

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

It is recognised that all children behave in different ways and those changes in behaviour are usually a result of a change in their environment or circumstances that they may find challenging.

Positive behaviour is always promoted by all staff through praise, rewards and encouragement according to the child's age and stages of development.

At Rainbow Corner Nursery School, we use three main strategies:

1. Always offer a choice to give the child control. E.g. - 'You can sit nicely at story time with the group or sit by yourself in the reading area'
2. Empathise with the child. E.g. 'I know you're angry/sad, but we still need to tidy up'
3. Use 'if and when'. E.g. 'If you tidy up you can choose a book'

Most children at certain stages of development demonstrate behaviour that is negative. Children may demonstrate negative behaviour verbally or physically e.g. biting/ swearing.

Rainbow Corner Nursery School recognise that children may display negative behaviour since they are still exploring their emotions and understanding of what is socially accepted.

On those rare occasions when negative behaviour is evident a child will be gently supported.

We do not humiliate any child and we deal with discipline sensitively. Staff will explain to the child why their behaviour is unsafe or unkind.

Unwanted behaviour is managed according to each individual child's need. We understand that methods used for some children may not prove to be effective for others.

Parents, carers and nursery staff will work together to understand what works best for each child.

Rainbow Corner Nursery School will work in partnership with parents when dealing with inappropriate behaviour and the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (Abbie Hendry) may be called on for support.

Positive social behaviour will be encouraged such as sharing, good manners, hygiene and taking turns following our nursery rules.

Restraining a child for their own safety will only be used if behaviour is likely to cause injury to the child or any other person or property. This will be logged in the incident book and signed by parents.

Unacceptable Behaviour:

- Swearing

- Physical hurting of the other children or staff
- Repetitive damage of the nurseries property or of that belonging to another child.
- Racism
- Discrimination

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