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# Highfield Primary School Behaviour Policy and Statement of Behaviour Principles

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### 1. Aims

At Highfield Primary School we strive to provide a caring ethos where everyone in the school community feels safe, confident, valued and respected. By promoting an environment where everyone can live and work together in a supportive way enables all to reach their full potential, emotionally, socially and intellectually.

This policy aims to:

- Create a positive culture that promotes excellent behaviour, ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to learn in a calm, safe and supportive environment
- Establish a whole-school approach to maintaining high standards of behaviour that reflect the values of the school
- Outline the expectations and consequences of behaviour
- Provide a consistent approach to behaviour management that is applied equally to all pupils
- Define what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying and discrimination

### 2. Legislation, statutory requirements and statutory guidance

This policy is based on legislation and advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- [Behaviour and discipline in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff, February 2024](#)
- [Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff February 2024](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation at school 2022](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024](#)

- [Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England 2024](#)
- [Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement - 2024](#)
- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)
- [Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school](#)

It is also based on the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#).

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Section 175 of the [Education Act 2002](#), which outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of its pupils
- Sections 88 to 94 of the [Education and Inspections Act 2006](#), which requires schools to regulate pupils' behaviour and publish a behaviour policy and written statement of behaviour principles, and give schools the authority to confiscate pupils' property
- [DfE guidance](#) explaining that maintained schools must publish their behaviour policy online

### 3. Definitions

To ensure that this policy is applied fairly and consistently we have adopted the following definitions:

**Misbehaviour** is defined as:

- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes
- Non-completion of classwork or homework due to pupil non compliance
- Poor attitude
- Incorrect uniform

**Serious misbehaviour** is defined as:

- Repeated breaches of the school rules
- Any form of bullying
- Sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration, or sexual assault (intentional sexual touching without consent)
- Sexual harassment, meaning unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, such as:
  - Sexual comments
  - Sexual jokes or taunting
  - Physical behaviour like interfering with clothes
  - Online sexual harassment, such as unwanted sexual comments and messages (including on social media), sharing of nude or semi-nude images and/or videos, or sharing of unwanted explicit content
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Fighting
- Smoking
- Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory behaviour
- Possession of any prohibited items. These are:
  - Knives or weapons

- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Stolen items
- Tobacco and cigarette papers
- Fireworks
- Pornographic images
- Any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil)

## 4. Bullying

**Bullying** is defined as the repetitive, intentional harming of 1 person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

Bullying is, therefore:

- Deliberately hurtful
- Repeated, often over a period of time
- Difficult to defend against

Bullying can include:

TYPE OF BULLYING	DEFINITION
Emotional	Being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting
Physical	Hitting, kicking, pushing, taking another's belongings, any use of violence
Prejudice-based and discriminatory, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racial</li> <li>• Faith-based</li> <li>• Gendered (sexist)</li> <li>• Homophobic/biphobic</li> <li>• Transphobic</li> <li>• Disability-based</li> </ul>	Taunts, gestures, graffiti or physical abuse focused on a particular characteristic (e.g. gender, race, sexuality)
Sexual	Explicit sexual remarks, display of sexual material, sexual gestures, unwanted physical attention, comments about sexual reputation or performance, or inappropriate touching
Direct or indirect verbal	Name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing
Cyber-bullying	Bullying that takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites

We believe that all children have the right to learn without fear of bullying. We do not tolerate the oppression of one person by another. We believe that this policy can only be effective if children, parents, staff, governors and the wider school community work together in partnership to make it a reality

School procedures for dealing with bullying behaviour:

## 1. Prevention:

- Via the promotion of a considerate, co-operative ethos through our PSHE programme/School Values – **SCARF ( Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience & Friendship)**
- Assemblies dealing with positive social behaviour.
- The exploration of other cultures and faiths in RE lessons and other areas of the curriculum.
- The rewarding and promotion of desirable social behaviour through “Thinking of others” initiative and “circle time” where children have opportunities to discuss problems and friendships as well as affirming each other’s positive qualities.

