

Promoting Positive Behaviour

Policy Statement:

St John's Renfield Church Playgroup seeks to provide a caring, stimulating environment in which the individual child can learn and develop in safety.

The Playgroup acknowledges that at certain times some children may have problems that lead to difficult behaviour. Staff adopting the following strategies will deal with this difficult behaviour :

- Stay calm keep voice calm and firm.
- Try to distract/divert the child from the situation that is causing the problem by providing a more interesting alternative.
- Try reasoning with the child. Explain why their behaviour is unacceptable to you.
- Listen to the child's unhappy disclosures and try to help.
- If the child is throwing himself about prevent him/her from hurting himself/herself or others.
- It might be better to remove the child from the room.
- Make sure that when the child is over his/her tantrum that love and concern for the child is shown.
- Be consistent with the child – do not make promises you cannot keep.
- Teach by good example.
- Be honest with children about what is happening.
- Treat children with respect. Show that adults will listen to children and take seriously what they say.
- Be tolerant but be prepared to define limits and stick to them.
- If a child is violent in playgroup they would be removed from the situation and told why their behaviour is not acceptable and that an adult would be informed.
- If a child is violent towards another child or adult the child's carer would be informed of the incident. This would be done discreetly and in private.
- The carer of any child who experienced violent behaviour would be informed and be told how the matter had been dealt with.
- Any violent behaviour would be recorded in the incident book and would be signed by carers and playleaders.

Give children the opportunity to feel good about themselves.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of St John's Renfield Playgroup Committee held on _____.

Nominated committee member _____.

Nominated Play leader _____.