

In our school we want each person to have the confidence to develop their own ideas and the freedom to express them.

INDEPENDENCE

Our learners will:

- Have the confidence to share their own ideas and opinions
- Develop well as speakers and listeners
- Be so focused on their learning that they will resist distraction
- Learn at a good pace, because of their focus
- Be keen to take risks and have the strength to challenge themselves in their learning
- Value the learning opportunities offered by mistakes
- Have the ambition to make progress with their learning
- Respond positively to targets that have been agreed with them for their progress
- Be free to be themselves
- Allow others to enjoy the same freedom, too
- Have the strength of mind to make the right choices
- Have the resilience to cope with the consequences when choices turn out to be wrong



Independence is about:

- Challenging yourself
- Being trusted
- Being free
- Confidence
- Being brave
- Being focused
- Relying on people
- Your own ideas
- Having your own thoughts
- Resistance to distraction
- Taking risks
- Being able to work on your own
- Being strong
- Being you

For teaching we will:

- Consistently offer opportunities for children to build self-confidence
- Plan lessons that promote progress in speaking and listening
- Provide time and resources to cater for different learning styles
- Provide opportunities for learners to make choices and explain those choices, through TASC and other, similar teaching strategies
- Provide opportunities where learners feel safe to take risks and to learn from their mistakes
- Plan child-centred activities which encourage children to apply their own ideas
- Use different approaches, such as Big Write, which create an atmosphere conducive to focused learning
- Agree learning targets with learners that motivate them to succeed
- Build time into behaviour management responses, so that learners are able to learn from their mistakes