## **Boundaries and routines**

Boundaries and routines are an important part of family life. They offer a sense of safety and predictability for your child.

- Jon't just say 'No!' Always explain why not.
- Routines help a child to know what to expect.
- Be consistent changing boundaries will confuse a child.
- Make sure that boundaries and consequences are age appropriate.
- If you are in control your child will be in control.
- If you are stressed your child will be more likely to be challenging.



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