



Exclusion Policy

General

It is the general policy of the preschool to consider exclusion of a child only as a last resort and one that should be avoided by all practical means. However, under certain circumstances, the exclusion of a child may be the only option open to the preschool.

Reasons for Exclusion

Notwithstanding the preschool general policy, exclusion may be considered in one or more of the following circumstances:

- A child exhibits repeated violent and/or uncontrollable behaviour.
- A child persistently directs abusive or threatening language towards either a member of staff or to another child.
- Persistent anti social behaviour or problems of an indefinable nature
- The child through his/her behaviour is perceived to represent a physical risk to him/herself, to other children or to members of the preschool staff.

Exclusion Procedure

Should a child begin to exhibit extreme antisocial behaviour or is disruptive or violent, nursery staff will initiate the following actions:

- Preschool staff will execute the Preschool Behavioural Policy and Procedures
- If the behavioural problems persist
 - The parents of the child will be consulted so that an action plan can be formulated
 - Specialist advice, assistance and help will be sought
 - A meeting/s with all relevant parties will be held to discuss the behavioural issues and to agree upon an action plan
 - Preschool staff will report progress to the child's parents on a daily basis
 - Funding for 1-to-1 assistance for the child may be sought
 - Regular meetings will be held with all relevant parties.

If there is no improvement in the child's behaviour or the behaviour constitutes an immediate threat to another child or member of staff, the child will be excluded.

The parent/s will be made aware of the decision to exclude their child as soon as practically possible by phone or face to face, followed by a letter to the parents/guardians informing them of the preschool decision to exclude the child.

Signed

Date

Staff Name	Date received	Please sign to show you have read and understand this policy.