Guiding Children's Behaviour

The following are some strategies to set the stage for a positive atmosphere and maximize opportunities for desirable behaviour.

1. **State Limits in a Positive Way:**
   - phrasing limits in a positive way focuses on what to do, rather than what not to do
   - reinforce for children what is appropriate

2. **Focus on the Behaviour Rather Than on the Child:**
   - the last thing you want to do is lower a child's self esteem, you want them to know you still love them, but don't like what they may be doing at the time
   - focus on what they are doing and give them clear communication of what is wrong and the behaviour that is not appropriate