

Sedgeberrow Playgroup

Suspensions and Exclusions Policy

Sedgeberrow Playgroup will deal with negative and inappropriate behaviour by using constructive behaviour management techniques. We will involve staff, parents and children to tackle disruptive and challenging behaviour collectively.

We acknowledge that some children will require additional support in order to achieve acceptable levels of behaviour. Where we identify a child with these needs, we will work closely with the parents or carers to deal with the inappropriate behaviour in accordance with our **Behaviour Management** policy.

Where a child *persistently* behaves inappropriately, we will implement the following procedure:

1. Give the child a formal warning; staff will explain why the behaviour is unacceptable along with the consequences of further incidents.
2. Staff will encourage the child to discuss their behaviour, to explain their actions and to identify strategies for avoiding such incidents in the future.
3. Details of formal warnings, suspensions and exclusions will be recorded on an **Incident Log** and kept in the child's records.
4. The formal warning will be discussed with the child's parent/carer.
5. All staff will be informed when a child is given a formal warning.
6. The committee will be informed.

Staff will inform the manager if they believe that a child's behaviour warrants suspension or exclusion.

We will only suspend or exclude a child from the Playgroup as a last resort, when all other behaviour management strategies have failed or if we feel that children or staff are at risk. We will try to give parents/carers time to arrange alternative childcare to cover the period of suspension.

Suspensions and exclusions will be fair, consistent and appropriate to the behaviour concerned, and will take account of the child's age / stage and maturity as well as any other factors relevant to the child's situation. If appropriate, we will seek advice from other agencies; this may include accessing funding for additional support.

Temporary suspensions

Temporary suspensions will be applied in the following situations:

- Where formal warnings have failed to improve a child's persistent, challenging and unacceptable behaviour.
- In the event of an extremely serious or dangerous incident we will suspend a child with immediate effect. We will contact the parents or carers and ask that the child be collected immediately. Immediate suspensions will only be applied with the agreement of the manager.

The playgroup may temporarily suspend the child for a period of up to 15 days. If the Playgroup takes this step, we will discuss our concerns with the parents/carers in order to work together to promote a more desirable pattern of behaviour.

At the end of the suspension period the manager will meet with the parents/carers and the child, in order to agree any conditions relating to the child's return to the Playgroup.

Permanent exclusion

In exceptional circumstances, and only when all other attempts at behaviour management have failed, it may be necessary to permanently exclude a child from the setting.

If a child is excluded from the Playgroup, the parents/carers will be given a verbal and written explanation of the issues and subsequent actions. The parent/carer has the right to appeal to the manager/management committee against the exclusion within 14 days of receiving written notification of the exclusion.

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