

BEING BUANA BUNNY...

Reward.

Buana will appreciate simple rewards that she can enjoy alone and without any public recognition. It will be important to reward children like Buana by understanding what they enjoy doing and what they have an interest in. Buana and children like her will not want to be rewarded or recognised publicly for any effort or achievement but they will expect a private acknowledgement for this. If it is overlooked, they may well hold it against you in the future.

Criticism.

Buana Bunny is very sensitive to criticism and although it is likely that she will be polite and even humble in her receipt of criticism, she may find it very difficult to process and accept. When you need to critique Buana or a child like her, it is very important that you provide context, a purpose and outcome for your conversation. Make sure children like Buana have an opportunity to ask questions and has space to voice any frustrations or disgruntlement they may have about the criticism. It can be useful to 'review' criticism with children like Buana after a few days.

Communication.

When communicating with Buana Bunny or children like her, it is important that we don't see her quietness as agreement. Buana is unlikely to say if she is unhappy or doesn't agree with that is being said but will reflect and act upon it at a later date. Buana and children like her are likely to be very polite when they are communicating with you but what they say may not reflect their true thoughts and feelings. Although children like Buana will be quiet when you are speaking to them, this isn't indicative of them listening or understanding so it is important to check understanding and comprehension. It can be useful to give children like Buana a number of ways to express any concerns they might have including emails, or even a drop box for notes or thoughts/feelings.

Support.

Buana Bunny and children like her sometimes get confused by their own thoughts and feelings. Sometimes, the things they feel seem so unknown to them that they make up stories or circumstances in order to justify their very real emotions that are experiencing. Offering support to Buana Bunny or children like her can be incredibly challenging and, over a prolonged period can also be emotionally exhausting. If you have a Buana that needs support, it can be useful to seek the support of a professional and can also be beneficial to make a plan - structure your involvement and support so that you clearly understand where your time, involvement and responsibility starts and ends. This plan should be shared with Buana or similar children wherever possible to ensure they have a clear understanding and well managed expectation of support also.

Play.

Buana Bunny and children like her may find play fairly challenging. It is likely that Buana will struggle to understand the purpose of play and may become occupied with understanding the intentions and objectives of others rather than being able to enjoy any activities. For Buana, play can be quite distressing and she often struggles 'let go' of things that happen as part of games like being part of the losing team. Buana is much more comfortable with independent play and enjoys individual tasks and activities.

Buana Bunny can often present really complex behaviours and although she is usually polite and timid and can easily be overlooked in a classroom environment. When Buana feels that things are unfair, she can sometimes be destructive. If she has been done wrong, she will be happy to confront others and enters conflict in order to win rather than resolve.