2. Initial concerns are always recorded by staff on CPOMS. This early identification and recording patterns of behaviour can form an important evidence base which helps to detect bullying.

3. Any accusations of bullying will be dealt with quickly, thoroughly and sensitively by teachers and by the Deputy Head. These will be dealt with by:

- Investigating the incident/s through discussion with the children involved, witnesses and staff.
- Recording the incident as appropriate to the age of the child – orally, written or drawn.
- Responding to the bullying through appropriate sanctions, guidance and support, insisting on the child taking responsibility for their actions.
- Responding to the child who is being bullied through active listening, support and protection.

4. Bullying behaviour will be reported to parents of both the victim and the person causing the bullying. The school will work with parents to ensure the situation is resolved quickly. Parents of those involved will be kept informed of the actions that the school is taking.

5. Appropriate sanctions will be taken against the bully and support given to the victim. These sanctions may include removal from areas of the school where the bullying took place, in-school or external exclusion. All sanctions will be proportionate and fair.

## 5. Roles and responsibilities

### 5.1 The governing board

The governing body is responsible for:

- Reviewing and approving the written statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1)
- Reviewing this behaviour policy in conjunction with the headteacher
- Monitoring the policy’s effectiveness
- Holding the headteacher to account for its implementation

### 5.2 The Headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for:

- Reviewing this policy in conjunction with the governing body and staff
- Giving due consideration to the school’s statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1)
- Approving this policy
- Ensuring that the school environment encourages positive behaviour
- Ensuring that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour

- Monitoring that the policy is implemented by staff consistently with all groups of pupils
- Ensuring that all staff understand the behavioural expectations and the importance of maintaining them
- Providing new staff with a clear induction into the school's behavioural culture to ensure they understand its rules and routines, and how best to support all pupils to participate fully
- Offering appropriate training in behaviour management, and the impact of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and mental health needs on behaviour, to any staff who require it, so they can fulfil their duties set out in this policy
- Ensuring this policy works alongside the safeguarding policy to offer pupils both sanctions and support when necessary
- Ensuring that the data from the online behaviour log is reviewed regularly, to make sure that no groups of pupils are being disproportionately impacted by this policy

### **5.3 Teachers and staff**

Staff are responsible for:

- Creating a calm and safe environment for pupils
- Establishing and maintaining clear boundaries of acceptable pupil behaviour
- Implementing the behaviour policy consistently
- Communicating the school's expectations, routines, values and standards through teaching behaviour and in every interaction with pupils
- Modelling expected behaviour and positive relationships
- Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular pupils
- Considering their own behaviour on the school culture and how they can uphold school rules and expectations
- Recording behaviour incidents promptly on CPOMS – always alerting HT & DHT
- Challenging pupils to meet the school's expectations

The senior leadership team (SLT) will support staff in responding to behaviour incidents.

### **5.4 Parents and carers**

Parents and carers, where possible, should:

- Get to know the school's behaviour policy and reinforce it at home where appropriate
- Support their child in adhering to the school's behaviour policy
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour
- Discuss any behavioural concerns with the class teacher promptly
- Take part in any pastoral work following misbehaviour (for example: attending reviews of specific behaviour interventions)
- Raise any concerns about the management of behaviour with the school directly, whilst continuing to work in partnership with the school
- Take part in the life of the school and its culture

The school will endeavour to build a positive relationship with parents and carers by keeping them informed about developments in their child's behaviour and the school's policy, and working in collaboration with them to tackle behavioural issues.

## 5.5 Pupils

Pupils will be made aware of the following during their induction into the behaviour culture:

- The expected standard of behaviour they should be displaying at school
- That they have a duty to follow the behaviour policy
- The school's key rules and routines
- The rewards they can earn for meeting the behaviour standard, and the consequences they will face if they don't meet the standard
- The pastoral support that is available to them to help them meet the behavioural standards

Pupils will be supported to meet the behaviour standards and will be provided with repeated induction sessions wherever appropriate.

