

## Parent Responsibility

We believe scripture teaches that family is the primary place for faith training. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Proverbs 22:6) Parents are ultimately responsible for the behavior of their children. We will expect parents to keep their children under control at church and make sure their children are under adult supervision while they are in the building. When under the supervision of a dawson kids investor, that volunteer will be expected to maintain order and direct appropriate behavior of the children in his/her care. If a child is not responsive to any of the outlined forms of correction, the child will be taken to his/her parents.

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We asked parents that have not been screened and approved by the ministry staff to please NOT hang around in the classrooms. We will work with individual situations, should parents need to be present for a discipline issue.



## A Word about Correction

We believe that discipline should be primarily positive. We encourage parents and those who work with children to be quick to encourage and affirm positive behavior. We also encourage immediate and consistent response to negative behavior before it escalates into a serious problem.

If the parents are present, we will expect them to correct their children when they misbehave. We will also encourage other adults not to ignore a behavior problem when they see it. If someone else speaks to your child, please do not be offended or insulted. If parents are not present, the person in charge may respond by first speaking to the child and issuing a warning. If a child persists in the behavior, he may be denied a privilege or be isolated from the group. The last resource available to the worker is to take the child to his parents. (This procedure is outlined in the dawson kids Investor Manual) Since it is our conviction that parents are the appropriate persons to employ corporal punishment when needed (this is best carried out privately), any physical form of correction is considered unacceptable in the classroom or any other group setting. Those working with children and youth are permitted to gently restrain a child to keep him/her from hurting himself or another. Thank you for taking the time to read this brochure. Please discuss this with your children. We looking forward to serving your family.

These guidelines will be supervised and may be amended as needed.



## GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN

### WE LOVE CHILDREN

At the **Dawson Family of Faith**, we love children and count it a privilege to minister to them and their families. They are not only a vital part of the church, but they are the means by which the fame of the Lord's name will be carried to the next generation. We who invest on behalf of children and their parents take our responsibility seriously and want to do all we can to build faith into these children, provide a safe environment, and encourage parents. This responsibility and passion is what has inspired and formed these principles and guidelines for children at **Dawson Memorial Baptist Church**.

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# Expectations of Children

Although behavior boundaries vary depending on the age of the child, the activities they are involved in, and where that activity takes place, most rules will fall under one of the four basic teaching goals we have for children at Dawson.

## 1. Respect for the Church Property

Children will be expected to treat the church building, furnishings, and equipment in a way that honors the Lord and to use those things in the way that they were intended. Specifically, children will be encouraged to walk on floors, not on pews, tables, or window sills. No writing on walls or furniture. Please place all trash in trash containers, not on the floor. Space and equipment should be left in the same or better condition than it was found. Children or their parents may be asked to accept responsibility for accidental or intentional damage to church property or equipment.

## 2. Respect for Adults

We want the children at Dawson to honor the adults in the church with respectful speech and behavior. Sassing or defying the instruction or correction of an adult are examples of what is considered disrespectful.

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## 3. Respect for Others

We will endeavor to provide a physically, emotionally, and spiritually safe environment for every child involved at Dawson.

Children will be encouraged to think before they speak and find encouraging things to say to others. Therefore, mean, crude, or hurtful speech or actions toward others is not acceptable. Children will also be expected to refrain from any negative physical behavior such as, but not limited to: hitting, spitting, running, and bullying.

Also, any behavior that distracts and takes attention away from the sharing of Bible Truths with the students in the class will be addressed as stated in the "Word About Correction" portion. We strongly believe that every child has the right to hear what God wants to tell them through His Word and lesson in our Dawson kids classes.

## 4. Respect for Themselves

We will encourage children not to act in ways that will put their bodies or their faith at risk.



The mission of the Hearts & Hands Ministry at the Dawson Family of Faith is to love and serve God by facilitating children with special needs and supporting their families to be faithful servants of Jesus Christ. If you have a child with special needs, we would love to talk further with you about our Hearts & Hands Ministry.

# Sick Policy

## When Children Should Not Be Brought to Church

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Control of Infectious Diseases of American Academy of Pediatrics, a child should not be taken from home when any of the following symptoms exist:

- Fever - currently or within 24 hours
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Indication of scarlet fever, German measles, mumps, chicken pox or whooping cough
- Common cold - from onset through one week
- Sore throat
- Croup
- Any unexplained rash
- Skin infection - boils, ringworm, impetigo
- Pink eye or any other eye infection

If a child has had the following communicable illnesses, he/she will be readmitted to Dawson kids care as indicated:

- Chicken Pox: once all lesions are dry and physician has given permission.
- Impetigo: at least 24 hours after the start of medication. The child should see a physician again if there is no improvement in 48 hours.
- Other skin infections, such as boils, ringworm: following medical treatment; lesions covered.
- Lice and Scabies: following medical treatment; free from nits.
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye): at least 24 hours after the start of medication
- Meningitis: A written consent from child's pediatrician is required.
- Other illnesses, such as scarlet fever, German measles, rubella, mumps, whooping cough, diphtheria, polio, tuberculosis, etc.: A written consent from child's pediatrician is required.