At Hopscotch, we operate a ‘Keep Your Hands to Yourself’ policy. According, teachers have strict instructions not to physically discipline any child.

School discipline is concerned with the behavior and safety of your child and the other children. We are strong advocates that compassion, firmness and consideration of each child are critical elements of effective discipline. All children must learn to value and consider the needs of others at all times. Children have the right to learn, teachers have the right to teach.

We believe that working closely with parents is invaluable in ensuring good behaviour by all children. Children are rewarded for good behaviour, polite manners, listening and their attitude to work.

**Rewards for children could be**

* Verbal praise
* Stickers
* Stars (merit awards) in their books or school chart
* Notes sent home for good behaviour
* Favourite tasks at the end of the day

**Sanctions may include**

* Verbal warning
* Losing play time
* Lose of privileges
* Sitting in the corridor
* Sitting in the office
* Notes home for poor behaviour

Parents may be contacted by phone or letter, for continued disruption. Parents will be updated on disciplinary procedures at every stage.