Pupils will be supported to develop an understanding of the school's behaviour policy and wider culture.

Pupils will be asked to give feedback on their experience of the behaviour culture to support the evaluation, improvement and implementation of the behaviour policy.

Extra support and induction will be provided for pupils who are mid-phase arrivals.

## 6. School behaviour curriculum

Pupils are expected to:

- Behave in an orderly and self-controlled way
- Show respect to members of staff and each other
- In class, make it possible for all pupils to learn
- Move quietly around the school
- Treat the school buildings and school property with respect
- Wear the correct uniform at all times
- Accept sanctions when given
- Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school or online

Where appropriate and reasonable, adjustments may be made to routines within the curriculum to ensure all pupils can meet behavioural expectations in the curriculum.

Each class will have its own class rules which are established at the start of each new academic year, displayed in the class room and are reviewed half termly.

### 6.1 Mobile phones

Only pupils in year 5 and year 6, who walk to school on their own may bring mobile phones on site. The phones must be switched off when entering the site and be handed in to their class teacher upon arrival in their classroom. Phones will be returned to pupils when leaving school at the end of the day.

## 7. Responding to behaviour

### 7.1 Classroom management

Teaching and support staff are responsible for setting the tone and context for positive behaviour within the school.

They will:

- Create and maintain a stimulating environment that encourages pupils to be engaged
- Display their own classroom rules and **SCARF / School Values ( Safety Caring Achievement Resilience & Friendship)**
- Develop a positive relationship with pupils, which will include:
  - Greeting pupils in the morning
  - Establishing clear routines
  - Communicating expectations of behaviour in ways other than verbally
  - Highlighting and promoting good behaviour and have their own system of rewards such as table points to foster team work and collaboration
  - Concluding the day positively and starting the next day afresh
  - Having a plan for dealing with low-level disruption
  - Using positive reinforcement

## **7.2 Safeguarding**

The school recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a pupil is in need of help or protection.

We will consider whether a pupil's misbehaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm.

Where this may be the case, we will follow our child protection and safeguarding policy, and consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information and refer any concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead

## **7.3 Responding to good behaviour**

When a pupil's behaviour meets or goes above and beyond the expected behaviour standard, staff will recognise it with positive recognition and reward. This provides an opportunity for all staff to reinforce the school's culture and ethos.

Positive reinforcements and rewards will be applied clearly and fairly to reinforce the routines, expectations and norms of the school's behaviour culture. It is acknowledged that children respond differently to rewards and at different times. Therefore this policy allows teachers to review rewards within their class and communicate them clearly with pupils, staff and parents.

Positive behaviour may be rewarded with:

- Verbal praise
- House points / table points
- Certificates /recognition at assemblies
- Individual, group or whole class rewards such as a popular activity
- Golden Time

Golden Time will never be removed from a child if Reflection Club has been applied as a sanction

## **7.4 Responding to misbehaviour**

When a pupil's behaviour falls below the standard that can reasonably be expected of them, staff will respond in order to restore a calm and safe learning environment, and to prevent recurrence of misbehaviour.



Staff will endeavour to create a predictable environment by always challenging behaviour that falls short of the standards, and by responding in a consistent, fair and proportionate manner, so pupils know with certainty that misbehaviour will always be addressed.

De-escalation techniques can be used to help prevent further behaviour issues arising, such as the use of pre-arranged scripts and phrases.

All pupils will be treated equitably under the policy, with any factors that contributed to the behavioural incident identified and taken into account.

When giving behaviour sanctions, staff will also consider what support could be offered to a pupil to help them to meet behaviour standards in the future.

