

Fun Five Behaviour Management Policy

The Fun Five Club uses effective behaviour management strategies to promote the welfare and enjoyment of children attending the Club. Working in partnership with Parent/Carer(s) we aim to manage behaviour using clear, consistent and positive strategies. The Club rules are clearly displayed at every session, and are discussed regularly. All staff are responsible for behaviour management at the Club.

Whilst at The Fun Five we expect children to:

- Use socially acceptable behaviour
- Comply with the Club rules, which are compiled by the children attending the club
- Respect one another, accepting differences of race, gender, ability, age and religion
- Develop their independence by maintaining self-discipline
- Choose and participate in a variety of activities
- Ask for help if needed
- Enjoy their time at the Club

Encouraging positive behaviour

At The Fun Five positive behaviour is encouraged by:

- Staff acting as positive role models
- Praising appropriate behaviour
- Sticker rewards
- Informing Parent/Carer(s) about individual achievements
- Offering a variety of play opportunities to meet the needs of the children attending the Club

It is inevitable that as children develop and learn, there are times when they need support and guidance to understand that their behaviour is not acceptable. Staff at the Club will try to determine the cause or triggers of the inappropriate behaviour to prevent the situation from recurring.

Dealing with inappropriate behaviour

- Challenging behaviour will be addressed in a calm, firm and positive manner.
- In the first instance, the child will be temporarily removed from the activity.
- Staff will discuss why the behaviour displayed is deemed inappropriate.
- Staff will give the child an opportunity to explain their behaviour, to help prevent a recurrence.
- Staff will encourage and facilitate mediation between children to try to resolve conflicts through discussion and negotiation.
- If the inappropriate behaviour appears to be as a result of boredom, staff will consult with the child to find activities that more fully engage them.
- Staff will consult with Parent/Carer(s) to formulate clear strategies for dealing with persistent inappropriate behaviour.

- We will not threaten any punishment that could adversely affect a child's well-being.

Staff will keep Parents/Carers(s) informed about behaviour management issues relating to their child and attempt to work with them to tackle the causes of disruptive or unacceptable behaviour.

If after consultation with Parent/Carer(s) and the implementation of behaviour management strategies, a child continues to display inappropriate behaviour, the Club may decide to exclude the child. The reasons and processes involved will be clearly explained to the child.

Fun Five has the right to temporarily suspend or permanently exclude a child. Only the Manager, Responsible Individual and Governing body can temporarily suspend or permanently exclude a child in the event of persistent and irresolvable unacceptable behaviour.

Details of all warnings will be recorded and kept on the setting's records. Each warning will be discussed with the child concerned and his/her Parent/Carer(s). All staff will be made aware of any warnings given to a child.

Children will only be suspended or excluded as a last resort, when there is no alternative action that could be taken, or when it is felt that other children and/or staff are potentially at risk.

Physical intervention

Physical intervention will only be used as a last resort, when staff believe that action is necessary to prevent injury to the child or others, or to prevent significant damage to equipment or property. If a member of staff has to physically restrain a child, (see *Positive Handling Policy*) the manager will be notified and an Incident record will be completed. The incident will be discussed with the Parent/Carer(s) as soon as possible.

If staff are not confident about their ability to contain a situation, they should call the manager or, in extreme cases, the police. All serious incidents will be recorded on an Incident record and kept in the child's file. This may be used to build a pattern of behaviour, which may indicate an underlying cause. If a pattern of incidents indicates possible abuse, we will implement child protection procedures in accordance with our **Safeguarding Policy**.