



Child Behaviour policy German Saturday School Hackney

All children and parents are treated with equal concern and are made to feel welcome at the *German Saturday School Hackney*. Our *Saturday School* aims to offer a quality education service. We recognise the need to set out reasonable and appropriate limits to help manage the behaviour of children in the *School*.

By providing a happy, safe environment, the children will be encouraged to develop language skills as well as social skills.

We do not, and will not, administer physical or any other form of punishment with the intention of causing pain or discomfort, nor any kind of humiliating or hurtful treatment to any child.

We endorse positive discipline as a more effective way of setting boundaries for children.

Procedure

We agree methods to manage children's behaviour with parents before the children start in the *Saturday School*. Wherever possible we try to meet parents' requests according to their values and practices.

We will only physically intervene, and possibly restrain, a child to prevent an accident, or to prevent an injury or damage.

From time to time children will have difficulty learning to deal with their emotions and feelings and this is a normal part of child development. We will acknowledge these feelings and try to help children to find constructive solutions in liaison with their parents.

Distracting and re-directing children's activities are used as a way of discouraging unwanted behaviour.

We encourage responsibility by talking to children about choices and their possible consequences.

We aim to be firm and consistent so that children know and feel secure within the boundaries I set.

We will respond positively to children who constantly seek attention or are disruptive.

We will help children maintain their self-esteem by showing we disapprove of their bad behaviour, and not of the children themselves.

If we have concerns about a child's behaviour we will always first speak to the parents. If this doesn't resolve the issue, we will ask for permission from the parents to talk it through with another professional. We may contact the NSPCC, health visitor or other relevant advice service for confidential advice. If issues still can't be resolved, we reserve the right to exclude a child from the *Saturday School*.

Concerns that could identify a particular child are kept confidential and only shared with people who need to know this information.

House rules

- We pay attention to the teachers, helpers and each other and always try our best.
- We do not swear, call each other names, fight or deliberately hurt anyone else in any way.
- We show respect and are kind to each other.
- We keep the air free from smoke.
- We take care of the toys, books and other equipment.

Children are guided away from doing things which:

- are dangerous or hurtful or offensive to someone else
- are dangerous to the child
- will make the child unwelcome or unacceptable to other people
- damage other people's property.

This policy will be periodically reviewed.

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