



MANAGEMENT OF BEHAVIOUR

At St. Andrew's Montessori we believe in promoting positive behaviour. We aim to encourage self-discipline, consideration for each other, our surroundings and property. By praising children and acknowledging their positive actions and attitudes, we hope to ensure that children see that we value and respect them. The rules at St. Andrew's Montessori are concerned with safety and care and respect for each other.

Children who behave inappropriately, whether by physically abusing another child or adult e.g.: by kicking or biting, or by verbal bullying, may be removed from the group. The child who has been upset will be comforted and the adult will confirm that the other child's behaviour is not acceptable. It is important to acknowledge that a child is feeling angry or upset and that it is the **behaviour** we are rejecting, not the child.

How a particular type of behaviour is handled will depend on the child and the circumstances. It may involve the child being asked to talk and think about what he or she has done. The child will also be asked to see if the person who was upset is all right and, if they meant it, to say or show that they are sorry.

In extreme cases the child will be removed from the classroom or garden until he or she has calmed down and had time to reflect on his or her behaviour. At St. Andrew's Montessori we endeavour to give the children non-aggressive strategies to enable them to stand up for themselves so that adults and children listen to them. They need to be given opportunities to release their feelings creatively.

Parents will be informed if their child is persistently unkind to others or if their child has been upset. In all cases inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with in school at the time. Parents may be asked to meet with staff to discuss their child's behaviour, so that if there are any difficulties we can work together to ensure consistency between home and school.

Children do need their own time and space. It is not always appropriate to expect a child to share and it is important to acknowledge children's feelings and to help them understand how others might be feeling. Children are encouraged to recognise that bullying, fighting, hurting and racist comments are not acceptable behaviour. We want children to recognise that certain actions are right and that others are wrong.

By positively promoting good behaviour, valuing co-operation and a caring attitude, we hope to ensure that children will develop as responsible members of society.

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