Tips for Developing Good Listening

♦ Come closer to the child and get down to their level

♦ Look at them

♦ Think about how you sound. Friendly but firm!

♦ Say the child’s name first before you ask your question or give your message

♦ If you are asking them to do something say it clearly, simply and positively by:-
  
  ▪ Telling them what you do want them to do, not what you don’t want them to do
  
  ▪ Avoid using “Please will you ……..”
    “Would you like to ……..”
  
  ▪ Instead try “(name) I need you to ……..”
    “(name) You need to ……..”
    “(name) It’s time to ……..”
  
  ▪ Instead of using please at the beginning of your request try saying thankyou at the end

♦ Keep your request simple and give them time to respond

♦ When they do respond positively praise them being very specific
  e.g. “You listened really well”
    “Well done, you came for story straight away”