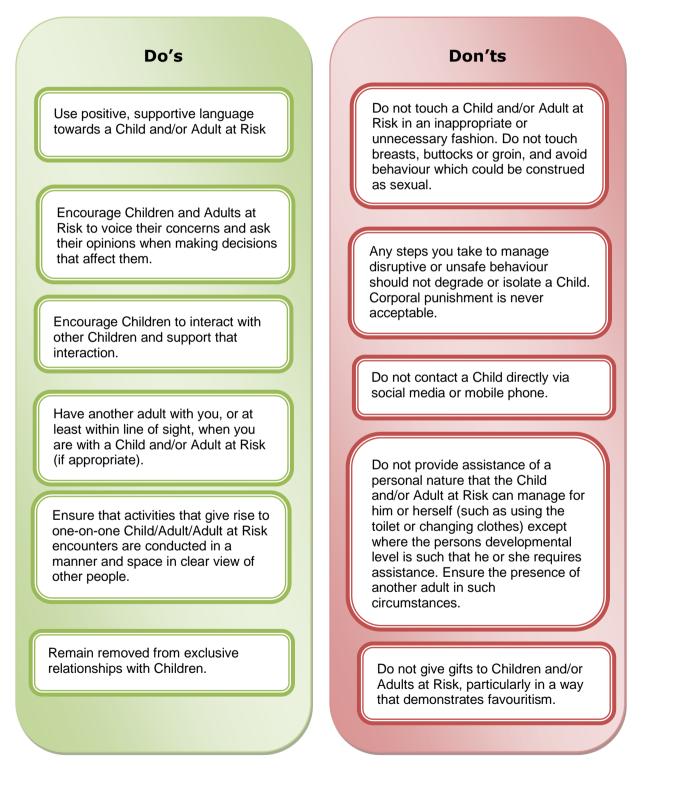
Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes



Fact Sheet: Behaviours to Encourage and Avoid

When working with Children and Adults at Risk, it is important to understand and adopt behaviours that are acceptable and promote positive interactions with all people and to recognise behaviours which are damaging, inappropriate and which cross essential boundaries that need to be maintained, to ensure the safety and well-being of Children and/or Adults at Risk.



Do's

Avoid favouring individual Children and/or Adults at Risk and treat everyone equally.

Restrict and carefully consider the transportation of Children and/or Adults at Risk in your car and ensure another adult is present (if appropriate).

Always obtain the permission of a parent/guardian of a Child or the permission of the Adult at Risk before using their name, image or other record in any report, website, or other publication.

If a Child and/or Adult at Risk acts outside acceptable limits, speak to them to manage and discuss 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 and/or Adult at Risk, for instance, by placing yourself in a position where a Child and/or Adult at Risk may come to rely on you emotionally, to the exclusion of others.

Don'ts

Do not become involved in inappropriate conversation or discussions of a sexual nature with Children and/or Adults at Risk

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.

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

When working with Children and/or Adults at Risk do not have in your possession, or provide alcohol, drugs or prohibitive substance.

Do not swear or use of offensive language when Children and/or Adults at Risk can hear you.

Do's

Avoid offering to, or receiving gifts from individual Children and/or Adults at Risk

Complete a risk assessment when organising any activities involving Children and/or Adults at Risk. In the Risk Assessment, address matters such as ensuring adults have safeguarding and child protection training, adults have a WWCC and appropriate supervision is in place (if suitable).

Always include parents/guardians or another suitable adult in all communications with Children once written consent has been obtained.

Don'ts

Do not take videos or photographs of Children and/or Adults at Risk during Parish events without written consent of the parent or guardian of the Child or the consent of the Adult at Risk. 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.