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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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