

Behaviour Management Policy

Positive Behaviour

Positive behaviour is encouraged from everyone in my home, however all children at some point will display unwanted behaviour. This policy provides you with the information and strategies I have in place to deal with this type of behaviour. This policy is also a requirement in the EYFS which I follow when caring for children.

I have certain house rules which are a short list of some guidelines that I expect everyone to follow in my home, not just the children. I realise that small children will forget the house rules so I will remind them and explain why we do them regularly. I can provide you with a copy of these rules if you wish to practise them in your home which may help with positive behaviour by being consistent.

I will ensure that the Equality Act 2012 is followed by treating every child in my care the same.

How I encourage positive behaviour:

Praise - I give lots of praise when a child's behaviour is good

Reward - I reward the child by letting them choose the next activity

Being a role model – children learn from others, setting a good example is important

Listening to the children – this makes the child feel valued and that their opinion matters

Attention - Provide individual attention to the children, this makes them feel valued

By using a good behaviour chart and certificates – this make them feel proud of their behaviour and everyone loves that feeling!

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Unwanted behaviour

As much as I will try to encourage positive behaviour occasionally children will show unwanted behaviour so I have set some guidelines to manage this. I understand that children will misbehave for different reasons so I will do my best to keep to your child's routine so they are not tired or hungry, we all get a little grumpy when we are one or both of these!

How I will handle unwanted behaviour:

Distraction – this works well with little ones, giving them a different activity to focus on

Thinking time – I will explain to the child why they have to think about what they have done

Ignore – I may ignore the behaviour if it is being done to achieve a reaction

Removal of treats – I will never reward unwanted behaviour and will remain consistent

Discuss with the child – depending on the child's age and understanding I may try to explain why we don't want them to show that behaviour. (E.g. if the behaviour is effecting someone else turn it round on them, how would you feel?)

Any form of physical discipline or humiliation is not practised in my care.

If your child has demonstrated unwanted behaviour during the day I may not tell you when you pick them up but wait until later and contact you by telephone or email. This is because it can be upsetting for a child to hear about the incident again and bring back negative feelings. I will inform you of how I dealt with the situation and usually no further action is required.

As it states in the EYFS, if I have to use physical intervention to stop a child causing harm to themselves, other children or property I will record the incident and inform you as soon as possible. If you have any concerns over managing your child's behaviour, it may be best for us to work on it together so not to confuse the child.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for support.