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 What is Expected, Rather Than Pose Questions:**
   - providing choices is a valuable tool to avoid power struggles
   - have many opportunities in your day for children to makes choices, offer these options only when it is appropriate
   - when it is not a choice, make a clear statement of what is expected

2. **Allow Time for Children to Respond to Expectations:**
   - children react more favourable when they are offered cues and warnings, helps them be prepared for change
   - instead of demanding immediate results, give children time to respond