



# Guidance Policy – 2021

## Purpose of the Guidance Policy

The purpose of the guidance policy is to outline expectations for children in The Garden Daycare Centre (TGDC). This policy allows all families to acknowledge the procedures which take place when difficulties are experienced in the centre and how these difficulties will be dealt with.

## What we believe

TGDC believes that children thrive in an environment that is secure, nurturing and supportive. We believe it is important to set realistic expectations and limits for young children to ensure the safety of each child. We guide in a manner that is clear, firm, positive and still maintains the child's self-respect.

Consequences for his/her actions can be a learning experience for a child. Giving choices and redirection will be used to minimize (poor) behaviour. We strive to help children solve their own problems, we acknowledge their feelings and help him/her to be considerate of others.

## How we will accomplish this

TGDC will provide an aesthetic, adequately sized organized play space which will allow children to play in a relax manner.

- Providing a variety of toys, which will stimulate cognitive, physical and emotional growth. The toys will be rotated monthly.
- Approaching children individually, establishing eye contact and using a calm controlled voice.
- Recognizing a child's feelings before discussing behavioural limits.
- Focusing on the child's behaviour rather than the child.
- Ignoring minor incidents.
- Discussing acceptable behaviour and setting limits at a level the child understands.
- Using positive reinforcement in words and actions, focusing on what to do rather than what not to do.
- Encouraging caring and cooperative relationships.
- Allowing children to make choices where applicable.
- Reminding children of limits, as they have short memories and are easily distracted.
- Diverting a child's interest when necessary.
- Assisting children to solve problems.
- Giving a warning cue that will indicate a coming change in activities
- Using logical consequences (eg. if a child spills milk he/she will be expected to wipe it up.)
- Using time out as last resort. The child will be removed from the situation on a time out chair, within sight, for one minute for each year of the child's age.

We believe in a positive approach to child rearing. We do not humiliate, confine, or deprive children from meals, snacks or the use of the toilet as a form of punishment.

