# Supporting Your Child to Grow and Flourish

Home & School in Partnership



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### Aims of today:

- Understand what typical developmental behaviours are; how school and home can mirror strategies so children receive the same messages from all trusted adults.
- Share strategies and scripts to support behaviour and emotional regulation.
- Know and understand where school sits in terms of the graduated response- and how we use this to guide our decision making/planning for children's needs.



Take 2 minutes to introduce yourself and the ages of your children to the other parent/carers at your table.







#### Label the attribute and/or emotion of the children.







Label the attribute and/or emotion of the adults.

## How do we nurture internal discipline?



**External** discipline is controlling the behaviour.

Internal discipline is teaching behaviour.

To create change we need to understand, not simply suppress, the behaviour.

Our own emotions affect the way we manage behaviour. Children need constant reminders and modelling of expectations.

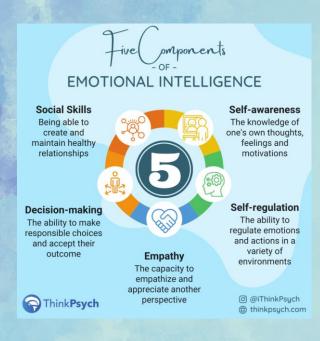
What we do **TO** children – Authoritarian What we do **FOR** children- Teaching, restorative

Let's look at some typical childhood behaviours as they develop. Whilst the behaviours are 'typical', children still rely on us as adults to nurture and guide them. Navigating powerful emotions with limited emotional literacy is tricky



9 year olds	What they need from adults
Friends will start to be more important than parents. What their friends think will start to become more and more important. Will narrow the friendship field by having closer friendships, but less of them. Will share jokes and secrets with friends. Will push against rules and directions and may disrespect you. Will be able to be loving and silly but will also develop the capacity to be selfish, argumentative and abrasive.	Opportunities for independence and to make their own decisions.     Avoid being too bossy or directive.     Encourage them to start thinking about things from another point of view, "What would so-and-so say about th
10 to 11 year olds	
Might still argue about rules and the necessity and detail of them.     Will try to explain away misbehaviour through excuses and justifications. They will fight hard to find the loophole in the rule.     Promises become important and they will remember EVERYTHING.	Don't make promises you won't be able to keep. Avoid arguing with them whenever you can. They will often have an argument for everything. Hear what they have to say, make your decision, then end the conversation. Let them push against you in safe ways—let them try different things, express their own opinions, and make their own decisions when appropriate. Know where your boundaries are and be ready to implement consequences when they make a poor decision. Make the consequence about their behaviour, not about who they

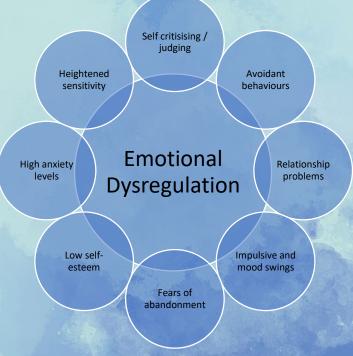
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For children to become emotionally literate and begin to understand the consequences behind their behaviour they need to be able to show self awareness, self-regulate, empathise with others, make decisions and accept outcomes and create and maintain healthy relationships.

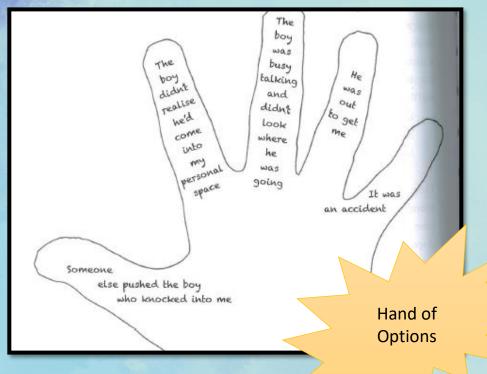
At your tables discuss a 'pet peeve' you have. How does this influence the way you manage behaviour?

Dysregulated adults cannot co-regulate with a distressed child. Lets reflect on how we manage behaviours- what do we bring? In school, teachers and TAs can remove the emotions from the behaviours- for parents/carers that is much more difficult.



## Home Vs School

Our goal in school is to ensure children are ready to learn, that they feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To achieve this, we use consistency, routine and regularly revisit expectations with children-children need to know the 'end game'.



Unstructured times where children are trying to navigate and find their way socially can be a 'trickier' time of the school day.

Children's perceptions are their reality.

School staff regularly sing from the same song sheet.

Scenarios and Strategies!

SCRIPTS - Positive phrasing, limited choices, disempowering and de-escalation communications are more

likely to contribute to the positive feelings associated with pro-social behaviour.

Positive Phrasing Clear, uncomplicated, unambiguous instructions delivered with clarity. These need to be punctuated with take up time (an opportunity for the child to think, process and consider.) Stand next to me
Put the pen on the table
Walk in the corridor
Walk with me to the library
Stay seated in your chair

#### FIRST AID

- Time to talk
- · Social Stories
- Comic strip chats
- Revisit
   expectations
   often

Limited choice examples

Often follow directly from positive phrases and complements positive phrasing

Where shall we talk, here or in the library?

I am making a drink, orange or lemon?

Are you going to sit on your own or with the group?

Are you starting your work with the words or a picture?

Disempowering the behaviour

Relies on managing the audience, including the adults; observe from a distance for safety reasons with no verbal communication.

We need a script for when we're starting to lose our feelings – anxious; irritated – this will stop us saying the wrong thing Child's name

I can see something has happened...

I am here to help.

Talk and I will listen.

Come with me and...

Positive phrasing: Come sit next to me for a story.

Limited choice: Would you like to sit on the chair or bean bag?

**Disempowering the behaviour:** You can listen to the story from there.

Consequence: We will check you understand the story before going out for break time

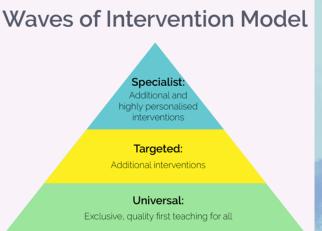
De-escalation script

## The Kingslea Graduated Response



Most behaviours and /or learning needs can be met by the class teacher in the classroom. We use the graduated response to determine the level of support a child needs and when they may need something above quality first teaching. Quality First Teaching is a style of teaching that emphasises high quality, inclusive teaching for all pupils in a class.

Not all behaviours or needs require the services of outside professionals. All outside professionals expect schools to have planned for, assessed and reviewed provision before making a request for support- the timeline is typically a term or mores worth of evidence.







Typical Childhood Behaviours

Scripted Language

Benaviour is communication

What we do TO children
What we do FOR

External Discipline

Internal Discipline

'If we look closer we can see that 'child behaviors' are infact human behaviors, kids just need to practice them a whole lot more because they haven't yet learned a more effective means to get their needs met, or haven't yet undergone the development necessary to practice a better coping strategy." Www.parentswithconfidence.com