



Young People's Puppet Theatre

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Behaviour Management Policy

The Young People's Puppet Theatre uses effective behaviour management strategies to promote the welfare and enjoyment of children attending the Camp. Working in partnership with parents, we aim to manage behaviour using clear, consistent and positive strategies, and with adults modelling positive behaviour. The Camp rules are clearly displayed at every session and are discussed regularly.

Whilst at the Puppet Camp we expect children to:

- Use socially acceptable behaviour
- Comply with the Camp rules
- Respect one another, accepting differences of race, gender, ability, age and religion
- Develop their independence by maintaining self-discipline
- Ask for help if needed
- Enjoy their time at the Camp.

Encouraging positive behaviour

At the YPPT Camp positive behaviour is encouraged by:

- Staff acting as positive role models
- Praising appropriate behaviour
- Informing parents about individual achievements

It is inevitable that as children develop and learn, there are times when they need support and guidance to understand that their behaviour is not acceptable. Staff at the Camp will try to determine the cause or triggers of the inappropriate behaviour to prevent the situation from recurring.

Dealing with inappropriate behaviour

- Challenging behaviour will be addressed in a calm, firm and positive manner.
- In the first instance, the child will be temporarily removed from the activity.
- Staff will discuss why the behaviour displayed is deemed inappropriate.
- Staff will give the child an opportunity to explain their behaviour, to help prevent a recurrence.
- Staff will encourage and facilitate mediation between children to try to resolve conflicts through discussion and negotiation.
- If the inappropriate behaviour appears to be as a result of boredom, staff will consult with the child to find a role that more fully engages them.
- Staff will consult with parents to formulate clear strategies for dealing with persistent inappropriate behaviour.
- No staff member will ever threaten any punishment that could adversely affect a child's well-being (eg withdrawal of food or drink).

If after consultation with parents and the implementation of behaviour management strategies, a child continues to display inappropriate behaviour, the YPPT may decide to



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exclude the child from further participation in the Camp. The reasons and processes involved will be clearly explained to the child.

Physical intervention

Physical intervention will only be used as a last resort, when staff believe that action is necessary to prevent injury to the child or others, or to prevent significant damage to equipment or property. If a member of staff has to physically restrain a child, the manager will be notified, and an **Incident record** will be completed. The incident will be discussed with the parent or carer as soon as possible.

If staff are not confident about their ability to contain a situation, they will call the Camp manager or, in extreme cases, the police.

All serious incidents will be recorded on an **Incident record** and kept in the child's file. This may be used to build a pattern of behaviour, which may indicate an underlying cause. If a pattern of incidents indicates possible abuse, we will implement child protection procedures in accordance with our **Safeguarding** policy.

Corporal punishment

Corporal punishment or the threat of corporal punishment will *never* be used at the Camp.

We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that no child who attends our Camp receives corporal punishment from any person who cares for or is in regular contact with the child, or from any other person on our premises.

This policy was adopted by: The Young People's Puppet Theatre	Date: 25 th July 2022
To be reviewed: 31 st August 2022	Signed: Jeremy Duschenes

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2021): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Managing behaviour [3.50-3.52]*.