**Behaviour Management Policy (2025)**

**Policy Statement:** At Little Acorns preschool, we are dedicated to fostering positive behaviour, emotional resilience, and social skills within a safe and nurturing environment. Our Behaviour Management Policy reflects the revised Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS, September 2025), emphasising positive reinforcement, clear boundaries, and respectful interactions.

**Promoting Positive Behaviour:**

* Positive behaviour is consistently encouraged and reinforced through praise, encouragement, and recognition, aligning with EYFS 2025 standards for emotional well-being and positive relationships.
* Staff actively model respectful, empathetic behaviour and appropriate social interactions to set a positive example for children.
* Stimulating, engaging, and developmentally appropriate activities are provided to reduce boredom or frustration that may lead to challenging behaviour.

**Setting Clear Boundaries:**

* Clear, consistent, and age-appropriate boundaries and expectations are established and communicated positively.
* Children are involved in discussions around behavioural expectations, promoting their understanding, cooperation, and emotional intelligence in line with EYFS principles.

**Guiding Challenging Behaviour:**

* Challenging behaviour is addressed sensitively and empathetically, recognising that it may indicate unmet emotional or developmental needs.
* Positive strategies such as redirection, distraction, providing clear choices, and conflict resolution are employed to support children’s self-regulation and decision-making.
* We offer a calm, supportive environment where children can safely express their emotions and develop self-awareness and emotional literacy, as emphasized by EYFS 2025.

**Consistency and Individualised Approach:**

* Consistency in behaviour management approaches across all staff members ensures children clearly understand expectations.
* Individualised strategies and adjustments are made to accommodate each child’s unique temperament, developmental stage, and specific needs, adhering to EYFS requirements.

**Safety and Respect:**

* Children's safety and emotional well-being remain paramount. Immediate and appropriate action is taken if a child’s behaviour poses a safety risk.
* We emphasise teaching respect for oneself, peers, staff, and the environment, reinforcing positive social skills and relationships.

**Communication with Parents:**

* Open and consistent communication with parents regarding their child's behaviour, development, progress, and any arising concerns.
* Collaborative partnership with parents to develop consistent behaviour management strategies between home and the childminding setting.

**Staff Training and Professional Development:**

* Regular professional development opportunities and training for staff focused on behaviour management techniques, child development, emotional intelligence, and recognising underlying behavioural triggers.
* Ongoing guidance and support for staff to ensure the effective implementation of behaviour management strategies aligned with EYFS 2025.

**Monitoring, Evaluation, and Review:**

* Annual reviews of this policy or more frequently if legislative or EYFS guideline changes occur.
* Continual monitoring and evaluation of behavioural strategies’ effectiveness, informed by feedback from staff, parents, and external experts.

**Alignment with EYFS 2025 Changes:**

* This policy integrates EYFS 2025's focus on positive relationships, emotional resilience, self-regulation, inclusivity, and proactive behavioural guidance.

Signed: Chairperson   
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