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Developing Codes of Conduct for kids, with kids

A code of conduct for kids helps to explain their rights and responsibilities when taking part in your organisation's activities.

For this to work, kids need to be able to develop the codes for themselves, with your assistance.

Codes of conduct for kids have been shown to be a great exercise to help them develop their own sense of fair play and mutual respect. When kids 'own' the code they will protect it and support it.

An effective code of conduct for kids:

- is discussed and debated by kids;
- addresses matters that are important to kids in your organisation;
- is age appropriate;
- has been developed collectively;
- is in simple language;
- is accepted as fair and reasonable by kids and adults;
- is widely promoted; and
- must be explained and discussed with kids when they first join the organisation.

A code of conduct for kids may cover issues like how to treat each other and adults in the group, how to deal with problems and accidents, how to make choices and decisions.

EXAMPLE ONLY

We will	be respectful and friendly to everyone and welcome new kids joining the group.
We will	play by the rules.
We will	have a say about activities we take part in.
We will	report any concerns or worries.
We will not	be a bully!
We will not	leave the group without telling an adult where we are going.

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Codes of Conduct

Use this template to help develop a Code of Conduct for kids, with kids in your organisation.

Codes

All kids participating in’s programs agree to:

We will	
We will	
We will	
We will	
We will	
We will not	
We will not	
We will not	
We will not	
We will not	