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Subject: Re: house rules

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This is between you and the parents. Your only choices are to tolerate the bad behavior or to discuss the problem with the child's parents (or possibly with the parent who is your relative). If you are married or living with somebody, and the child is your partner's relative, then your partner is the one who should initiate the discussion.

You should describe the bad behavior with specific examples, being critical of the behavior but not condemning the child, and tell the parent the behavior must stop. If this is unsuccessful, then your only choice is to tell them the child is no longer welcome at your house. They probably will be defensive and angry, but you will have done the right thing.

If you try to please everybody you will please nobody.

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