

Behaviour Policy

Core Principles - How We Support Positive Behaviour

At Abacus, we believe that all behaviour is a way for children to communicate their feelings, needs, or experiences. Children are still learning how to manage their emotions, solve problems, and build friendships—and we're here to help guide and support them every step of the way.

We know that things like a child's age, personality, home life, and even how their day has gone can all affect how they behave. That's why we focus on **understanding the whole child** and creating a calm, caring environment where they feel safe, respected, and valued.

Here's how we support positive behaviour at Abacus:

- **Strong relationships:** Every child has a key person who really gets to know them—their likes, needs, and how they're feeling—so they always have someone they trust to talk to and turn to.
- **Smooth transitions:** Starting somewhere new or going through a big change can be hard. We give children time, support, and comfort as they settle in and learn new routines.
- **A well-planned environment:** We set up activities and spaces that help children play well together, take turns, and feel successful—reducing frustration and helping them feel calm and confident.
- **Nature-based learning:** We spend time outdoors where children can explore, move freely, and enjoy the calming effects of nature. This helps them feel more settled and connected to others.
- **Child-led learning:** We give children choices and encourage them to take the lead in their learning. This helps them build confidence, independence, and a sense of responsibility.
- **Gentle guidance and emotional support:** Instead of punishments or rewards, we help children understand their feelings and actions. We use calm voices, talk through problems together, and model kindness and empathy.

We believe that when children feel safe, understood, and supported, they are more able to manage their emotions, build strong friendships, and thrive

