

# Behaviour Policy 2014

**Aims and expectations - Complies with section 89 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006**

Our aim is that every member of the school community (staff, parents, children and visitors) feels valued, respected and is treated fairly and well. The policy aims to promote an environment where:

- everyone feels happy, safe and secure to become positive, responsible and increasingly independent members of the school community.
- good behaviour is reinforced and encouraged to develop an ethos of kindness and co-operation.
- acceptable standards of behaviour are defined
- there is a consistency of response to both positive and negative behaviour
- self-esteem, self-discipline and positive relationships are promoted

To ensure that the school's expectations and strategies are widely known and understood we encourage the involvement of both home and school in the implementation of this policy as the children bring to school a wide variety of behaviour patterns due to differences in home values, attitudes and parenting skills. At school we work towards standards of behaviour based on the golden rules, which promote honesty, respect, consideration and responsibility.

## **Golden Rules**

- Do be gentle - Do not hurt anyone
- Do be kind and helpful - Do not hurt people's feelings
- Do work hard - Do not waste your or other people's time
- Do look after property - Do not waste or damage things
- Do listen to people - Do not interrupt
- Do be honest - Do not cover up the truth

The behaviour policy is not a system to enforce rules. It is designed to promote good behaviour, rather than merely deter anti-social behaviour, and help the children to take responsibility for their own actions and to understand the link between actions and consequences.

## **Rewards and punishments**

We praise and reward children for good behaviour in a variety of ways e.g house points. *See Behaviour Rewards.* We believe that rewards have a motivational role, helping children to see that good behaviour is valued. Children work towards earning a class and individual reward. Children lose playtime or lunchtime for poor behaviour during the day.

The school acknowledges all the efforts and achievements of children, both in and out of school. Children can share these in assemblies and class show and tell time.

The school employs a number of sanctions to enforce the school rules thus ensuring a safe

and positive learning environment. We employ each sanction appropriately to each individual situation. *See Behaviour Ladder*

At the start of each term the class teacher discusses the school rules with their class. In addition to the school rules, each class also has its own classroom code, which is agreed by the children each term and displayed on the wall of the classroom. In this way, every child in the school knows the standard of behaviour that is expected. Rules should be discussed within circle time.

When there has been an incident

- Stop whatever it is, listen to the problem and talk to the child about his/her actions and tell off as necessary
- Talk to witnesses if necessary
- Ensure the child apologises and shake hands with the other person if appropriate
- If it is not possible to have these talks at that moment (assembly, playground supervision) then it may be appropriate to ask the child to wait in another place, eg next door or outside the Head's office
- Record details of the incident on the Incident Proforma and hand in to Head

**Sanctions for unacceptable behaviour should be characterised by certain features:-**

- Initial warning matched to the golden rule, followed by loss of free time appropriate to incident
- It must be clear why the sanction is being applied.
- It must be made clear what changes in behaviour are required to avoid future punishment.
- It should be the behaviour rather than the person that is punished.

**Additional Sanctions**

- Child may be kept in to miss free time or to complete/rewrite work to the expected standard
- litter picking
- weeding
- writing lines
- lunch duty

In serious or persistent cases eg the child causes physical harm, swears or is racially or gender abusive the child will go straight to the Head or Deputy (*Fill out appropriate form*). Sanctions may then be:

- remove from class
- make the child miss a treat at school e.g. non-uniform days, school trip etc.
- parents called in for meeting
- a home school contract/report or PSP or home school book
- ultimately and in the last resort, exclusion (following the LA guidelines).

Most instances of poor behaviour are relatively minor and can be adequately dealt with through minor sanctions. *It is important that the sanction is not out of proportion to the offence.*

Additional specialist help and advice from the Educational Psychologist or Integrated Services for Learning may be necessary. This possibility should be discussed with the Headteacher and SENCO.

