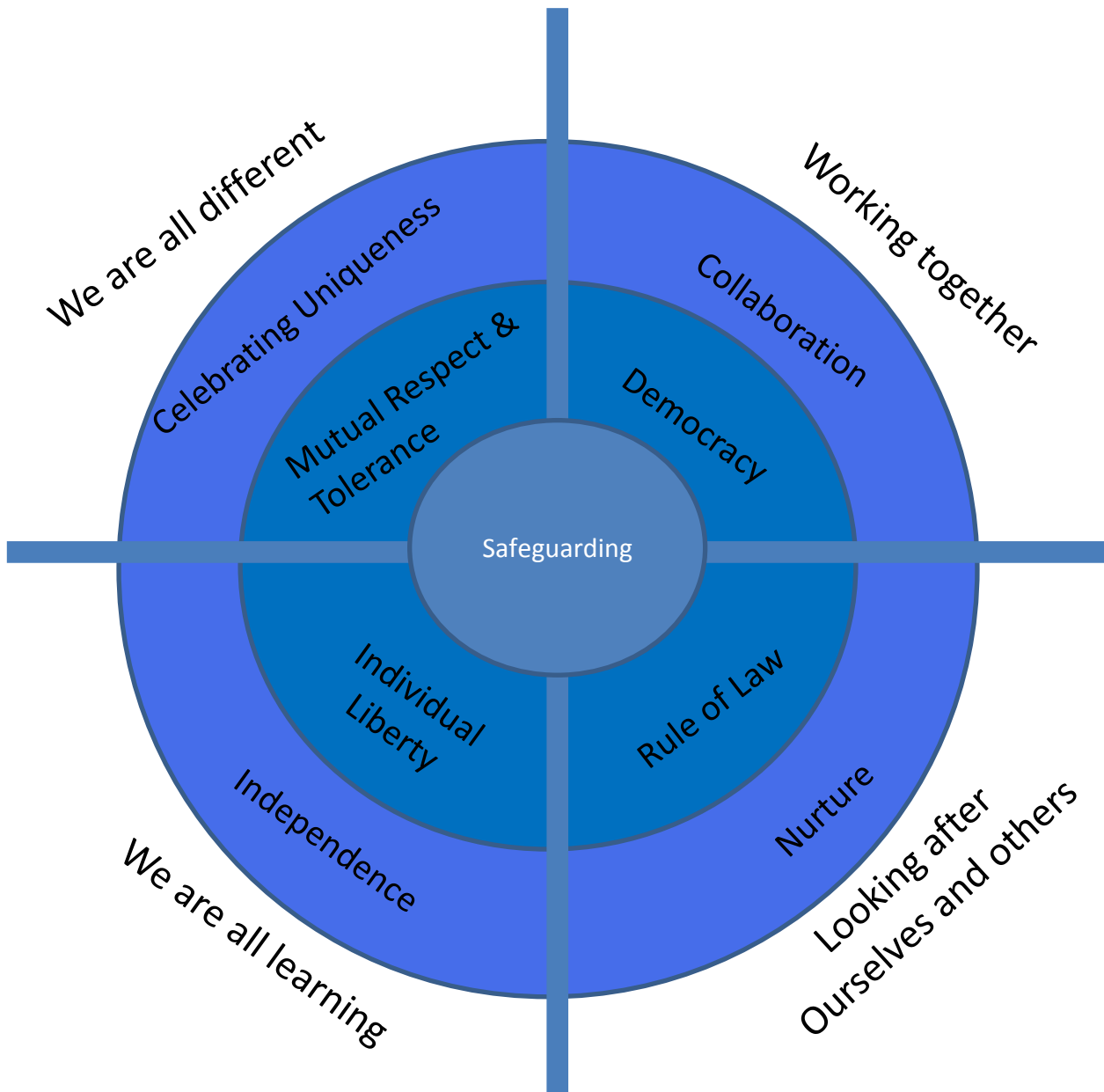


Kerrie Clifford



Julie Dix

# Our Core Values



We have created the above **Values** wheel that illustrates the basis of our interactions with children and families.



# Gallery



# Health and Safety Notices

The health and safety of the children on and around the site is always important to us, however the Covid 19 pandemic means that there are far more regulations than usual. Our interactions and communications are limited. Please see the health and safety reminders below:

- If you are collecting from during tea club **4:15-6pm** form groups **B, C or D** please use the side gate. Please note the side gate at this time will be **closed but not locked**. For the safety of the children please ensure the gate is closed after you pass through.
- Please ensure that when you are dropping or collecting children at classroom doors, where ever possible you remain outside of the 2m safety zone.
- Where ever possible please ensure one adult only enters the site to drop off and collect children, this will help us prevent congestion during these times.
- Unless you have made prior arrangements with a Key worker please drop off and collect your children promptly within the time slots given- this enables us to close the gate so that children can access the outdoor areas. It also means that staff can remain in the nurseries working with the children during the sessions.
- The safety of the children on and around the site is of paramount importance to us all. Please ensure that you park both safely and legally in the surrounding area to enable all families to safely access the site. Also to promote the children's safety now and in the future please model the use of the paths in the car park.



### What should I do if my child is unwell?

- Children will become unwell particularly during the winter season- children who are “coldy” but with none of the main Covid symptoms (below) can attend nursery if they are well enough to do so.
- If your child has one or more of the following Covid 19 symptoms at home or becomes symptomatic in nursery:
  - Has a high temperature
  - A new and persistent cough
  - A loss of or change in sense of taste
- Your child will be advised to self-isolate for a minimum **10 days** or until a negative test is returned
- All other members of the household are requested to self-isolate for 14 days from the time the child first had symptoms, other members of the household should only be tested if they become symptomatic.
- National Government guidance about this can be found here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
- **Individuals should not be on school/nursery premises if they are Covid 19 symptomatic.**
- If a member of the Nursery tests positive with Covid 19- advice will be sought from the Local Authority and the Local Health Protection Team, each case is looked at individually and those who have been in close contact will be requested to self-isolate, they will not need to be tested unless they are symptomatic.