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Rockwood Nursery School School Discipline and Behaviour Policy

At Rockwood we believe in mutual respect for the whole school community – staff, parents, pupils, other family members, visitors to Nursery and the wider community. We should all show respect for one another and one another's property.

Aims

- To create an ethos of caring and respect for oneself, for others and the wider world
- To develop children's sense of self discipline
- For the children to have an awareness and understanding of what is right and wrong and why
- To reflect positive attitudes in behaviour and language and there is zero tolerance for racist incidents.

It is essential that all staff and students give a consistent message to the children and this policy will be shared with anyone coming to work with the children to ensure they are aware of our methods of handling behaviour and that they treat all members of Nursery with respect.

Strategies

- positive reinforcement of appropriate behaviour by smiling, verbally praising and rewarding appropriate behaviour
- making expectations clear
- staff modelling appropriate behaviour
- providing appropriate activities that involve and challenge children
- involve children in the establishment of classroom rules and procedures
- consistent reinforcement of expectations based on an understanding of the individual needs and development of a child

- establish good child/ staff/ parent relationships
- work with parents to give a consistent message
- encourage co-operative activities where children need to help one another to achieve a common goal
- make the child aware that it is the behaviour that is unacceptable not the child
- model ways of dealing with another's unacceptable behaviour – give strategies to stand up to other children such as :
 - encouraging a verbal response – ‘No, I don’t like that’
 - body language – hands up – stop
 - verbalising simple rules – ‘take turns’
 - talk about feelings in small group time
- ignore some low level poor behaviour so as not to reward with adult attention
- wait to get expected behaviour
- positive behaviour/reward sticker charts to encourage children

We will not accept any behaviour that is dangerous or upsetting to others or disrupts the Nursery routine

- aggression – physical, verbal or body language
- racist or sexist remarks etc, we have a zero tolerance for racism and any incidents will be reported to LCC
- hitting out
- rudeness / refusal

In this case

- children will be given a warning (as appropriate)
- supported back into play

If behaviour continues

- given time out to think about their behaviour
- quick explanation given to why behaviour is unacceptable
- ignore child while sitting out
- ask child why they have been sat out
- support back into play

Parents will be told in the event of continuous or severe misbehaviour and appropriate outside agencies involved if necessary in the interests of the child.