#### Role of the pupils

Ensure that they do not prevent others from learning, use abusive or dangerous behaviour. Unacceptable behaviour in the classroom includes interrupting, shouting out, wandering about, running in the building, constant chatter and whispering and a failure to attend to instructions. Children should:

- Have self-discipline
- Be polite and have respect for others, self and property
- Responsibly participate
- Take collective responsibility
- Recognise boundaries
- Be confident and make informed and considered decisions regarding their behaviour
- Ensure fair treatment for all regardless of age, gender, race and ability;

For misbehaviour in the playground, being kept out of the playground is appropriate. In extreme cases children will be excluded from the premises at lunch time.

#### Role of the class teacher

To ensure that the school rules are enforced in their class and that their class behave in a responsible manner during lesson time and when moving around the school.

Classroom management and teaching methods have an important influence on children's behaviour.

The classroom environment gives clear messages to the children about how their efforts are valued.

Relationships between teacher and children, strategies for encouraging good behaviour and classroom displays all have a bearing on the way children behave.

Teaching methods should encourage enthusiasm and active participation for all through the use of a variety of teaching styles.

Lessons should aim to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding, which will enable the children to work and play in co-operation with others.

Praise should be used to encourage good behaviour as well as good work.

Teachers will ensure **all children** display the expected high level of behaviour around the school.

Class teachers have high expectations of the children in terms of behaviour, and they strive to ensure that all children work to the best of their ability.

Class teachers treat each child fairly and enforce the classroom code consistently. The teacher treats all children in their class with respect and understanding.

If a child misbehaves repeatedly in class, the class teacher will keep a record of all such incidents. In the first instance, the class teacher deals with incidents him/herself as set out in the policy. However, if misbehaviour continues, the class teacher seeks help and advice from the Headteacher/SENCO/KS Leader. The class teacher may also contact a parent about concerns. Early warning of concerns should be communicated to all staff and Headteacher so that strategies can be discussed and agreed before more formal steps are required.

The class teacher liaises with external agencies, as necessary, to support and guide the progress of each child. The class teacher may, for example, discuss the needs of a child with the Family Support Worker or Integrated Support for Learning.

Class teachers will model high standards of behaviour, both in their dealings with the children and with each other. By:

- creating a positive climate with realistic but high expectations;
- emphasising the importance of being valued as an individual within the group;
- promoting, through example, honesty and courtesy;
- providing a caring and effective learning environment;
- encouraging relationships based on kindness, respect and understanding of the needs of others;
- ensuring fair treatment for all regardless of age, gender, race, ability;
- showing appreciation of the efforts and contribution of all.

## **Restraining**

*The Use of Force to Control or Restrain Pupils.* Teachers in our school do not hit, push or slap children. Staff only intervene physically to restrain children or to prevent injury to a child, or if a child is in danger of hurting him/herself. The actions that we take are in line with government guidelines on the restraint of children.

### Role of the Headteacher

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher to implement the school behaviour policy consistently throughout the school, and to report to governors, when requested, on the effectiveness of the policy. It is also the responsibility of the Headteacher to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all children in the school.

The Headteacher supports the staff by implementing the policy, by setting the standards of behaviour, and by supporting staff in the implementation of the policy.

The Headteacher and Deputy keep records of all reported serious incidents of misbehaviour and report these to Governors termly.

The Headteacher has the responsibility for giving fixed-term suspensions to individual children for serious acts of misbehaviour. For repeated or very serious acts of anti-social

behaviour, the Headteacher may permanently exclude a child. Both these actions are only taken after the relevant school Governors have been notified.

## **The Role of Parents**

We expect parents to help reinforce the Golden Rules so children receive consistent messages about how to behave at home and at school.

We try to build a supportive dialogue between the home and the school, and we inform parents immediately if we have concerns about their child's welfare or behaviour.

If the school has to use reasonable sanctions to punish a child, parents should support the school in relation to decisions made and to promote actively the rules of the school. If parents have any concern about the way that their child has been treated, they should initially contact the class teacher by making an appointment through the office, then the Headteacher. If the concern remains, they should contact the school Governors. If these discussions cannot resolve the problem, a formal grievance or appeal process can be implemented. The policy can be obtained via the website.

Parents will ensure that the time taken to talk to teachers does not take them away from teaching duties and class responsibilities. We encourage a positive partnership with parents through either letters or phone calls home.

