

My Behaviour policy



All children and adults are treated with equal concern and are made to feel welcome in my home. I aim to offer a quality childcare service for parents and children. I recognise the need to set out reasonable and appropriate limits to help manage the behaviour of children in my care.

I do not, and will not, administer physical or any other form of punishment with the intention of causing pain or discomfort, nor any kind of humiliating or hurtful treatment to any child in my care.

Working in partnership with parents/carers is a high priority to keep consistency for the children. (Please see my policy Working with Parents) All information shared will be kept confidential unless there appears to be a child protection issue (see Confidentiality policy)

I endorse POSITIVE discipline as a more effective way of setting limits for children in my care which focus on prevention, redirection, love, consistency and firmness.

I will:

- Reward good behaviour – rewards are constructive.
- Set realistic limits according to age and stage of development
- Set a good example – young children take notice of how we are and what we say.
- Be firm and consistent so that children know and feel secure within the boundaries I set.
- Distract and re-direct children's activities as a way of discouraging unwanted behaviour.
- Encourage responsibility by talking to children about choices and their possible consequences.
- Respond positively to children who constantly seek attention or are disruptive
- Help children maintain their self-esteem by showing I disapprove of their bad behaviour not the child themselves.
- Give praise, appreciation and attention
- Build children's self-esteem. A child who feels valued is more likely to behave well.

By providing a happy, safe, well managed environment the children in my care will be encouraged to develop social skills enabling them to be accepted and welcome in society as they grow and develop.

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