



## Behaviour policy

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This policy has been put in place to ensure we are all operating from the same foundation of behaviour values.

We aim to provide time where children and their parents/caregivers can enjoy music and play in a safe and happy environment. The team's role is to coordinate the session and ensure it flows smoothly. They cannot be responsible for negative behaviours if they arise. Therefore each adult is responsible for their child's care and whereabouts at all times. We encourage you to participate with your child/ren in all aspects of the program. Please keep your child/ren in the room where our session is being conducted.

*We know all children have 'off' days.* If there is a conflict between your child and another child, please try to sort this out immediately.

If your child hurts another, talk with the hurt child and his/her caregiver. Encourage your child to say, "sorry", realising that this can be a very hard word to say after a child has done something wrong. Sometimes you'll find it better to say, "(name of child) is sorry that she hurt you. She doesn't like being pushed either." Give your child 'time out', away from the play area - a good idea is to sit with them on your knee for a short period. If your child continues to be disruptive or aggressive, we ask that you take your child home, regardless of the time remaining in the session. Sometimes parents have found their child was actually 'coming down' with a sickness and this was the reason for their uncharacteristic behaviour.

If undesirable behaviour continues for more than two sessions, consider stopping for a week or two to give your child a break and then come back fresh to the session.

We suggest that on the way to mainly music, you talk with your child about the time you are going to have. Run through a few of the rules in a positive way such

as - "remember, at mainly music, we share with other children." Give your child a picture of what you expect so they will rise to the occasion rather than 'telling them off' or setting up conflict before the program even starts.

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If you have noticed a change in your child's behaviour at mainly music, talk with one of the team. They are there to encourage you. There is material they can suggest you check out containing practical solutions.

We aim for mainly music to be a highlight in every child's week, that you will have fun and see real benefits in you and your child attending this program.

Thank you for your support in making mainly music so awesome!

