

Behaviour Policy

Dorset Wild Ones aim to encourage socially acceptable behaviour using clear, consistent and positive strategies. The club rules are compiled with the children and are discussed regularly.

Whilst at Wild Ones we expect our children and young people to:

- Use socially acceptable behaviour
- Comply with the policies and procedures
- Respect one another, accepting differences of race, gender, ability, age and religion
- Ask for assistance if needed
- Listen to the staff members and volunteers and follow their guidelines for each activity
- Respect nature and the environment and to leave things as they were found or improve if possible
- Respect the rules around fire and use of tools

The club will promote and actively encourage good behaviour by leading by example and by colleagues respecting each other and the children. It is believed that by adopting a culture of sharing and caring, engaging rules of action and consequence and by the adults leading by example, any incidents of bullying, name calling, or aggression will be minimised. One child's behaviour must not be allowed to endanger the other children in the group by absorbing or distracting the supervising colleagues.

Parents are expected to provide suitable detail in terms of behavioural traits of their children when registering their child or when there is a significant change.

Children will be made aware of the effects of their behaviour on others and methods of discussion and distraction shall be used when confronting behaviour issues. No undue stress shall be placed on the child in terms of humiliation, segregation or any form of physical punishment. Incident sheets will be used to record any incident where handling or physical intervention is needed. Sheets will be kept on file and copies and made available to parents.

If a child's behaviour is concerning Wild Ones colleagues, the following steps will be taken:

- The child will be given a verbal warning and explanation about why their behaviour is unacceptable
- If this does not resolve the matter then the parent will be informed
- If the unacceptable behaviour continues the colleagues will monitor and record the incidents and keep the parents informed
- In the unlikely event that the behaviour does not improve, Wild Ones reserve the right to exclude the child from the club on a temporary or permanent basis.
- Abuse, both verbal and/or physical, against a member of colleagues or another child will not be tolerated and may lead to immediate exclusion.

If at any time a child's behaviour is extremely anti-social then temporary or permanent exclusion may be implemented immediately.