

# **Eastford Readiness Council**

## **Classroom Safety Policy**

Children thrive in safe, nurturing, respectful environments. To provide this, staff will:

- Develop positive relationships through encouraging and assisting children to
  - engage in activities with peers
  - sustain and enhance play
  - resolve conflict
  - regulate their emotions and manage their own behavior
  - learn new skills
- Model positive, appropriate behavior (manners, turn taking, nutrition, etc.)
- Convey clear, consistent expectations (i.e., classroom rules)
- Address challenging behavior by:
  - keeping all children safe
  - guiding children to appropriately express themselves
  - observe possible causes for behavior
  - sharing information with families, service providers and administrators
- Refer to Supervision Policy
- Refer to Staff Manual for procedures regarding fire drills, lockdown, evacuations, and the crisis manual
- Use first aid kit (located by classroom telephone) for minor cuts, etc. Use universal precautions. Call for school nurse as needed