

PEMBURY SCHOOL HOUSE NURSERY

Behaviour Management Policy

Statement of Intent

Our nursery believes that children flourish best when they are aware of their boundaries. Children are 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

To meet this Aim;

- **Rachael Teigen has overall responsibility for issues concerning behaviour; including**
 - keeping all practitioners up-to-date with legislation and research.
 - Accessing relevant sources of expertise on handling children's behaviour.
 - Ensuring staff have relevant in-service training on handling children's behaviour.
- **We keep a record of staff attendance at this training.**
- **We require all staff, volunteers and students to provide a positive model of behaviour by treating children, parents and one another, with friendliness, care and courtesy.**
- **We require all staff, volunteers and students to use positive strategies for handling any conflict, by helping children find solutions in ways which are appropriate for the children's ages and stages of development - for example, distraction, praise and reward.**
- **We familiarise new staff and volunteers with the nursery's Behaviour Management Policy and its rules for behaviour.**
- **We expect all members of the nursery - children, parents, staff, volunteers and students - to keep to the rules, requiring these to be applied consistently.**
- **We praise and endorse desirable behaviour, such as kindness and willingness to share.**
- **We avoid creating situations in which children receive adult attention only in return for undesirable behaviour.**

- **We recognise that codes for interacting with other people vary between cultures and require staff to be aware of - and respect - those used by members of the nursery.**
- **We help children who behave in unacceptable ways, to see what was wrong and how to cope more appropriately.**

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- **We never use physical punishment, such as smacking or shaking. Children are never threatened with these.**
- **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 or adults. Details of such an event (what happened, what action was taken and by whom, and the names of witnesses) are brought to the attention of our Nursery Supervisor and are recorded in our Incident Book. A parent is informed on the same day and signs the Incident Book to indicate that he / she has been informed.**
- **We immediately make clear, in cases of serious misbehaviour, such as racial or other abuse, the unacceptability of the behaviour and attitudes, by means of explanations rather than personal blame.**
- **We do not shout or raise our voices in a threatening way, to respond to children's behaviour.**
- **We handle children's behaviour in ways which are appropriate to their ages and stages of development.**
- **We work in partnership with children's parents. Parents are regularly informed about their child's behaviour, by their Key Person. We work with parents to address recurring, unacceptable behaviour, using objective observation records to help us to understand the cause and to decide jointly, how to respond appropriately.**

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

- **We share what has happened with the parents of the child who has been bullied, explaining that the child who did the bullying is being helped to adopt more acceptable ways of behaving.**

This policy was updated and adopted by the Trustees of Pembury School House Nursery.