

# **Kicking Horse Kids Club**

## **Guidance Policy**

The staff of Kicking Horse Kids Club will encourage a child's sense of social responsibility and strive to enhance a child's sense of personal well-being and belonging.

A sense of belonging and well-being mean that the child will feel safe, respected, confident and included. A sense of social responsibility will help to build relationships and recognize a connection between their actions and the larger world.

Both guidance and intervention are considered in our daily programming. We will attend to the child's basic needs so as to provide for the child's well-being. We will create an environment that promotes interest, success and learning that will further support a child's sense of safety and confidence.

Guidance and Intervention Strategies include:

- Supporting problem solving, describing problems that occur, listening to children and helping generate a solution. Basically nurturing the development of self-help skills.
- Re-direction to more acceptable activities to ensure safety and well-being for everyone.
- Reminding children of limits in a positive way.
- Staff will model respectful interactions and behaviours.
- Children will always be supervised and observed in order to anticipate potential difficulties and promote a safe and positive environment.
- Staff will explain what behaviour will be acceptable and explaining the reasons for the limits in a positive way.
- Staff will establish eye contact and get down to the child's level to gain the child's attention.
- If the child is unable to resolve a problem or take responsibility for their actions, they will be re-directed to another activity, or in special circumstances, be limited in the use of a piece of equipment.
- Children will be encouraged to express positive and negative feelings in appropriate ways.
- Staff will, and encourage children to, provide a comfortable atmosphere in which children feel proud of their cultural heritage and cultural sharing is encouraged.

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## **Conditions of Release**

The authorized person(s) must be **18 years of age or older**. We will require their name **before** pick up.

The authorized person(s) will be required to show **photo ID** before child will be released into their care. This is to ensure your child's safety.

If the authorized person(s) appear unable to provide safe care of the child being removed from centre (intoxication, emotional instability, extreme distress etc.) Kicking Horse Kids Club staff may:

- Suggest an alternative from the authorized pick up list
- Suggest calling another authorized individual or taxi to drive them down from the resort.
- Contact RCMP (250-344-2221) with the person's name, vehicle license plate and destination information if there is any complication.
- Contact our area Child Protection Office, Ministry of Children and Family Development to notify a social worker of an unsafe situation.

Ministry of Children and Family Development: 310-1234,

Emergencies outside of office hours: toll free 1-800-663-9122

Child Protection: 250-344-7773

Website: [www.gov.bc.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca)