

Wise Owls Childcare Challenging Behaviour Scenarios

‘A safe space to play, explore and grow’

Type of Behaviour	Behaviour Description	Behaviour Indicators (this list is not exhaustive but offers guidance to possible indicators of the behaviour type)
Disengaged	Child is rarely playing with other children or engaging in activities and seems subdued	Withdrawn Overly quiet Becomes lethargic May start to disrupt others Seems bored Lacks enthusiasm May self-harm or demonstrate other mental health concerns May be ostracised by others Unresponsive to efforts to include them
Disruptive	Child interrupts activities and may throw things or attempt to leave the setting. May struggle to follow instruction.	Shouting Knocking things over to prevent play Try to drag other children away Pushes others away when they try to play together or join in Running off Doesn't listen to staff or other children Does not respect boundaries Is rude
Unacceptable	Challenging behaviour that persists, or takes the form of violence, discriminatory remarks, or anything that endangers the health and safety of children or staff	Bullying Swearing Violent outbursts or reactions Spitting Is extremely rude Uses inappropriate language Behaviour does not improve even when methods of support are implemented and are exhausted Anti-social behaviour Discriminatory