

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"