

## Behaviour Scenarios on the In-person & Virtual Ships.

This document lists behaviour scenarios you may encounter with your Young Pirates and the best ways to handle them.

### In-person Scenarios

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate is disengaged from writing and struggling to get anything done.*

- Firstly, don't take it personally! There are many reasons why your Young Pirate might be disengaged, it's not personal.
- Start with a conversation, ask them about their piece of writing or any ideas they have.
- Offer to write for them. You could write sentence starters and get them to finish the sentence.
- If you really cannot engage them, call a Session Leader over and they can help to resolve the issue.

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate keeps getting distracted by another Young Pirate in your group.*

- Do your best to keep them focused on the task. If reading, try playing popcorn or if writing, try setting small goals or using a stopwatch.
- Let the Session Leader know, they might be able to rejig the room or set some expectations with the Young Pirates.

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate won't pick a book and keeps wandering around the library.*

- Pick 3-4 books yourself and get them to pick their favorite.
- Chat about what type of books they like or usually read and help them to find something similar in the library.

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate insists on reading quietly/by themselves.*

- It's okay if your Young Pirate wants some quiet reading time after group reading.
- You can suggest once they get to a certain point (2/3 pages maybe) they tell you what has been happening in the story so far.

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate is having an argument with another Young Pirate(s).*

- Remind Young Pirates that we use kind words when speaking to each other.
- If sitting next to each other, you can ask them to move seats, so you are in the middle.
- Ask the Session Leader for help! They can resolve any issue between YPs.





**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate is eating sweets.*

- You can remind the Young Pirate that we don't have sweets during sessions as they can affect our energy levels, but they can have them once Session is finished.
- You can offer them some fruit or a snack bar.
- If they continue to ignore you, let the Session Support or Session Leader know.

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate is very shy and not talking much.*

- Some Young Pirates will be more reserved than others and that's okay, everyone is different.
- Ask them questions about things they are interested in to help build a rapport, they might open up more if talking about something they are passionate about.

## Virtual Scenarios

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate has their camera off.*

- Some Young Pirates might experience tech related issues, so it's good to check in. You can say something like, "I can't see your video at the moment, are you able to turn it on? If you're having any tech problems, we can call in Session Support to help".
- If it isn't a tech issue, gently encourage your YP to turn their camera back on. Try and frame it positively. You could say something like, "it would be great if you could turn your camera on so we can all see each other".
- If your YP's camera isn't working or they still aren't turning it on, inform a member of staff.

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate isn't typing during the writing part of the session.*

- If your Young Pirate isn't typing on their worksheet, keep engaging with them. Maybe they don't know how to start or they are unsure on tech etc. Recap the task and ask lots of questions to engage them.
- You can offer to write some sentence starters to get them going.
- If they are unable to use the whiteboard, get them to type directly into the chat box and you can copy it onto the whiteboard.

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate is not enjoying the book.*

- It's okay if your Young Pirate doesn't love the book we're reading. We want them to engage with the texts and have opinions, good or bad!
- Use this to facilitate a good discussion about what they don't like about the book.





**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirates are working at different paces during writing and you're struggling to divide your attention between them.*

- One of your Young Pirates might be happy to get on with writing independently, and one might need lots of encouragement, that's okay and normal!
- You can give the Young Pirate who is happy writing on their own some targets to check in with you, e.g. "once you have finished the task, let me know and I can read it".

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate is clearly doing something else outside of the Virtual session.*

- Encourage them back to the task, if something is distracting them in their home you can let the Session Leader know.
- Set some small goals to keep them focused.

**Scenario:** *Your Young Pirate is not responding to you and your prompts.*

- Let the Session Leader know, we will contact them and get them back into session.

