



## **Behaviour Policy.**

A Stars accepts that many of the young people who access the support group have issues regarding behaviour due to their ASC. However, in order to ensure the welfare, safety and attendance of all members, certain behaviours will not be tolerated. These include hitting, kicking and physically attacking another child/adult or property; spitting, swearing and shouting whilst invading another child/adult's personal space. However, if a child has taken themselves away from others to vent their anger alone and is not damaging property their behaviour is deemed as acceptable.

### **Traffic light code of conduct.**

The traffic light code of conduct is a method of helping a child/young person become more involved in controlling their behaviour when at A Stars. It is also a method that could also be used outside of the group. At A Stars meetings, the member of staff responsible for that session will be the person who will administer the cards if required.

#### **Red.**

The red card is issued as a last resort. Due to the child's/young person's behaviour causing too much disruption to the whole group, or endangering other people a red card will be given. At least one yellow card will have been issued before a red card. The red card is requesting that the parent/carer responsible for that child/young person removes him/her from the group for that session i.e. takes them home. The family is of course welcome to come again to the next session and join in the activities. If a red card is issued for many consecutive weeks, then that family's membership may have to be withdrawn until the child has more control in a group environment. This will be at the discretion of the management committee.

#### **Yellow.**

The yellow card is issued as a warning card. The child/young person will have been behaving in a way that is deemed unacceptable as outlined in the behaviour policy. A yellow card will then be issued. The parent/carer needs to remove their child/young person from the situation that has caused a problem and help them to calm down. The child must be adequately supervised when they have calmed down if they are then to rejoin the activity. A green card may then be issued. However, if the behaviour persists after a green card another yellow card may be issued or a red card may have to be given.

#### **Green.**

A green card is issued as a reward for calming down. The child/young person is then able to rejoin the group and carry on with the activity. Another yellow card may be issued if the unacceptable behaviour reoccurs.