

Ten tactics for promoting positive behaviour

Early Years SEN Inclusion Service

1. Make sure that children know what you want them to do. Be realistic about what you expect from them.

2. Make sure you have up to date information about children in your care.

3. Look for good behaviour and good playing. Remember to praise the behaviour rather than the child.

4. Make sure the child knows exactly what they are being praised for.

5. Try to praise quickly and consistently and praise children to others. Think carefully about the language you use when talking about behaviour.

6. Help children to make and keep a few simple, positive rules. Use positive language - avoid don't.

7. Tackle changing one behaviour at a time - try not to nag.

8. Help children to learn how to resolve conflicts.

9. Look closely at the wider environment: Does your practice seek to prevent unacceptable behaviour? Make sure that the environment you have created is arranged appropriately.

10. Build treats into your week as rewards for especially good behaviour.

Remember: changes take time. A consistent approach is essential.

Have fun with the children