

Basic behaviour management strategies

- Consistency children are creatures of habit, they like routines to feel secure.
- Model play throughout the day.
- Praise positive behaviour frequently
e.g. 'good building', 'good listening' etc.



- Remind children positively about what you want them to do e.g. 'sand in the sand tray' **not** 'no throwing sand on the floor.'
- Model correct social interactions with children to other children e.g. waving hello, look at my toy, let's play etc.
- Encourage turn taking games. Initially with one adult then moving to another child, then small group.
- Model turn taking language during free play sessions, e.g. now it's 's turn', next it's '.....' s turn'
- Use sand timers to aid sharing.



- Model conflict solving language for children e.g. 'that was mine, I want it back', 'excuse me' 'help me' etc.
- Try to predict when a possible incident or conflict is arising. Step in and support and model correct behaviour or divert and distract.
- If a hitting incident has occurred say 'stop' 'hands down'. All attention given to hurt child. Lead child away and re direct to activity.

Remember- Use the outside area; all children need to get outside to expel energy.



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- Complete ABC observations to identify triggers for behaviour, if triggers are identified managing the behaviour can be more effectively planned.

(see What is an Antecedent-Behaviour-Consequence (ABC) chart fact sheet)

- Refer to your settings Behaviour management policy.

If a child continues to have difficulties managing their behaviour, despite practitioners consistently implementing the settings behaviour management policy and considering above suggestions.

The setting will need to consider:

- Liaising further with Parents to consider any needed referrals and to write an individual behaviour plan.
- Liaising with their Area SENCO, with the aim of any needed appropriate behaviour training being arranged for the setting Practitioners.

Encouraging good behaviour in children video on YouTube



Some useful tips for you to watch..... <https://youtu.be/q-bLKdL1yGo>