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Respecting a child is not always easy. It will mean, at least, the ability to convey:



Basic civility and good manners by always using first names; greetings; the smile (even to the 'unlikeable').



Being conscious of a child's personal space.



Always balancing any correction with encouragement

Separating the behaviour from the person. At our best we know this as an educational axiom; it is not easy in practice with rude, intemperate, lazy, churlish behaviour. We may not like what 'our' children do, how they behave, but we seek to keep the fundamental respect intact whenever we discipline.

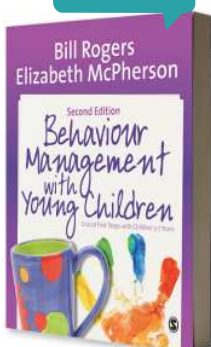


Not 'keeping', or nursing, a grudge ...; and re-establishing working relationships with a child after any necessary discipline.

Being prepared to apologise (even as the adult!).



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