The school may use 1 or more of the following sanctions in response to unacceptable behaviour:

- Removing the pupil out of their own class and into another classroom
- A verbal reprimand and reminder of the expectations of behaviour
- Setting of written tasks such as an account of their behaviour
- Expecting work to be completed at home, or at break or lunchtime
- Reflection at break or lunchtime
- Loss of privileges – for instance, the loss of a prized responsibility
- School-based community service, such as tidying a classroom
- Referring the pupil to a senior member of staff
- Letter or phone call home to parents
- Agreeing a behaviour contract
- Putting a pupil 'on report'
- Removal of the pupil from the classroom
- Suspension
- Permanent exclusions, in the most serious of circumstances

Personal circumstances of the pupil will be taken into account when choosing sanctions and decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, but with regard to the impact on perceived fairness.

## **7.5 Reasonable force**

Reasonable force covers a range of interventions that involve physical contact with pupils. All members of staff have a duty to use reasonable force, in the following circumstances, to prevent a pupil from:

- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property
- Committing an offence

Incidents of reasonable force must:

- Always be used as a last resort
- Be applied using the minimum amount of force and for the minimum amount of time possible
- Be used in a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned
- Never be used as a form of punishment
- Be recorded and reported to parents (see appendix 3 for a behaviour log)

When considering using reasonable force, staff should, in considering the risks, carefully recognise any specific vulnerabilities of the pupil, including SEND, mental health needs or medical conditions.

## 7.6 Confiscation, searches, screening

Children may be asked to hand any items or objects causing a distraction to learning to the class teacher for safe keeping. Any such items will be returned to the child at the end of the school day.

The headteacher will be notified of any unsafe or dangerous items that have been brought to school and parents will be contacted, as there may be a potential safeguarding concern.

If it is believed that a child has something that doesn't belong to them or something that may be considered dangerous or a distraction, they will be asked to empty their bag or pockets as appropriate and any items will be dealt with as appropriate. Parents will always be informed if a child brings a 'prohibited item' to school, including the information of:

- What happened
- What was found, if anything
- What action the school has taken, including any sanctions that have been applied to their child

**Children will not be searched. If there is concern about a child or items in their possession, parents will be notified immediately and their presence will be requested before any further steps are taken.** These steps will be conducted in line with the DfE's [latest guidance on searching, screening and confiscation](#).

## 7.7 Off-site misbehaviour

Sanctions may be applied where a pupil has misbehaved off-site when representing the school. This means misbehaviour when the pupil is:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity (e.g. school trips)
- Travelling to or from school
- Wearing school uniform
- In any other way identifiable as a pupil of our school

Sanctions may also be applied where a pupil has misbehaved off-site, at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, if the misbehaviour:

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- Poses a threat to another pupil
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the school

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member (e.g. on a school-organised trip).

## 7.8 Online misbehaviour

The school can issue behaviour sanctions to pupils for online misbehaviour when:

- It poses a threat or causes harm to another pupil
- It could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- It adversely affects the reputation of the school

- The pupil is identifiable as a member of the school

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member.

### **7.9 Suspected criminal behaviour**

If a pupil is suspected of criminal behaviour, the school will make an initial assessment of whether to report the incident to the police.

When establishing the facts, the school will endeavour to preserve any relevant evidence to hand over to the police.

If a decision is made to report the matter to the police, the headteacher / deputy headteacher will make the report.

The school will not interfere with any police action taken. However, the school may continue to follow its own investigation procedure and enforce sanctions, as long as it does not conflict with police action.

If a report to the police is made, the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) will make a tandem report to children's social care, if appropriate.

### **7.10 Zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment and sexual violence**

The school will ensure that all incidents of sexual harassment and/or violence are met with a suitable response, and never ignored.

Pupils are encouraged to report anything that makes them uncomfortable, no matter how 'small' they feel it might be.

