

## **Severn Beach Preschool**

### **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 committee.

#### **Reasons for Exclusion**

Notwithstanding the preschool inclusion 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 asocial 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.

Parents of the child behave in a way which does not represent an acceptable code of conduct.

#### **Preschool Exclusion Procedure**

Should a child begin to exhibit extreme antisocial behaviour or is disruptive or violent, preschool 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 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's hours may be reduced or they may be excluded from attending the setting until a way forward can be found.

A letter to the parents/guardians will be sent informing them of the preschool decision to reduce hours or to exclude the child.