

Respect for the Child

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This Week's Focus

- “Never interrupt a child who is concentrating or engaging in meaningful work.”

Concentration

- Importance of Concentration
 - Without Concentration a child will never have the opportunity to learn
- How we help support concentration in our environments
 - Creating quiet areas in the classroom for children to work, read, rest etc
 - How we carry ourselves in the learning environment (how loud we are talking, fast we are moving, how & when we are speaking to the children)
 - Being mindful/ observing the children in the our learning environments

Transitions

- Be mindful with how many transitions you have in your day
 - Meet with your teaching team to discuss your daily schedule! How many transitions do your children experience throughout their day at school?
- Transitions break the concentration of our learners
 - If they are constantly being moved from one thing to another how can we expect them to be actively engaged in their learning environment.

Invitations

- Toileting. If a child is being invited to toilet try to do this when they are not engaged in a work or have the option to put a name card down and come back (if applicable to the age you are teaching)
 - If possible, give the child time before interrupting their current work
- Walking up to child to ask them to join a new activity/ work/ use the toilet...
 - Yelling across the classroom can interrupt the other learners and the learning environment as a whole!

Allowing child space in the classroom

- Allowing a child to observe, take a moment, sit in peace
- Exploration with the materials
- Taking their time – do not rush them
- Positive redirection

When you should intervene...3

GOLDEN RULES

- If a child is not being safe with themselves, others or the environment
- If they are safely exploring their environment ...LET IT BE!

Why this is important...

- Children need to learn how to concentrate. It needs to be practiced. We help them by designing a learning environment that is engaging and enticing. However, if they are never given the opportunity to practice this the child will never be fully engaged with their learning which will require more assistance from teachers.
- Remember.... Peaceful children, peaceful classroom 😊