When you find yourself thinking that a child is being Manipulative, Unmotivated, Attention Seeking, Defiant, etc.

Try viewing the child instead as having a relative gap in their Capacities, Skills, and/or Understanding that makes them unable to meet a challenge they've experienced in the learning environment.

In dialogue with the child and the learning community, consider what you can do to help develop the child's Capacities,
Skills, and/or
Understanding.

Children do well if they can.