

# Beckhams are right about kissing children on the lips, says Gloucestershire author

She says it's all about showing them love and there's nothing wrong with it

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Bishop's Cleeve children's author Phillippa Bailey with her son Noah

Mother of two Phillippa Bailey is backing the Beckhams' habit of kissing their children on the lips - saying it inspired her to write a book.

The resident of Bishop's Cleeve, near Cheltenham, is proud to say she is affectionate with her children.

In the appropriate moment, such as when meeting or greeting them, she insists it is perfectly acceptable to kiss her six-year-old daughter Chanel and two-year-old son Noah on the lips.

After David and Victoria Beckham were criticised by some people for sharing photographs online of them kissing their children on the lips, Phillippa decided to make public her view about showing affection to her offspring.

She is delighted to have had a book for young children published that examines the issue. Called 'Noah! Can I Have A Kiss?' It tells the story of how Noah initially rejects his sister's demonstration of her love by wanting to kiss him.

But later, after missing her, he realises that hugs and kisses are all a natural part of showing someone you love them.

The story, featuring pictures and short captions, promotes the loving bond between the two siblings.



Phillippa Bailey with her book

Phillippa said it had been hard work getting the book, which features Noah and Chanel as owls but is based on their real experience, into print.

The 29-year-old single mum said about parents kissing their children on the lips: “It’s not a bad thing. We should have more of that. It’s about showing love. That’s the one thing we get in this world for free.



Phillippa with Noah and Chanel

“It’s not just about nappy changing and going on the school runs.

“I believe you should be able to show your children affection in any way you see fit. What Victoria Beckham did, when she kissed her daughter on the lips, was completely within her rights as a parent.”

She said she planned to write to the former Spice Girl to tell her so, saying it had annoyed her that she can had been criticised over the matter.

“What she did was to show the world a bit of love and we need more of that,” she added.

Phillippa said the book is available online, through Waterstones and Amazon, priced £10.50 and will also be in various bookshops too.