St Francis’ Nursery
Circle Time Policy

We the staff of St Francis’ Nursery Unit believe in the principles of Circle Time and aim to provide one Circle Time session per week.

Our Circle Time sessions are structured occasions when the whole class or a small group of children (small groups from September to Christmas and whole class sessions thereafter) meet in a circle and take part in games, activities and discussions designed to increase self awareness, awareness of others, self-esteem, co-operation, trust and listening skills. Even at this early stage, Circle Time helps the children to understand their feelings, opinions and what is important to them. It aims to encourage greater tolerance of each other’s opinions. We aim to ensure that Circle Time is always a positive, encouraging and non-judgemental experience for the children, a time that they enjoy, when they know they will be listened to and have their turn.

In the Nursery we focus on the rules of Circle Time, promoting looking and listening skills, turn taking, speech and language skills, confidence and self-esteem.

Our Circle Time activities and discussions are based on our monthly topics and any other matter that arises in class or is of interest/importance in the children’s lives. These activities are planned on a monthly basis and are reviewed regularly.

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