The school's response will be:

- Proportionate
- Considered
- Supportive
- Decided on a case-by-case basis

The school has procedures in place to respond to any allegations or concerns regarding a child's safety or wellbeing. These include clear processes for:

- Responding to a report
- Carrying out risk assessments, where appropriate, to help determine whether to:
  - Manage the incident internally
  - Refer to early help
  - Refer to children's social care
  - Report to the police

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information.

### **7.11 Malicious allegations**

Where a pupil makes an allegation against a member of staff and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will consider whether to discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

Where a pupil makes an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment against another pupil and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will consider whether to discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

In all cases where an allegation is determined to be unsubstantiated, unfounded, false or malicious, the school (in collaboration with the local authority designated officer (LADO), where relevant) will consider whether the pupil who

made the allegation is in need of help, or the allegation may have been a cry for help. If so, a referral to children’s social care may be appropriate. The school will also consider the pastoral needs of staff and pupils accused of misconduct.

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy.

## 8. Behaviours and Sanctions Hierarchy

Stage	Examples of Behaviour	Possible Sanctions	Comments
1	Swinging on chair. Interrupting/calling out. Losing concentration. Running inside the school building. Being in the wrong place at the wrong time (e.g. in upper part of school during lunch break). Ignoring instructions. Silly noises. Pushing in line.	Quiet reminder Non –verbal signals (e.g. Eye contact, pointing). Change of seating. Name on board - after 3 warnings in a day move to stage 2.	Often praising good behaviour (e.g. ‘Thank you to all of you who are walking along corridor sensibly’.) has a positive effect on those not behaving.
2	<b>Persistent stage 1 behaviour.</b> Also: Rudeness. Affecting other pupil’s learning. Inappropriate remark to other pupils. Minor challenge to authority. Damaging school’s/pupil’s property. Leaving class without permission. Harmful/offensive name calling.	Miss playtime with class teacher Child may be sent to Reflection Club	Incidents to be recorded on CPOMS.  Headteacher to check half - termly and speak to persistent offenders.  Parents will be informed by the class teacher.
3	<b>Persistent stage 2 behaviour</b> Also: Persistent swearing. Throwing objects with intent to harm. Continued or more serious cheek/challenge to authority. Stealing. Repeated refusal to do set task.	Sent to the Reflection club Loss of playtimes/lunchtimes. May result in a ban on representing the school or attending trips or after school activities. Headteacher informed.	Incidents to be recorded on CPOMS  Parents will be informed by the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.
4	<b>Persistent stage 3 behaviour</b> Also may include: Harming someone so they need medical help. Bullying. Fighting Racism Violence Homophobic, Biopic or Transphobic behaviour Very serious challenge to authority	Meeting with parents. Loss of playtimes and ban on representing the school or attending trips or after school activities.  Exclusion for morning or afternoon to include a lunchtime – fixed period.	Incidents to be recorded on CPOMS  Governors and Local Authority to be informed of exclusion

	Leaving classroom / school without permission		
5	<b>Persistent stage 4 behaviour</b> Also: Persistent verbal abuse to a member of staff. Physical abuse to any member of staff/adult.	Exclusion for a fixed term.	Incidents to be recorded on CPOMs  Governors and Local Authority to be informed of exclusion
6	<b>Repeated stage 5 behaviour</b>	Governor disciplinary sub-committee convened. Permanent exclusion from school.	Incidents to be recorded on CPOMS

**All of the above sanctions are put in place at the discretion of the Headteacher, and the context and child's needs will be fully taken into account when sanctions are applied.**

### 8.1 Reflection Club – Restorative Justice

Pupils can be issued with periods for reflection during break or lunchtimes.

The school will decide whether it is necessary to inform the pupil's parents.

When imposing a sanction, the school will consider whether doing so would:

- Compromise the pupil's safety and well being

### 8.2 Removal from classroom in addition to or as an alternative to Reflection Club

In response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy, the school may remove the pupil from the classroom for a limited time.

Pupils who have been removed will continue to receive education under the supervision of a member of staff that is meaningful, but it may differ from the curriculum in their own class.

