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## 7 Top Tips for the Assertive Teacher

- Stay calm - stay still.
- Speak, don't shout.
- Be consistent and relentless.
- Be the adult - do the right thing.
- Plan ahead - have a script.
- Be enthusiastic - have fun!
- Be positive - reward and praise frequently.

**LOOK AT THIS 'CHECKLIST' EVERY MORNING**  
(Remember what it says!)

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- Use directions that redirect students to your expected behaviour.
- Teach the behaviour you want (like the volume of talk.)
- Never threaten - always give a choice and mean it.  
*e.g. "You are playing with your mobile. You know that is against the rules - you have a choice. Either you... or.... you know what will follow."*
- Ask fewer questions, especially starting with "Why..." (They will always have an answer!)
- Directions are not requests.
- Use inclusive and communal language such as 'we', 'our', 'us' and 'everyone'.
- Keep track of rewards and consequences - small & stepped.
- Internal exclusion is our severest clause - use it sparingly.