

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

To develop relationships and meaningful connections with every child means that they will feel safe, that they belong and the trust they form will give them the confidence to explore the environment, experiences and opportunities we provide for them.

Our environment and relationships will help the children: -

- Feel safe and loved
- Feel they belong
- Understand that they are important
- Have a voice and know they matter
- Understand, label and manage their emotions
- Develop resilience
- Understand how to interact with others and develop and maintain relationships
- Begin to recognise the needs and feelings of others, demonstrating empathy and care
- Negotiate and resolve conflict
- Become a self-motivated learner
- Develop the confidence to try new things, take safe risks and keep trying even if things don't go as planned
- Praise effort and success when they achieve something, no matter how small their achievement is
- Prepare for new experiences - moving up to 'Big Group' or Reception

We do this by having a Keyworker (and co-keyworker) system in place to form secure attachments, make relationships and connections which give the children the confidence to explore, experiment and investigate. We also have focus children every week in which all members of staff observe and record teaching moments which results in the staff having knowledge of all the children and not just their key children. Trusting relationships provide encouragement when the children are unsure, comfort and reassurance when situations are overwhelming and give support when things become difficult. It is also through our relationships with the children that teach them how to interact with others, how to be a good friend, understand what is expected of them and why these are important (using our 5 Golden Rules and implementing British Values) to keep themselves safe, to be kind and to start to think about the needs of others. To be shown and understand the above form essential life skills that children need to navigate through life. (cultural capital)