Removal is a serious sanction and will only be used in response to serious misbehaviour. Staff will only remove pupils from the classroom once other behavioural strategies have been attempted, unless the behaviour is so extreme as to warrant immediate removal.

Removal can be used to:

- Restore order if the pupil is being unreasonably disruptive
- Maintain the safety of all pupils
- Allow the disruptive pupil to continue their learning in a managed environment
- Allow the disruptive pupil to regain calm in a safe space

Pupils who have been removed from the classroom are supervised by a member of the Pastoral Team or an adult that works with the child. Pupils will not be removed from classrooms for prolonged periods of time without the explicit agreement of the headteacher.

Pupils should be reintegrated into the classroom as soon as appropriate and safe to do so. The school will consider what support is needed to help a pupil successfully reintegrate into the classroom and meet the expected standards of behaviour.

Parents will be informed on the same day that their child is removed from the classroom.

The school will consider an alternative approach to behaviour management for pupils who are frequently removed from class, such as:

- Meetings with learning coaches
- Use of teaching assistants
- Short term behaviour report cards
- Long term behaviour plans
- Pupil support units
- Multi-agency assessment

Staff will record all incidents of removal from the classroom along with details of the incident that led to the removal, and any protected characteristics of the pupil in the behaviour log.

### **8.3 Suspension and permanent exclusions**

The school can use suspension and permanent exclusion in response to serious incidents or in response to persistent poor behaviour, which has not improved following in-school sanctions and interventions.

The decision to suspend or exclude will be made by the headteacher and only as a last resort.

Please refer to our Suspension and Exclusions Policy for more information.

## **9. Responding to misbehaviour from pupils with SEND**

### **9.1 Recognising the impact of SEND on behaviour**

The school recognises that pupils' behaviour may be impacted by a special educational need or disability (SEND).

When incidents of misbehaviour arise, we will consider them in relation to a pupil's SEND, although we recognise that not every incident of misbehaviour will be connected to their SEND. Decisions on whether a pupil's SEND had an impact on an incident of misbehaviour will be made on a case-by-case basis.

When dealing with misbehaviour from pupils with SEND, especially where their SEND affects their behaviour, the school will balance their legal duties when making decisions about enforcing the behaviour policy. The legal duties include:

- Taking reasonable steps to avoid causing any substantial disadvantage to a disabled pupil caused by the school's policies or practices ([Equality Act 2010](#))
- Using our best endeavours to meet the needs of pupils with SEND ([Children and Families Act 2014](#))
- If a pupil has an education, health and care (EHC) plan, the provisions set out in that plan must be secured and the school must co-operate with the local authority and other bodies

As part of meeting these duties, the school will anticipate, as far as possible, all likely triggers of misbehaviour, and put in place support to prevent these from occurring.

Any preventative measures will take into account the specific circumstances and requirements of the pupil concerned. Our approach may include:

- Short, planned movement breaks for pupils who find it difficult to sit still
- Adjusting uniform requirements for pupils with sensory issues or severe eczema
- Training for staff in understanding how conditions such as autism can impact on behaviours
- Adaptations of classrooms /use of quiet places where pupils can regulate their behaviours during moments of sensory overload

## **9.2 Adapting sanctions for pupils with SEND**

When considering a behavioural sanction for a pupil with SEND, the school will take into account:

- Whether the pupil was unable to understand the rule or instruction?
- Whether the pupil was unable to act differently at the time as a result of their SEND?
- Whether the pupil is likely to behave aggressively due to their particular SEND?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, it may be unlawful for the school to sanction the pupil for the behaviour.

The school will then assess if it is appropriate to use a sanction and if so, whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made to the sanction.

## **9.3 Considering whether a pupil displaying challenging behaviour may have unidentified SEND**

The school's special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) may evaluate a pupil who exhibits challenging behaviour to determine whether they have any underlying needs that are not currently being met.

