

RESPONSIBLE THINKING PROCESS

For children to succeed, they must believe you care about them; that you have confidence in their ability to solve problems, and they must experience mutual respect. The responsible thinking process helps build the relationship that will make it easier to resolve differences. It teaches self-discipline through responsible thinking. Ask questions in a calm, respectful, curious voice. Never yell or tell, always ask. Avoid excuses by not asking 'Why?'

When dealing with students in the classroom or playground ask:

1. What are you doing?
2. What should you be doing?
3. What happens when you break the rules?
4. Is this what you want to happen?
5. We've got to work it out.
6. What will happen if you disrupt again?

When dealing with complaints (particularly in the playground)ask:

1. What have you done to solve the problem?
 - Did you ignore it the first time?
 - Did you walk away?
 - Did you say, "I don't like it when...?"
 - Did you stop running if being chased?
 - Did you ask nicely if you could play?
2. Re-direct the child to implement these strategies and if unsuccessful reinform the teacher on duty.
3. What do you want me to do now?
4. Are you happy with that?