## What people like and admire about us.

We NEVER give up!

We love to have fun, and make our learning fun too. And we want you to join us in this!

The motivation we gain from the interests we love.

That even though the world is incredibly scary for us at times, we still keep going.

That we make Endeavour Academy the special place that it is.



## We are **Endeavour Academy**



## What's important to us

To be in an environment which is calm and quiet.

To have space when we need it, and people to understand that we sometimes need to have space to help calm ourselves.

Movement breaks and Sensory Circuit Time

Having things that comfort us—our favourite DVD, or toy or just something that we can hold and carry.

To have a routine which everyone follows, and knows for us.

To have a communication method which everyone can support us with.

Staff that enjoy being with us, and want to play and spend time getting to know us.

Staff to understand that sometimes our anxieties are too much—and we need help to calm down.

That everyone understands how much potential we have—we can do lots of things, but sometimes the world is a scary place and we need help to show how much we can do.

## How best to support us

Give us structure and warning when things need to change.

Ensure we have a timetable which is individual to us and our working style.

Let us communicate with you in the way we know best—and help us to develop that way so we can communicate with more people as we grow.

Make sure we complete our sensory circuit each day so our bodies are ready and alert to learn.

Give us clear boundaries—not to stop us doing things, but to make us feel safe to try new things.

Treat us as individuals who need things in our own way.

Make sure you understand that our behaviours are communication. We are ALWAYS trying to tell you something, we sometimes don't have the words or way.

Allow us to have space and time when we need it.

Give us opportunities to try and learn our skills in different ways which are motivating to us. If we are bored, we will not learn!

Think ahead for us—we want to have as many skills as we can when we grow up but we need to develop them now.