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### **Behaviour Guidance Policy**

Guidelines regarding behaviour and guidance for children help ensure that children, families and staff have a safe environment.

National Kindergarten practises a guidance approach to behaviour: Our Expectations of behaviour are based on Care and Respect.

We aim to encourage children to develop empathy and understanding, self-respect, self-discipline and self-control.

The Kindergarten promotes peaceful play. Children are taught and encouraged to use positive conflict resolution skills, language and actions.

We respect and care: For each other, for our things, for our environment.

Behaviour is part of a cycle: We think – we feel – we behave

A respectful environment facilitates the rights of children and teachers to learn and teach.

Early behaviour intervention is effective in preventing and minimizing the development and long-term effects of ongoing challenging behaviours.

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#### **Encouraged Behaviours**

- ➤ Language that encourages others
- > Actions/words that include others.
- > Giving, sharing, and taking turns
- ➤ Positive attitude
- > Caring and kindness
- ➤ Safe/constructive play
- ➤ Working together cooperatively
- > Taking responsibility for own behaviour
- Being polite
- > Self-control
- ➤ Listening to others
- ➤ Using appropriate social language

### **Discouraged Behaviours**

- > Teasing, shouting, and telling lies.
- > Actions/words that exclude others.
- ➤ Hitting, kicking, pinching, biting, spitting
- > Toys and clothing that promote violent play actions and words are discouraged.
- > Throwing objects inappropriately
- Disrespecting others' work or property
- ➤ Ignoring adult requests and following thru
- ➤ Avoiding or disrespecting group norms
- Manipulating
- Deliberate withdrawal and refusal to participate