**Woodburn Nursery Class**

**Positive Behaviour Policy**

At Woodburn Nursery we work hard to create an atmosphere that is caring and happy and an environment in which all of our children feel safe. Our policy is based upon promoting positive behaviour. One of our aims is that everyone at our nursery feels valued and respected and children and staff are treated fairly and well.

We will work alongside parents/carers to encourage our children to develop good behaviour patterns throughout their time with us. We believe children learn best when they understand how to behave and are continually and consistently supported to do so.

We consider…

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**The benefits of good behaviour**

We believe that children who demonstrate good behaviour will learn :

* To care for and respect one another
* The value of friendship and co-operation
* Self respect and begin to develop a positive self image
* To develop self confidence
* To increase their chances of achieving success in their learning

**What we mean by good behaviour**

In keeping with the Woodburn vision where we strive to promote a mutual culture of respect between staff, pupils and parents we have agreed that everyone in nursery wants to and is taught how to be:

* Kind and considerate
* Polite and friendly
* Respectful, taking care of people and property
* Helpful to each other
* Purposeful and hardworking
* Honest

**How we encourage good behaviour**

We recognise the importance of a pro-active positive approach to promoting good behaviour, and as a team we:

* Use positive language
* Model high standards of behaviour and a calm approach to solving problems
* Recognise and highlight good behaviour
* Teach good social and communication skills
* Teach the children the skills they need to be able to think for themselves and solve problems
* Teach the children to be responsible for their own behaviour
* Work together with parents and carers to encourage good behaviour

**The Restorative Approach**

We recognise that there will be times when some children may demonstrate behaviour that is challenging and it is our job to help these children reflect upon this and to find a way to avoid it happening again. It is important that children are made aware that the behaviour they are showing is not in keeping with our expectations and are given an opportunity to put it right. Children will be given an opportunity to reflect and rectify their behaviour and make a positive choice. If this child is unable to make a positive choice a member of staff will support them to do this. They will then remind the child about what good behaviour is and our expectations of them at nursery. They will also support them by helping them to find a way to improve their behaviour and be able to move forward.

In cases where ‘making positive choices’ has been necessary parents or carers will be informed so that the importance of good behaviour can be reinforced at home.