

Non violent childcare

Violence can be physical i.e. fighting or hitting or verbal i.e. abuse, aggressive behaviour. It may be the result of frustration or anger. It may be the way that adults or children have learned to behave or deal with difficulties.

Children are influenced by violence from an early age and the setting aims to counter this in every way possible.

Dealing with problems – Violence of any form is not an acceptable way of dealing with problems and disagreements in the setting. This includes problems between children or adults and children. Children will be helped to resolve their problem and feelings constructively i.e. by talking, reasoning and sharing difficulties.

Toys – Play materials in the setting will be non – violent. There will be no guns, swords, etc provided.

Labels – As practitioners we will not label children. Labels such as bad, naughty are a short cut to explaining why behaviour is unacceptable. Labels can actually reinforce children's unacceptable behaviour for example a child constantly called naughty sees her/himself as naughty and continues the unacceptable behaviour.

Parents – The door is always open to parents and they will be given the opportunity to input into the management of their children's care.

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