

If your child continues to swear a lot and it is not because adults in the family swear, you may need to talk with her about why she does it. Make sure that you time this talking about it when you are both feeling relaxed, not in the heat of the moment when it sounds like a criticism. If it is about being part of the peer group you could talk about whether this is the real reason why children like each other.

Remember

- ◆ Decide on the words you don't want your child to use and don't use them yourself
- ◆ If your child repeats swear words they have heard outside the home **stay calm**. If they are young ignore it. If they say it again distract them by making up silly sounding words
- ◆ If your child is older calmly explain why you do not want them using swear words.
- ◆ If your child uses swear words when they are upset or angry focus on what has made them upset or angry, tell your child words they can use.
- ◆ Tell your child the meaning of words and why it is not okay to say them.
- ◆ Do not laugh or smile when your child uses swear words they will think they are being funny and

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- encourage respect for each other and our communities
- prepare children to get the best out of life
- provide an enjoyable and valuable education
- discover how children can fulfil their potential.

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Most of Bridport's parents were educated here. We have close links with all the community's organisations and services



Parent Support Leaflet
Swearing/abusive language



Help my child is swearing

Which one are you?

1. In some families one parent swears and the other does not, this gives the child a mixed message
2. Some families know which swear words they think it is ok to use.
3. Some families think it is okay for adults to swear but not okay for children to swear, this gives the child a mixed message.
4. Families have different words that they do not like their children to use.

- ◆ Some families do not mind children using swear words but do not like them using sex words.
- ◆ Some families do not like it when people swear about religion or God.



5. some adults do not swear at all and they get upset if their children swear.

So if parents always say a particular word when they are angry, their child is likely to say the same word when angry, without any knowledge of what it might mean.

If you laugh or even try to hide a smile when your child first says a "naughty" word she is likely to pick up your feelings and say it again, as young children want to please their parents more than anything else.

Lets start at the beginning

You taught your child to speak, you have taught them lots of words, if you swear they will swear. Your child likes saying the same words as you..

If you laugh or smile when they swear they will swear again because they like to make you laugh.

If you wear when you are upset or angry they will use the same words as you when they are upset or angry.

Teach your child words that are not swear words to use when they are upset or angry.

Children like to use naughty words. A young child thinks the word bottom is a funny word. Children should be able to have fun with words.



Things to say when you are upset or angry

- "I am feelingbecause"
- "At the moment I need to take some time out"
- "When I have calmed down"
- "We can talk this over later"

Heard it on the way to....

For older children, who understand that they should not do it, swearing is sometimes used because

- ◆ They are showing off to friends
- ◆ They are upset or angry
- ◆ They do not know the word is a swear word
- ◆ No one has explained the word is a swear word and they should not use it

If you think that your child does not know the meaning of the words he is using, you could explain what they mean and how they may affect other people, especially if the words are racist or sexist or hurtful to people with disabilities.



You could explain that using any words that hurt other people's feelings is not good,

Swearing is not a sign of being clever.

Using sexual words as swear words

Take a deep breath and explain the real meaning of the word they are using. Some people think it is clever to use it as a swear word because they may not know that sex is a natural part of life and not 'dirty' or secret or unpleasant."

Talk about what words are OK to use to express feelings and what are not OK.