



SIMPLY PENDOYLAN

Adults as Role Models

Children learn and develop by observing the behaviour of the adults who care for them. In a childcare setting, it is vital that all staff act as positive role models at all times. Staff should be mindful of the example they set and demonstrate the following:

- Appropriate dress and good personal presentation
- Clear, respectful, and age-appropriate communication
- Positive body language and posture
- Tolerance, inclusivity, and respect for diversity
- Politeness and good manners
- Care, consideration, and emotional warmth
- Kindness and empathy towards others
- The appropriate use of humour to support a positive environment
- High standards of personal hygiene
- A strong awareness of health and safety
- Care for the environment
- Respect for all living things
- Interest, engagement, and enthusiasm in activities

Staff should always promote positive behaviour by using praise and encouragement. Building trusting, supportive relationships with children is essential, helping them to feel safe, valued, and confident within the setting