

Positive parenting



Top tips

(suitable from 0-7)

Positive parenting (or authoritative) is a style of parenting that encourages parents to focus on the positive – what your child is doing right and their strengths. It is based on warm, respectful and positive behaviours. Children should experience loving relationships with their parents alongside age appropriate supervision, structure and boundaries, which allows them the chance to thrive and lead happy and healthy childhoods.

- Give genuine praise for positive (good) behaviour.
- Have clear family rules suitable for your child's age and ability.
- Plan ahead for times where children tend to behave in challenging ways (e.g. take a snack or toy on shopping trips).
- Try and think about what's going on under the surface of tricky behaviours – is your child Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired (HALT)?
- Connect a feeling to the behaviour e.g. 'I think you are throwing the toys because you are cross, but we don't hurt people.'
- Develop a routine that works for your family.
- Model the behaviour you want to see - a child won't understand that hitting or shouting is not allowed if that is what they see adults do.



And remember you are doing the best you can.




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