

INTERACTIONS WITH STUDENTS

Adults, whether staff or volunteers, hold a position of trust and authority in relationship to students. It is important that all interactions with students at the breakfast club are positive, encouraging and respectful of diversity within the school population.

A WARM WELCOME

For children who have breakfast at the club, a warm welcome allows them to start their day in a positive way. Either an adult or student volunteer can welcome students with a greeting such as: *How are you? I'm happy to see you!* Call children by their name when possible.

ESTABLISH A ROUTINE

Starting from the first morning, establish a routine so students know what is expected of them at all times. Consider:

- Where do students enter?
- At what time?
- Where do they put their coats and bags?
- Where is the hand washing station?
- How is breakfast served?
- Is there assigned or open seating?
- Can they move around during breakfast hours?
- What behaviour is expected of them?

Knowing what your expectations are before you begin the program will help you communicate these expectations to the students.

DEVELOP A CODE OF CONDUCT

With input from students, develop a breakfast club code of conduct, building on the school's code of conduct. Post it in a visible location so all students know what is expected of them at all times.

BE CLEAR AND CONSISTENT

Setting rules and routines are important, but what's even more important is being consistent.

INTERVENTION

In the event that a student does not respect the rules as stated in the code of conduct, the adult supervisor should implement a stepped intervention strategy based on the agreed-upon consequences. For any intervention that requires immediate assistance, the school principal or a member of the school staff can be a great source of help.

ROLE MODEL

Always set a good example for students by following the code of conduct, using proper manners, and encouraging healthy choices.

RESPECT CONFIDENTIALITY:

Ensure total confidentiality of information regarding children, volunteers, and school staff.