Greeting Choice and Adult Response Plan

Courtesy can be spoken without a hug.

A child's ordinary greeting should not require unwanted physical affection.

Hypothetical example: a child chooses a wave and hello, and the parent explains that choice to the visiting relative without requiring the child to defend it.

01 Greeting options

Offer real choices without compulsory touch.

Spoken greeting

No-touch option

Touch option only if freely chosen

02 Today's choice

Let the child say what they prefer.

Child's chosen greeting

Help they want at the doorway

Information to keep private

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03 Adult explanation

Carry the adult conversation yourself.

Short explanation

Adult who will say it

Words that avoid bargaining

04 If pressure continues

Keep the visit moving with the boundary intact.

Boundary to repeat

Next ordinary activity

Concern requiring further adult help