

Research shows toddlers understand right from wrong at just 19 months

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Children know the difference between right and wrong before they reach the age of two, according to new research published today.

Scientists have found that babies aged between 19 and 21 months understand fairness and can apply it in different situations.

They say it is the first time that having a sense of fairness has been identified in children at such a young age.

Researchers say babies will watch a scene for longer if they think it contains something unfair, so in two experiments the tots were timed on how long they watched a live scenario about fairness.

In the first, 19-month-olds saw two giraffe puppets given either a toy each or both toys to one of the giraffes.

Longer looking times indicated that something was odd or unexpected to the baby. In this experiment, three-quarters of the infants looked longer when one giraffe got both toys.

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