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## TOP TIPS FOR BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUNG LEARNERS

Learn the children's names as soon as you can, and use them!

If you tell a child off, make it clear it's their behaviour that you don't like, not them.

Be fair and firm about enforcing rules.

Respect children's personal space.

Be sincere and genuine – even very young children can sense if their teachers are faking it!



**Keep calm at all times; try not to raise your voice or shout.**

**Be patient if you need to explain or give instructions more than once.**

Model behaviour that you would also like the children to adopt.



Avoid having favourites and distribute your attention equitably round the class.

**Use humour and show a sense of fun.**

Use inclusive language to create a sense of community.

Be flexible. Offer children choices and be ready to 'go with the flow'.

Use praise appropriately to provide constructive feedback and encourage participation and effort.



**Listen to what children have to say.**

Build up children's confidence and self-esteem and encourage them to believe they can succeed.



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