Where necessary, support and advice will also be sought from specialist teachers, an educational psychologist, medical practitioners and/or others, to identify or support specific needs.

When acute needs are identified in a pupil, we will liaise with external agencies and plan support programmes for that child. We will work with parents to create the plan and review it on a regular basis.

## **9.4 Pupils with an education, health and care (EHC) plan**

The provisions set out in the EHC plan must be secured and the school will co-operate with the local authority and other bodies.

If the school has a concern about the behaviour of a pupil with an EHC plan, it will make contact with the local authority to discuss the issue. If appropriate, the school may request an emergency review of the EHC plan.

## **10. Supporting pupils following a sanction**

Following a sanction, the school will consider strategies to help pupils to understand how to improve their behaviour and meet the expectations of the school. We will use a restorative justice approach for pupils. Other measures may include:

- Reintegration meetings
- Daily contact with a named staff member or member of the pastoral team
- Use of behaviour charts to acknowledge positive behaviours

## **11. Pupil transition**

### **11.1 Inducting incoming pupils**

The school will support incoming pupils to meet behaviour standards by offering an induction process to familiarise them with the behaviour policy and the wider school culture.

### **11.2 Preparing outgoing pupils for transition**

To ensure a smooth transition to the next year, pupils have transition sessions with their new teacher(s). In addition, staff members hold transition meetings.

To ensure behaviour is continually monitored and the right support is in place, information related to pupil behaviour issues may be transferred to relevant staff at the start of the term or year.

We will be taking part in the 23 week SWITCH programme to support pupils, for whom, transitioning to secondary school may present additional challenges.

## **12. Training**

As part of their induction process, our staff are provided with regular training on managing behaviour, including training on:

- The proper use of restraint – only limited staff will be trained to administer positive handling techniques
- The needs of the pupils at the school
- How SEND and mental health needs impact behaviour

Behaviour management will also form part of continuing professional development.

## **13. Monitoring arrangements**

### **13.1 Monitoring and evaluating school behaviour**

The school will use CPOMS to collect data on the following:

- Behavioural incidents, including removal from the classroom
- Attendance, permanent exclusion and suspension
- Use of pupil support units, off-site directions and managed moves
- Incidents of searching, screening and confiscation
- Anonymous surveys for staff, pupils, governors and other stakeholders on their perceptions and experiences of the school behaviour culture

The data will be analysed every term by the deputy headteacher.

The data will be analysed from a variety of perspectives including:

- At school level
- By age group
- At the level of individual members of staff
- By time of day/week/term
- By protected characteristic

The school will use the results of this analysis to make sure it is meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010. If any trends or disparities between groups of pupils are identified by this analysis, the school will review its policies to tackle it.

### **13.2 Monitoring this policy**

This behaviour policy will be reviewed by the headteacher and the full governing body at least annually, or more frequently, if needed, to address findings from the regular monitoring of the behaviour data. At each review, the policy will be approved by the Chair of Governors on behalf of all governors.

The written statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1) will be reviewed and approved by the full governing body annually.



## **14. Links with other policies**

This behaviour policy is linked to the following policies

- Suspension and Exclusions policy
- Child protection and safeguarding policy

## **Appendix 1: written statement of behaviour principles**

- Every pupil understands they have the right to feel safe, valued and respected, and to be able to learn free from the disruption of others
- All pupils, staff and visitors are free from any form of discrimination
- Staff and volunteers set an excellent example to pupils at all times
- Rewards, sanctions and reasonable force are used consistently by staff, in line with the behaviour policy
- The behaviour policy is understood by pupils and staff
- The exclusions policy explains that exclusions will only be used as a last resort, and outlines the processes involved in suspensions and exclusions
- Pupils are helped to take responsibility for their actions
- Families are involved in behaviour incidents to foster good relationships between the school and pupils' home life

The governing board also emphasises that violence or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated in any circumstances. This written statement of behaviour principles is reviewed and approved by the full governing body annually.