

Suspensions and Exclusions

Little Pippins is committed to dealing with negative behaviour in a non-confrontational and constructive manner. Wherever possible, disruptive or challenging behaviour will be tackled collectively between staff and children in the setting. Such procedures are outlined in the Behaviour Management policy.

However, there are occasions when such strategies alone will not alter or prevent negative behaviour. In such cases, further action will be necessary, including reviewing a child's place at Little Pippins, on either a temporary or permanent basis.

Persistent unacceptable behaviour from a child will result in her/him receiving a formal warning from staff about her/his actions. Staff will explain to the child why the behaviour is unacceptable and the consequences of any further such incidents. The child will be encouraged to discuss her/his behaviour, to explain her/his actions, and helped to develop strategies to avoid repeat incidents.

Details of all warnings, suspensions and exclusions will be reported to the Management Committee and details will be recorded and kept on Little Pippins' records. Each warning should be discussed with the child concerned and her/his parent/carer. All staff will be made aware of any warnings given to a child. As a last resort, the Chair or Manager has the right to temporarily suspend or permanently exclude a child in the event of persistent and irresolvable unacceptable behaviour.

Children will only be suspended or excluded as a last resort, when there is no alternative action that could be taken, or when it is felt that other children and/or staff are potentially at risk.

Staff should always keep parents/carers informed about behaviour management issues relating to their child and attempt to work with them to tackle the causes of disruptive or unacceptable behaviour.

No member of staff may impose a suspension from Little Pippins without prior discussion with the Chair. Staff will consult the Manager as early as possible if they believe that a child's behaviour is in danger of warranting suspension or exclusion.

Exemptions

Only in the event of an extremely serious or dangerous incident will a child be suspended from Little Pippins by the Manager with immediate effect. In such circumstances, the child's parent/carer will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child. Children will not be allowed to leave the premises until a parent/carer arrives to collect them. The Manager will inform the Chair of the incident as soon as possible.

After an immediate suspension has taken place, the Manager will arrange a meeting with the child concerned and her/his parents/carers to discuss the incident and decide if it will be possible for her/him to return to Little Pippins.

Suspensions and exclusions should be seen as consistent, fair and proportionate to the behaviour concerned. Consideration will be given to the child's age and maturity. Any other relevant information about the child and her/his situation will also be considered.

When a suspension is over and before a child is allowed to return to Little Pippins, there will be a discussion between staff, the child and her/his parent/carer and the Chair may set out the conditions of the child's return.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Little Pippins Management Committee

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Signed on behalf of the Management Committee: *Kieran Dee*

Role of signatory: Chair

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Related Policies

Behaviour Management