

## **Positive Touch Policy**

At Rum Tum Tugger's Nursery, we use positive touch as a way to reassure, guide and comfort children and babies.

Levels of interaction such as a cuddle, an arm around the shoulder and holding hands can be a positive reinforcement to relationships and comfort in times of distress. Children can be sat on adults laps to create security if it is the interest of the child. At other times they should be encouraged to sit with their peers, staff may need to support them to do this.

At Rum Tum Tugger's Nursery, the children enjoy taking part in Development Movement Play, positive touch is used to help aid the children, encourage them to take risks and explore their movements.

Staff are not encouraged to kiss children, and should only happen by instigation of the child. There are times when a kiss to an injury e.g. a finger, top of their head or knee is what a child needs in order to feel better and to replicate a home environment. In these circumstances a kiss is deemed appropriate. However, there are no circumstances in which kissing children on the lips or any other private or unexposed areas of their bodies is an appropriate action, and as such should not happen at all.

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