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EYFS Key Themes and Commitments

<u>A Unique Child</u>	<u>Positive Relationships</u>	<u>Enabling Environments</u>	<u>Learning and Development</u>
1.1 Child development 1.2 Inclusive practice 1.3 Keeping safe	2.1 Respecting each other 2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child 3.3 The learning environment 3.4 The wider context	4.4 Personal, social and emotional development

Policy statement

At Warwick Community Playschool, we promote children's right to be strong, resilient and listened to by creating an environment in our setting that encourages children to develop a positive self-image, which includes their heritage arising from their colour and ethnicity, their languages spoken at home, their religious beliefs, cultural traditions and home background.

- ☀ We promote children's right to be strong, resilient and listened to by encouraging children to develop a sense of autonomy and independence.
- ☀ We promote children's right to be strong, resilient and listened to by enabling children to have the self-confidence and the vocabulary to resist inappropriate approaches.
- ☀ We help children to establish and sustain satisfying relationships within their families, with peers, and with other adults.
- ☀ We work with parents to build their understanding of, and commitment to, the principles of safeguarding all our children.
- ☀ We promote children's right to be strong, resilient and listened to by creating an environment in our setting that encourages children to develop a positive self-image, which includes their heritage arising from their colour and ethnicity, their languages spoken at home, their religious beliefs, cultural traditions and home background.

What it means to promote children's rights and entitlements to be '*strong, resilient and listened to*'.

To be strong means to be:

- ☀ secure in their foremost attachment relationships, where they are loved and cared for by at least one person who is able to offer consistent, positive and unconditional regard and who can be relied on;
- ☀ safe and valued as individuals in their families and in relationships beyond the family, such as day care or school;
- ☀ self-assured and form a positive sense of themselves – including all aspects of their identity and heritage;
- ☀ included equally and belong in our setting and in community life;

- ☀️ confident in their own abilities and proud of their achievements;
- ☀️ progressing optimally in all aspects of their development and learning;
- ☀️ part of a peer group in which they learn to negotiate, develop social skills and an identity as global citizens, respecting the rights of others in a diverse world; and
- ☀️ able to represent themselves and participate in aspects of service delivery that affects them, as well as aspects of key decisions that affect their lives.

To be resilient means to:

- ☀️ be sure of their self-worth and dignity;
- ☀️ be able to be assertive and state their needs effectively;
- ☀️ be able to overcome difficulties and problems;
- ☀️ be positive in their outlook on life;
- ☀️ be able to cope with challenge and change;
- ☀️ have a sense of justice towards themselves and others;
- ☀️ develop a sense of responsibility towards themselves and others; and
- ☀️ be able to represent themselves and others in key decision making processes.

To be listened to means:

- ☀️ adults who are close to children recognise their need and right to express and communicate their thoughts, feelings and ideas;
- ☀️ adults who are close to children are able to tune in to their verbal, sign and body language in order to understand and interpret what is being expressed and communicated;
- ☀️ adults who are close to children are able to respond appropriately and, when required, act upon their understanding of what children express and communicate; and
- ☀️ adults respect children's rights and facilitate children's participation and representation in imaginative and child centred ways in all aspects of core services.

The Playschool's image of the child statement reflects these ideals:

- ☀️ We want to support children to have independent minds and to be confident in their own skins.
- ☀️ We want to enable children to be positive, happy and enthusiastic.
- ☀️ We want to provide opportunities for children to 'have a go', to be inquisitive about their world and to be involved in their time in the playschool.
- ☀️ We want to encourage children to show independence in their care and build the foundations for a healthy future.
- ☀️ We believe that children should feel loved, welcomed and accepted within our setting.
- ☀️ We want children to be free to be children and enjoy the excitement of childhood.

The playschool also follows the beliefs and ideals of the Protective Behaviours training and Thereplay® principles. Staff trained in these schemes are Joanna Ludlam and Sonia Amato. Training guides can be found in the staff training file.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of: Warwick Community Association

Reviewed on: May 2017

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