



BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY 2024

We want the children and young people to enjoy their time at Beach Life and for it to be a safe place for them to grow in their relationship with each other and God. As such it is necessary to have some basic guidelines for good practice, to best care for those youngsters entrusted to us. However, we recognise that there are some children and young people who may find it difficult to follow these guidelines. Therefore, reasonable adjustments will be made as appropriate.

Two general rules to use which encompass most things are:

- **Respect each other** – leaders and other children and young people in what we say and do, listen and be kind.
- **Respect equipment and property** – only touch equipment as directed by the leaders.

Encourage children and young people to raise their hands when waiting for quiet to show they are listening.

Encourage children and young people to participate in the activity but do not insist if they do not want to take part. Offer an appropriate alternative that will not disrupt the others.

If a child or young person reacts badly to losing give them some space to calm down before encouraging them to return to the activity.

As far as possible give attention and praise to those doing the right things.

If a child or young person is not following the rules, please follow the guidelines below:

- Talk to the child or young person where they are and keep a close eye on them. Remind them of the rules.
- If a child or young person continues to misbehave, move next to them or move them away from distracting influences. Remind them of the rules and issue a warning.
- If they continue to misbehave issue a 'time out' – moving them away from the activity for a short time. Then ask if they are ready to return to the activity and behave appropriately. If they agree enable them to rejoin the group.
- If misbehaviour still continues - again move them away from the situation and explain that further poor behaviour may result in their parents being contacted.
- If despite numerous warnings / time out the child or young person continues to misbehave, inform the age group leader and their responsible adult to follow up on issues involved.

The majority of children and young people behave well at Beach Life and really enjoy the sessions. These guidelines are there to ensure that this continues to be the case and help leaders, children and young people feel safe.

Boundaries

The children/young people who attend an activity will be given clear, age-appropriate guidelines on behaviour and how to treat everyone and the equipment/ property with respect.

Team work

It is very important that as a team, we maintain consistent standards and support each other.

If there is a situation that you feel you are unable to deal with on your own, or at all, seek help from another Leader, but do not ignore a situation or a child's/young person's behaviour because you are unsure of what to do.

Leaders should speak to their Age Group Leader if they have any concerns.

Prevention

Prevention is always better than a cure – if you can see a situation developing, try and deal with it before it has a chance to fully develop.