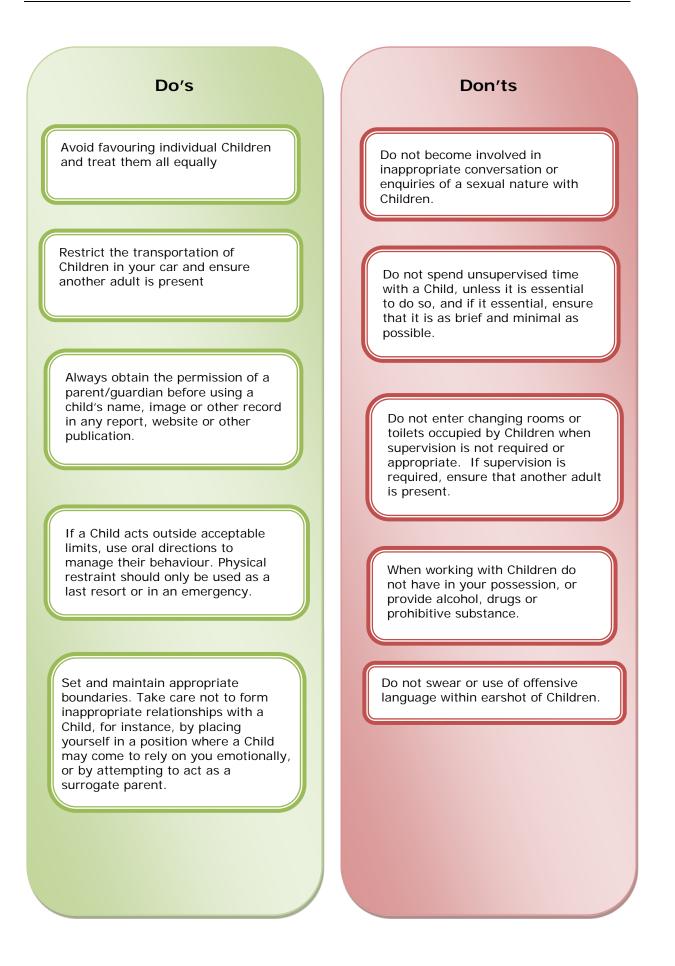
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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

Don'ts Do's Do not touch a Child in an Use positive, encouraging language inappropriate or unnecessary towards a Child. fashion. Do not touch breasts, buttocks or groin, and avoid behaviour which could be construed as sexual. Encourage Children to voice their concerns, and ask their opinions when making decisions that affect Any steps you take to manage them. disruptive or unsafe behaviour should not degrade or isolate a Child. Corporal punishment is never accentable Encourage Children to interact with other Children and support that interaction. Do not contact a Child directly via social media or mobile phone. Have another adult with you, or at least within line of sight, when you are with a Child Do not provide assistance of a personal nature that the Child can manage for him or herself (such as using the toilet or changing Ensure that activities that give rise clothes) except where the child's to one-on-one child/adult encounter developmental level is such that he is conducted in a manner and space or she requires assistance. Ensure in clear view of other people the presence of another adult in such circumstances. Remain removed from exclusive relationships with Children Do not give gifts to Children, particularly in a way that demonstrates favouritism.



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