

## **Behaviour Management Policy:**

Good behaviour is an essential skill and tool for living and participating in a community with other people. It is very important that we all promote positive behaviour to children. I aim to do this by:

- Setting a good example myself.
- Listening to what children say, and valuing their contribution.
- Praising good behaviour, while not responding bad behaviour. (If the bad behaviour places a child at risk, I will remove the child from risk without responding to them and then try to divert their attention into a safer activity.)
- Giving children individual attention so that they feel respected and valued by me.
- Rewarding good behaviour (for example, allowing the child to choose the next activity, use of a star chart, etc).

I have put in place house rules that are explained to each child, prominently displayed in the Setting and are gently and consistently enforced.

I understand that children misbehave for a variety of reasons, and I will try to understand the cause of the misbehaviour before reacting to it. By using regular routines with the children, I hope that I can reduce most reasons for bad behaviour, and help the children to understand more clearly when they have broken a rule.

In the event of a child misbehaving, I will use one of several strategies, depending on the age of the child and the situation:

- Discuss: If a child is old enough, we will calmly discuss why they misbehaved, and I will explain in an appropriate way why their behaviour was not acceptable.
- Distract: The child be will removed from the situation, and another task started with them.
- Ignore: I will not react to the child's behaviour, but instead start paying attention to something else (while keeping the child under observation to ensure that they are safe).

In all circumstances, I will explain to the child that it is their *behaviour* that it not acceptable and that I still accept and value them.

**Under no circumstances will I hit, smack, shake, hurt or humiliate a child.**

I will record any incidents of misbehaviour, and the matter will then be considered closed. I will inform the parents of the incident when they arrive to collect the child, but ask that they respect my judgement in dealing with the incident.

I will always work with parents in teaching children the correct way to behave.

<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Dated:</b>	<b>Review Date:</b>
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