

Collaton St Mary Community Playgroup

The Parish Rooms, Blagdon Road, Collaton St Mary Playgroup, Paignton TQ3 3YA

Behaviour Management – Policy and Practice.

Named person for Behaviour Management is Kim Julier

Kim has attended a Torbay Early Years Behavioural Management course and will be required to

- Keep herself up-to-date with legislation and research and thinking on handling children's behaviour
- Access relevant sources of expertise on handling children's behaviour

We believe that children and adults flourish best in a an ordered environment in which everyone knows what is expected of them and children are free to develop their play and learning without fear of being hurt or hindered by anyone else. We aim to work towards a situation in which children can develop self-discipline and self esteem in an atmosphere of mutual respect and encouragement.

In order to do this:

- Rules governing the conduct of the group and the behaviour of the children will be discussed and agreed within the playgroup and explained to all new comers, both children and adults.
- All adults within playgroup will ensure that the rules are applied consistently, so that the children have the security of knowing what to expect and build the appropriate habits of behaviour.
- All adults will try to provide a positive role model for the children with regard to friendliness, care and courtesy and to offer strategies for dealing with any conflict.
- Adults in the Playgroup will make themselves aware of, and respect, a range of cultural expectations regarding interactions between people.
- Adults will take into account a child's age and their stage of development.
- Adults will not shout, or raise their voices in a threatening way.
- Adults will be aware that some kinds of behaviour may arise from a child's special needs.
- Adults within playgroup will help children cope with and challenge bullying behaviour appropriately.
- Adults in Playgroup will praise and endorse desirable behaviour such as kindness and willingness to share.
- We will take positive steps to avoid a situation in which children receive adult attention for undesirable behaviour.
- Techniques intended to single out and humiliate individual children such as the 'naughty chair' will not be used.
- In any case of misbehaviour, it will always be made clear to the child that it is the action and not the child that is unwelcome.
- In cases of serious misbehaviour, such as racial or other abuse and bullying, the unacceptability of the behaviour and the attitudes will be made clear immediately, but by means of explanation rather than personal blame.

- Any behavioural problems will be handled in a developmentally appropriate fashion, regarding the individual child's level of understanding and maturity.
- Physical restraint, such as holding, will only be used to prevent physical injury to adults and children, and/or serious damage to property. Where possible there should be support from another member of staff. Any such incident will be recorded in the accident/incident book and the parent informed.
- When Playgroup staff have identified a recurring problem they will use observation records to try and establish an understanding of the cause. The parents will be consulted and the staff will liaise with the parent to resolve the recurring problem.

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

- We will intervene to stop the child harming the other child or children;
- We will explain to the child doing the bullying why her/his behaviour is inappropriate;
- We will give reassurance to the child or children who have been bullied;
- We will help the child who has done the bullying to say sorry for her/his actions;
- We will make sure that children who bully receive praise when they display acceptable behaviour;
- We do not label children who bully;
- When children bully, we discuss what has happened with their parents and work out with them a plan for handling the child's behaviour
- When children have been bullied, we share what has happened with their parents, explaining that the child who did the bullying is being helped to adopt more acceptable ways of behaving.

This policy was adopted by the committee at a Playgroup meeting.

Date 16th October 2007

Signed 

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