Papaki Kore no Smacking

If looking after kids is getting on top of you, here are six simple steps you can take to encourage good behaviour in ririki*



STOP KauaKa

Take a breather. Calm yourself down.



GO Haere

Make sure your child is safe. Then walk away.



IGNORE e HurlKe

Let annoying behaviour go if everyone is safe



DISTRACT Me wHa Kaware

Distract your child with another activity or remove them from that place.

PRAISE whaka Mihia

Be positive. Encourage good or positive behaviour with smiles, hugs and lots of praise.

ENJOY Kla nga Hau

Use play, singing, games and toys to change behaviour.

^{*} Ririki is lifted from a famous Ngati Porou haka and means 'young ones'. We use the term to describe Maori children and young people.

Unlike the more commonly-used word tamariki, ririki is not gender specific.