The role of parents is crucial and should be consulted and informed of any incident in which their child is hurt badly (emotionally or physically) or seriously hurts others. Parents will also be contacted if a child's behaviour suddenly alters, or is not typical for that child.

Parents will model high standards of behaviour, both in their dealings with the children, staff and with each other. By:

- promoting, through example, honesty and courtesy;
- encouraging relationships based on kindness, respect and understanding of the needs of others;
- ensuring fair treatment for all regardless of age, gender, race, ability and disability;
- showing appreciation of the efforts and contribution of all.

Parents have the responsibility to respect the staff of the school and value their opinions. Parents should talk positively about the school to their child and the community in general and act in partnership with the school by talking directly to staff. (Including Social Media)

## **The Role of Governors**

The Governing Body has the responsibility of setting down these general guidelines on standards of discipline and behaviour, and of reviewing their effectiveness. The Governors support the Headteacher in carrying out these guidelines.

The Headteacher has the day-to-day authority to implement the school behaviour and discipline policy, but Governors may give advice to the Headteacher about particular

disciplinary issues. The Headteacher must take this into account when making decisions about matters of behaviour.

### **Fixed-term and Permanent Exclusions**

Only the Headteacher (or the acting Headteacher) has the power to exclude a pupil from school. The Headteacher may exclude a pupil for one or more fixed periods, for up to 45 days in any one school year. The Headteacher may also exclude a pupil permanently. It is also possible for the Headteacher to convert a fixed-term exclusion into a permanent exclusion, if the circumstances warrant this.

If the Headteacher excludes a pupil, s/he informs the parents immediately, giving reasons for the exclusion. At the same time, the Headteacher makes it clear to the parents that they can, if they wish, appeal against the decision to the Governing Body. The school informs the parents how to make any such appeal.

The Headteacher informs the LA and the Governing Body about any permanent exclusion, and about any fixed-term exclusions.

The Governing Body itself cannot either exclude a pupil or extend the exclusion period made by the Headteacher.

The Governing Body has a discipline committee, to which each Governor has agreed to belong if required, which is made up of between three and five members. This committee considers any exclusion appeals on behalf of the Governors.

When an appeals panel meets to consider an exclusion, they consider the circumstances in which the pupil was excluded, consider any representation by parents and the LA, and consider whether the pupil should be reinstated.

If the Governors' appeals panel decides that a pupil should be reinstated, the Headteacher must comply with this ruling.

### **Monitoring**

The Headteacher/Deputy monitors the effectiveness of this policy on a regular basis. S/he also reports to the Governing Body on the effectiveness of the policy and, if necessary, makes recommendations for further improvements.

The school keeps a variety of records of incidents of misbehaviour. The class teacher records minor classroom incidents. The Headteacher records those incidents where a child is sent to him/her on account of bad behaviour. We also keep a record of any incidents that occur at break or lunchtimes: lunchtime supervisors will give written details of all incidents on the incident form.

The Headteacher keeps a record of any pupil who is suspended for a fixed-term, or who is permanently excluded.

It is the responsibility of the Governing Body to monitor the rate of suspensions and exclusions, and to ensure that the school policy is administered fairly and consistently.

## **Policy on Bullying - See Anti-Bullying Policy**

### **Review**

The Governing Body review this policy annually. The Governors may, however, review the policy earlier than this, if the Government introduces new regulations, or if the Governing Body receives recommendations on how the policy might be improved.

### **Behaviour Rewards**

Head Teacher Sticker

Certificates

Friday Assembly

Contact Parents

Additional Free Time

Stickers/house points

Verbal praise

Smile

### **Behaviour Ladder**

Headteacher - Parents invited in for  
PSP meeting (for serious/repeated behaviours)

KS leader/Deputy contact parents if necessary - On Report for fixed time

Teacher contacts parents if appropriate

Time out in another class

Reflecting on behaviour

Time out in class

Fixed choice

Loss of Play or Lunch Time

Verbal reminder of expected behaviour

The 'you have been noticed' look