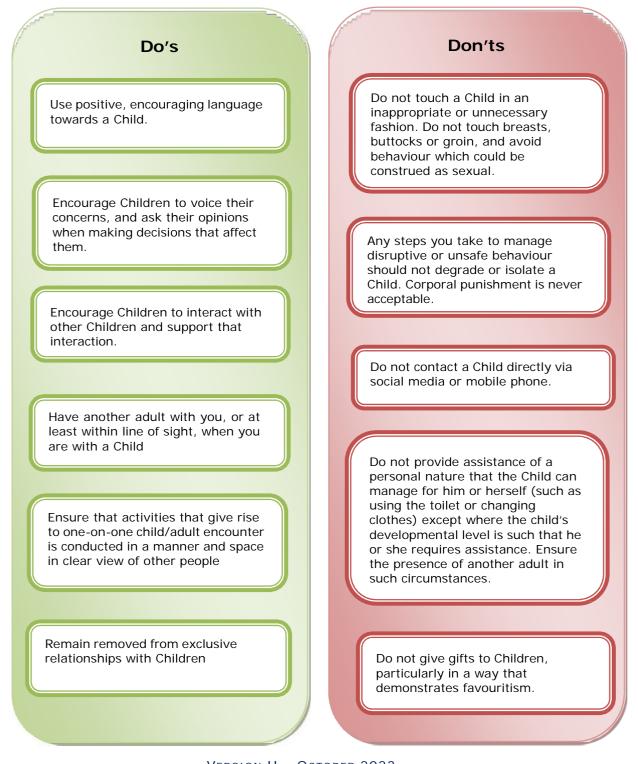


MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND OCEANIA

Fact sheet: Behaviours to Encourage and Avoid

When working with Children, it is important to understand and adopt behaviours that are acceptable and promote positive interactions with Children, and to recognise behaviours which are damaging, inappropriate and which cross essential boundaries that need to be maintained, to ensure the safety and welling of Children



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Do's

Avoid favouring individual Children and treat them all equally

Restrict the transportation of Children in your car and ensure another adult is present

Always obtain the permission of a parent/guardian before using a child's name, image or other record in any report, website or other publication.

If a Child acts outside acceptable limits, use oral directions to manage their behaviour. Physical restraint should only be used as a last resort or in an emergency.

Set and maintain appropriate boundaries. Take care not to form inappropriate relationships with a Child, for instance, by placing yourself in a position where a Child may come to rely on you emotionally, or by attempting to act as a surrogate parent. inappropriate conversation or enquiries of a sexual nature with Children. Do not spend unsupervised time with a Child, unless it is essential to do so, and if it essential, ensure

that it is as brief and minimal as

possible.

Don'ts

Do not become involved in

Do not enter changing rooms or toilets occupied by Children when supervision is not required or appropriate. If supervision is required, ensure that another adult is present.

When working with Children do not have in your possession, or provide alcohol, drugs or prohibitive substance.

Do not swear or use of offensive language within earshot of Children.

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Do's

Avoid offering to, or receiving gifts from individual Children

Complete a risk assessment when organising any activities involving Children. In the risk assessment, ensure to address matters such as ensuring adults have safeguarding and child protection training and a WWCC and appropriate supervision is in place

Always include parents or guardians or another adult in all communications once written consent has been obtained

Don'ts

Do not take videos or photographs of Children during Parish events without written consent of the parent or guardian of the Child. All images must be used in accordance with the principles of the Privacy Act 1988 and the policies of this agency.

Do not communicate on an individual (one on one) basis via technology or social media (including mobile phone, text messages or email) with any Child unless you have obtained the written consent of that Child's parent or guardian

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