**Behaviour Management Policy**

At West Lakes Shore we aim to provide an environment that is safe and nurturing for every child. To achieve this we encourage children to take responsibility for their own safety by learning how to express their feelings verbally rather than physically. In order to empower children in conflict situations all staff consistently use set phrases to give children confidence and independence in problem solving.

We teach the children the basics of Protective Behaviours (Everyone has the right to feel safe. Nothing is so awful you can’t tell someone).

Children are encouraged to say “Stop it, I don’t like it! It makes me feel ...scared, sad, unhappy, cross etc.”

Sometimes children may be removed from the large group to have some “thinking time” of a few minutes, no more than 5 minutes. Staff will always endeavor to communicate information to parents when a child has not been playing safely, is hurt or hurts another child. We hope you support this policy and invite you to speak to staff if you have any concerns about your child’s behaviour or safety.