



Life at Lambley

Be ready, respectful and resilient

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Values Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our value for the month of March is being **GOOD LISTENERS**

A good listener is someone who listens carefully, attentively and sympathetically to others. Good listeners typically impart support and understanding to the speaker.

Good listening is something we can do with everyone we meet: our family, friends, new people in our lives as well as ourselves. Being a good listener is not only a clear sign of respect, but it helps us in so many different ways.

In school, it helps prepare us for what we are about to learn and ensures that we can tackle any task with assurance and commitment. It also helps us develop socially. Relationships grow and flourish when both people feel that they are listened to, cared for and valued.

An important distinction to consider is the difference between listening and hearing. Hearing is a sense that happens when sounds hit our ears and are processed by the brain. Hearing is a passive process. It is not actually something we do, it's simply a sound that is heard by my ears and by my brain.

Whereas, listening is a conscious action. When we are truly listening, we go beyond just hearing the words and give our attention to what is actually being said. We are invested in the words and the speaker can see this and thus feels valued. This is the message we want to teach the children; this is why good listening is so important.

Indeed, as Wayne Dyer simply put it: "Be a good listener...it makes the person who's speaking to you feel, loved, cared for and worthy of being heard."

To support our work at school, it would be great if you could discuss it with your children at home. To carefully explain to them, not only the meaning of being a good listener, but how they can show this in school and at home every day.

Thank you for your continued support and help with our key school values.

The Lambley Team

We believe that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

At Lambley we are committed to keeping our children safe from harm. Lee Christopher, Rebecca Shardlow and Jennifer Swinburne have responsibility for safeguarding & child protection. If we have any concerns reported to us we will always take action to protect a child and inform the relevant agencies.