

## **Children's Rights and Entitlements**

At Harvey Bears we promote children's rights and entitlements, we promote children's rights to be strong, resilient and listened to. We create an environment that promotes children's positive self-image, which includes their heritage, colour, home language and ethnicity. We encourage children to have the confidence and vocabulary to resist inappropriate advances from other children and adults. We encourage children to be as independent as possible.

*To be strong means to;*

- Be secure in their attachments.
- To feel safe and valued as individuals in their families and within our setting.
- To be self-assured and have a positive sense of themselves.
- To be included in every aspect of our setting.
- To be confident in their own abilities and be proud of their achievements.
- To be able to develop social skills to help them negotiate disputes.

*To be resilient means to;*

- Be sure of their self-worth and dignity.
- To be assertive and state their needs effectively.
- Be able to overcome problems and difficulties.
- Have a positive outlook on life.
- Be able to cope with challenge and change.
- Have a sense of justice.
- Develop a sense of responsibility.

*To be listened to means to;*

- Adults close to children recognize their need to express their thoughts, feelings and ideas.
- Adults close to children can read their body language, verbal and non-verbal language to understand what they are trying to communicate.