

What does INDEPENDENCE look like at Old Town Infant School and Nursery?

We take care of our own needs.

- We always try to do things for ourselves e.g. toileting, getting changed, washing hands, coats on pegs.
- We can look after and keep track of our own belongings e.g. jumpers, coats, water bottles.
- We are learning to get the equipment or resources that we need to help us with our learning.
- We can tidy away after ourselves when we have finished a job.

We encourage and celebrate everyone's individuality.

- We understand that we don't all need to be the same as each other
- We understand that being different and unique is something to be celebrated
- We do not say anything unkind to anyone who is different to us or has a different point of view.
- We praise our friends individuality and uniqueness

We can ask questions to help us learn.

- We know that we can learn from others around us – both grown ups and our friends
- We understand that asking questions to find something out or asking for help is not a bad thing
- We will not be unkind or laugh at anyone who needs or asks for help –we will always be supportive

We are able to do things by ourselves and can seek help if we need it.

- We take pride in our work
- We don't automatically ask other people to do things for us without giving it a try ourselves first.
- We know who we can turn to if we need help
- We are learning to use resources in the classroom to help us if we find our learning job tricky

We can make improvements and learn from mistakes.

- We know that making mistakes in our learning is ok and that we can learn from these mistakes
- We can confidently talk about the things we can do well and also the things that we find tricky
- We are learning to listen carefully when a grown up tells us what we have done well and how we can improve our work.
- We are learning to make our own suggestions about how we can improve our work

We can make good choices and take responsibility for our own decisions.

- We try to make good choices as much as we can
- We try to set a good example to others with our behavior e.g. We do not copy other people's poor choices
- We understand that we are role models and ambassadors for the school
- We do not blame others if we make a poor choice
- We do not damage or deliberately spoil ours or anyone else's belongings.
- -We understand that some choices may result in a consequence.



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