



BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

From time to time, situations may arise which require some disciplinary intervention. Our aim is to ensure that the children attending Grimsby Co-operative Preschool are disciplined in a positive manner at a level appropriate to their stage of development and at a level appropriate to the nature of the misbehaviour. We must be consistent and remember that we are teaching appropriate behaviour, prompting self-discipline, ensuring health and safety and respecting the rights of others. We must take the required action at the time of the incident.

In most cases, when possible, allow the teachers to handle disciplinary problems. However, should you be required to take some action, acceptable **CHILD GUIDANCE TECHNIQUES** are as follows:

1. Limits or rules of an activity or play area will be clearly outlined to all children. They will be repeated as needed.
2. Regular staff intervention will be in the form of praise, hugging, encouraging comments and reminders to children of acceptable behaviour. Where possible intervention will permit logical consequences.
3. Staff and parents will use soft, supportive voices, model acceptable behaviour and not discuss the children's misbehaviour in front of them.
4. Children in attendance will be supervised by an adult at all times.
5. Snacks - Children will be encouraged to feed themselves. Force-feeding or the withholding of any food or drink is not allowed.
6. Washroom - Children will be assisted through the washroom routine according to the amount of adult help they require. Hands must be washed after going to the bathroom and before eating.
7. If anyone feels herself/himself losing patience with a child or situation, it is important to ask someone for help, or relief. This is NOT viewed as a weakness but rather as PROFESSIONALISM. It happens to everyone occasionally but should never be reason to penalize a child.
8. While school is in session, the teachers are the only authorities both in and out of the classroom. This authority is to be regarded not only by the children but also by the volunteers.