

All people, adults or children, need appreciation.

Praise and appreciation

All people, adults or children, need appreciation. Through praise and appreciation children feel perceived and confirmed in their actions. This strengthens and motivates the child.

What you can do:

- Observe your child, pay attention to his or her good behaviour and praise him or her!
- Your praise should always be specific, positive and honest; e.g. «You have tidied up everything properly, well done!»
- Do not exaggerate in your praise.
- Do not praise your child only for results, but also when he or she tries hard and makes efforts.
- Praise and appreciation can be expressed in words or by a smile, a glance, a touch or a gesture.

Incidentally:

Children who are often praised are much more cooperative; that means that they are more willing to respond to others.