

MUFF PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY

Statement of Intent

Muff Parent & Toddler Group believes that children flourish best when they know how they are expected to behave and should be free to play and learn without fear of being hurt or unfairly restricted by anyone else.

Aim

We aim to provide an environment in which there is acceptable behaviour and where children learn to respect themselves, other people and their environment.

Methods

- The Parents, Carers and Guardians of each child have overall responsibility for issues concerning behaviour of their own children.
- We require all Parents, Carers, Guardians and Volunteers to use positive strategies for handling any conflict by helping children find solutions in a way that is appropriate for the children's ages and stages of development – for example distraction, praise and reward.
- We familiarise Parents, Carers, guardians and Volunteers with the Parent & Toddler Group's Behaviour Management Policy and its rules for behaviour.
- We praise and endorse desirable such as kindness and willingness to share.
- We never send children out of the room by themselves.
- We never use physical punishment, such as smacking or shaking. Children are never threatened with these types of actions.
- We do not use techniques intended to single out and humiliate individual children.
- We only use physical restraint, such as holding to prevent physical injury to children and adults, or serious damage to property, or to prevent children from leaving the premises thereby endangering themselves.
- In cases of serious misbehaviour such as abuse, we make clear immediately the unacceptability of the behaviour and attitudes, by means of explanations rather than personal blame.
- We do not shout in a threatening way to respond to children's behaviour.
- We handle children's unacceptable behaviour in ways which are appropriate to their ages and stages of development – for example by distraction, discussion or by withdrawing the child from the situation.

Bullying

Bullying involves the persistent physical or verbal abuse of another child or children. We take bullying very seriously.

If a child bullies another child or children:

- Parents/Carers/Guardians are expected to intervene to stop their child harming the other child or children.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Management Committee of Muff Parent & toddler Group held on 22nd May 2006.