



Behaviour Management Tips

Adapted from Bill Rogers, classroom behaviour expert

Calm, clear leadership	Give respectful directions	Give players choice	Maintain focus on the task
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Coaching Moment	Behaviour Tactic	Example Dialogue
Players are chatting or dribbling while you're about to speak	Expectation cue using "thanks", not "please"	"Alright team, settling down thanks." / "Balls down thanks."
Players continue dribbling or moving when you need attention	Tell players what to do, not what not to do	Instead of "Stop dribbling" → "Balls on the ground."
You're about to explain a drill but the group isn't settled	Settle the group before speaking	"Eyes in... balls down... settling down thanks."
A couple of players are chatting during instructions	Brief, calm "Excuse me team" reset	"Excuse me for a moment team..." "you're still chatting there, I need your attention." "Thanks team, as I was saying"
Minor reactions like eye rolling or muttering	Tactical ignoring	Ignore in the moment; address privately later if needed
A player is disengaged or not participating	Shift conversation to the task Supportive questioning	"How are you finding the drill?" "I noticed you're not working - how can I help?"
A player pushes back or complains	Partial agreement	"Maybe it is tricky right now - I'm sure you can give it a go."
Player <u>still</u> not correcting behaviour	Give choice and allow time to respond	"You can put the ball down and join us, or take a minute on the sideline and come back ready."
3+ players are not engaging	Reflect on your coaching and session design	Shorten explanations or adjust drill (C.H.A.N.G.E. I.T.)