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Physical Contact Policy

Statement of intent

At Berrynarbor preschool we understand the importance of prompting social, emotional aspects of development. This is why we encourage and respond to children's signs of affection in a positive and professional manner.

What to do if a child spontaneously gives you a hug

- Give them a hug back and reassure
- Say thank you for such a lovely hug
- Praise the child for being so kind

What we do when a child hurts themselves and may require affection

- All children like to be made to feel better and sometime a hug works
- All staff attending to a child's injury will reassurance and if needed give a hug

We also respect that a child may want to sit on an adult's lap during stories or to snuggle in when a story is being read. Making sure no child feels left out.

At all times staff are aware of the Safeguarding Children's Policy, in order not to put the children or themselves at risk.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Berrynarbor Preschool held on 24/03/2009
This policy was review and revised on 24/08/2023

Signed on behalf of the preschool.....Date.....