

# BEAMINSTER PLAYGROUP

## BEHAVIOUR

### AIMS

Our Playgroup aims to provide a stimulating range of experiences and activities for children to make sense of their world through play. By providing a happy, well-balanced environment the children will be encouraged to develop social skills to help them become accepted and welcome in society as they grow up. We recognise that busy children are less likely to behave in an unacceptable or anti-social way.

All children will be encouraged to respect one another and property around them.

We recognise the need to set reasonable and appropriate limits, which all the adults will maintain in the management of children's behaviour.

Physical punishment is never used, nor practices which humiliate or frighten children. Physical punishment is not resorted to and where restraint is unavoidable, the minimum amount is used consistent with maintaining the safety of the child and others.

It is always made clear that it is the behaviour, not the child that is unwelcome.

We encourage responsibility such as helping to tidy up.

### PROCEDURES

Persistent problems with unwanted behaviour are promptly and accurately recorded, then reported to parents/carers, colleagues or professionals, as appropriate and advice sought.

Any incidents of unwanted behaviour are handled in a calm and controlled manner and also recorded in the accident/incident book.

Adults intervene and redirect, if necessary, to prevent disagreements developing that children cannot handle.

Training and support in behaviour management is available to staff.

Having a few simple rules concerning drink time, water/sand play etc. will result in the development of the child's self-discipline and respect for others

We build the children's self-esteem by giving them attention and appreciating what they do because when children are used to getting attention for good behaviour they will not need to seek it by misbehaving.

- We praise and reward positive behaviour
- We give children the language with which to express themselves
- We provide materials and equipment through which the children can play out their feelings