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# Behaviour Management

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The Lutheran Church teaches that God's word has two messages for us. We call these messages 'Law' and 'Gospel'. Law is what God requires and demands of us. The Gospel tells us of God's love given to us freely in Jesus and of all God has done, is doing and will do for us.

This has practical outcomes in the Christian's life in family, school and community, for God's Law and Gospel addresses both children and those in authority over them.

*"Children, it is your Christian duty to obey your parents, for this is the right thing to do. "Respect your father and mother" is the first commandment that has a promise added: "so that all may go well with you and you may live a long time in the land." Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, raise them with Christian discipline and instruction."* Ephesians 6:1-4

A child's self discipline and Christian discipleship grows with the growing understanding of the Christian faith, as this faith and discipleship is expressed in daily life.

Everyone makes mistakes and will take time to develop a sense of appropriate and inappropriate behaviour. Tolerance, understanding, teaching and direction are required to develop this.

Behaviour Management should be based on discovering what the misdemeanour is and if possible why it has occurred before appropriate action is taken. Redirecting a child's behaviour includes both the application of 'law' as *rules and consequences*, and 'gospel' where a child is led through a process of confession and repentance, being truly sorry and genuinely not wanting to do it again, and receiving forgiveness. The whole school life is intended to lead the children to reflect on themselves and the way they live and behave, so that they learn to respect and love God, and grow into strong Christians and good citizens.

The school is committed to providing an education that is seen as being in partnership with parents, and support of the school's discipline policy is both appreciated and expected.