

**At Rockwood Nursery School we value the uniqueness of each child.  
Together we decided what our 'Image of the Child' would be.**

### **Confident**

A child at Rockwood will feel confident and valued by staff who praise and support them, listening and showing interest in what they want to say, encouraging them to strive further and to try harder and have a go, self-scaffold their learning and take risks to challenge themselves.

### **Creative**

A child at Rockwood will be encouraged to be creative by offering a variety of mediums, such as, role play, storytelling, and open-ended resources to develop creative thinking and to stimulate their imagination

### **Curious**

A child at Rockwood will learn to be curious about the world around them supported by the rich, vibrant and stimulating learning opportunities that are provided starting from their interests; they will learn to question and explore to extend their knowledge through continuous provision and adult led activities that excite and enthuse children in both the indoors and outdoors area.

### **Independent**

A child at Rockwood will be guided, scaffolded and praised on their journey to become a successful, independent communicator no matter what their starting point is. They are encouraged to develop a 'Have a go' attitude, to take risks and push themselves out of their comfort zones. The children are encouraged to make their own choices for learning, work at their own ability level and the staff challenge them when necessary to extend their learning by scaffolding their learning, building on what they know / can do, and questioning them appropriately to make them think deeper and learn more about what they are working on.

### **Loved**

A child at Rockwood will feel loved because staff will take time to listen and value their ability to communicate in any way that they can (through Makaton, gesture, expression and words. Staff will support them by modelling and extending their learning, offering strong, warm and supportive relationships with adults.

### **Motivated**

A child at Rockwood will feel motivated to have a "have a go" attitude because the staff follow the children's interests and support and praise them. We celebrate children's learning and share their achievements with their parents.

### **Resilient**

(added during Covid 19)

A child at Rockwood will have a "have a go" attitude and the confidence to make mistakes but to continue to learn in a supportive and safe environment. Supporting children to manage their emotions, make their own decisions for learning and to resolve conflicts peacefully.