Behaviour Management Policy

We have written a few simple 'House Rules' whilst attending Muddy Puddles Childcare. They are designed to help us all work and play together happily and safely. We work with the children to ensure that they understand the behaviour that we expect from them. Mostly they are there to ensure the safety of all those in the setting and to help the children learn to respect each other, the adults and property. They are probably very similar to the 'rules' that you have in your own home.

We all sit at the table (or in our highchair) to eat or drink.
This is to prevent spills and choking accidents. It also helps to create a social atmosphere in which children can learn good table manners. The adults also sit with the children and model the correct behaviour.

We treat the furniture with respect
We discourage standing on furniture, jumping on the furniture etc. This is to prevent children from falling off and hurting themselves but also to learn to respect others property and to use things for what they were designed.

We look after the toys and play with them correctly
We teach the children how to play with the toys with respect by the adults modelling good behaviours like not throwing the toys as this could hurt someone and/or break the toy, standing on them etc.

We remove our shoes when we come inside
We don't want to tread mud (or worse) onto the carpets and flooring where the babies crawl and we sit to play so we encourage the children to take their shoes off before coming through the gate.

We treat others how we would like to be treated
We encourage good manners like saying please and thank you and being nice to each other this is modelled by the adults. We do not allow any hurting of each other either by physical or verbal means. We ensure that our play includes others and we do not leave out children that would like to be included.

We share our toys and activities and help to tidy away when finished with them.
We encourage the children to share the toys and think of others when playing games. Once we have finished playing we then encourage the children to tidy away by helping the adults, as we do not want to fall over toys and hurt ourselves.

In addition to these "house rules," We have also set out a **Behaviour Management Policy**; our aim is to create a happy and relaxed atmosphere for the child so that they can enjoy the activities on offer and express themselves freely without the fear of intimidation or physical/verbal abuse.

We adopt a positive behaviour management policy whereby we try to avoid the word "don't" and use "let's". We do not and will not under any circumstances use any form of physical punishment nor do we use any harsh methods of dealing with difficult behaviour which would result in the child feeling hurt or humiliated. We may suggest that children have a short time out to calm down, but we will not isolate them. We will inform parent/s of any incidents as soon as possible and of the action taken.

Good behaviour means that everyone is helpful towards each other, caring, kind, polite and friendly.

Rewarding your children when they are being good is an extremely effective way of managing their behaviour. Children enjoy gaining attention and it is important that they gain attention when they are behaving well. We encourage good behaviour by awarding certificates and stickers, using positive verbal comments and praise where appropriate and by giving children responsibility appropriate to their age and stage of development.

We believe that attention, approval, and praise will build a child's self esteem, and a child who feels valued is more likely to behave well.

In some circumstances a child may exhibit challenging behaviour (such as bullying or biting). In cases of persistent challenging behaviour, we will make a record on an incident form and we will of course work with parents or carers to resolve any issues of this nature.

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