

Side By Side: Connecting SEND Families Through Play

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Overview

Life leisure has a responsibility for ensuring the safety and well-being of all whilst attending our sessions. We recognise the importance of staff and parent/carers encouraging positive behaviour. It is regarded as integral to the safety and wellbeing of the children attending any life leisure hub. This policy offers guidelines to parent/carer and staff on behaviour and expectations during the SEND session.

This policy also covers the course of action that will be taken if behaviour is deemed unacceptable. Life leisure strive to promote positive behaviour which should be honoured by every child, parent/carer and staff member attending the sessions.

Parent/Carer Expectations and responsibility:

It is a parent and child send play session supported by the life leisure centre to be a parent and child led facilitated space to help promote wellbeing and health and fitness inclusively. The space is there to provide a safe place for parents to play with their children and make friends and play with others too.

Upon booking your child onto the session, we expect the following from the responsible adult attending the session:

- Parent/carers to accompany child/young person to the session and remain with the young person at all times. E.g. when using the bathroom.
- Parents/carer **NOT** to leave the room or young person unattended.
- Parent/carers to partake in parallel play with the child/young person and help to engage in activities.
- Staff will not use any physical intervention on the young people. Parent/carers are responsible for any conflict or behaviours.

Code of Conduct:

Upon booking your child onto the session, we expect the following from all children/young people:

- *I will be respectful and treat others how you would wish to be treated.*
- *I will follow the instructions of parent/carer and staff members in order to keep myself and others safe.*
- *I share and take turns.*
- *I will use safe hands and feet – no hitting, kicking, hurting, spitting.*
- *I will ask for help if needed.*
- *I stay in the play hall and do not run off.*
- *I will not be aggressive or use abusive or offensive language to staff or others.*
- *I will respect the property of others and use it in the correct manner.*
- *I will be patient, honest, fair and polite to others.*

Behaviour Policy:

Strategies for desirable behaviour:

- *Life leisure aims to provide a calm, relaxed atmosphere where children can feel safe and secure.*
- *Staff and parent/carers will strive to raise self-esteem amongst all children by rewarding positive behaviour and actively discouraging poor behaviour.*
- *Staff, parent/carers and children will:*
 - *Behave considerately and welcome all newcomers to camp.*
 - *Respect the environment, buildings, equipment and furniture and move around the hub in a safe manner.*
 - *Maintain the cleanliness of the environment and avoid leaving litter in any space.*

At times behaviour may be unacceptable and in such situations, discipline may be required.

Dealing with poor behaviour:

Parent/carers to be responsible for poor behaviour.

- *Should poor behaviour continue, staff may discuss with the responsible adult about further action.*
- *If all agree, the child/young person may be asked to leave the session.*
- *If any child/young person is asked to leave the session, no refund will be made and a discussion will be had about if it's appropriate for the child/young person to attend future sessions.*

Discrimination:

- *Life leisure believes that all children and young people have intrinsic value and worth and life leisure embraces their uniqueness and autonomy.*
- *Life leisure respect difference and welcome diversity in children, young people and society in general, and believes sessions should be inclusive for all.*
- *Life leisure believes that children and young people should have the right to feel safe, secure and valued and that creating a safe environment free of bullying and discrimination is everyone's responsibility.*
- *Life leisure believes children and young people should actively participate in decisions that affect them and should be supported in taking responsibility or their choices and subsequent actions.*
- *Life leisure believes every child at camp should be treated with respect and courtesy and no one should be bullied or discriminated against.*

When booking onto the session you agree to adhere to the policies and procedures outlined in this document.