



Burtonwood Community Primary School

# Positive Behaviour Policy

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## Statement of intent

Burtonwood Community Primary School believes that, in order to facilitate teaching and learning, acceptable behaviour must be demonstrated in all aspects of school life. The school is committed to:

- Promoting desired behaviour.
- Promoting self-esteem, self-discipline, proper regard for authority, and positive relationships based on mutual respect.
- Ensuring equality and fair treatment for all.
- Praising and rewarding good behaviour to create a culture of encouragement in which all pupils can achieve.
- Challenging and disciplining misbehaviour.
- Providing a safe environment free from disruption, violence, discrimination, bullying and any form of harassment.
- Encouraging positive relationships with parents and carers
- Developing positive relationships with pupils to enable early intervention.
- Developing positive relationships with pupils to support them in moderating their emotions and reactions.
- A shared approach which involves pupils in the implementation in agreeing class rules, rewards and sanctions; the implementation of the school's policy; and, associated procedures.
- Promoting a culture of praise and encouragement in which all pupils can achieve.

Reasonable and proportionate sanctions will be used where a pupil's behaviour falls below the standard that is expected, alongside support to prevent recurring misbehaviour.

The school acknowledges that undesirable behaviour can sometimes be the result of special educational needs, mental health issues, or other needs or vulnerabilities, and will do its utmost to address these needs via an individualised graduated response.

To help reduce the likelihood of behavioural issues related to social, emotional or mental health (SEMH), the school will aim to create a safe and calm environment in which positive mental health and wellbeing are promoted and pupils are taught to be resilient. The school will aim to promote resilience as part of a whole-school approach using the following methods:

- **Culture, ethos and environment** – the health and wellbeing of pupils and staff is promoted through the informal curriculum, including leadership practice, policies, values and attitudes, alongside the social and physical environment
- **Teaching** – the curriculum is used to develop pupils' knowledge about health and wellbeing
- **Community engagement** – the school proactively engages with parents, outside agencies and the wider community to promote consistent support for pupils' health and wellbeing

All staff will be made aware of how potentially traumatic adverse childhood experiences, including abuse and neglect, can impact on a pupil's mental health, behaviour, and education. Where vulnerable pupils or groups are identified, provision will be made to support and promote their positive mental health.

## 1. Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education Act 1996
- Education Act 2002
- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Health Act 2006
- The School Information (England) Regulations 2008
- Equality Act 2010
- Voyeurism (Offences) Act 2019
- DfE (2013) 'Use of reasonable force'
- DfE (2015) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'
- DfE (2018) 'Mental health and behaviour in schools'
- DfE (2021) 'Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges'
- DfE (2022) 'Behaviour in schools: Advice for headteachers and school staff'
- DfE (2022) 'Keeping children safe in education 2022'
- DfE (2022) 'Searching, Screening and Confiscation: Advice for schools'
- DfE (2022) 'Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement'

## 2. Aims

It is our primary aim that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. We are a caring community, whose values are built on mutual trust and respect for all. The school behaviour policy is therefore designed to support a positive way in which all members of the school can live and work together. It aims to promote an environment where everyone feels happy, safe and valued. The intent of the behaviour policy is to promote good relationships between everyone in the school, so that people can work together with the common purpose of helping everyone to learn. This policy supports the school community in aiming to allow everyone to work together in an effective, respectful and appropriate way.

The school expects every member of the school community to behave in a considerate way towards others.

Teachers have power to discipline pupils for misbehaviour which occurs in school and, in some circumstances, outside of school. The power to discipline also applies to all paid staff with responsibility for pupils, such as teaching assistants. All staff must treat all children fairly and apply this behaviour policy in a consistent way.

This policy aims to help children to grow in a safe and secure environment, and to become positive, responsible and increasingly independent members of the school community.

The school rewards good behaviour, as it believes that this will develop an ethos of kindness and co-operation. This policy is designed to promote good behaviour, rather than merely deter anti-social behaviour.

## 3. Roles and responsibilities

The **governing board** will have overall responsibility for:

- Ensuring that this policy, as written, does not discriminate on any grounds, including, but not limited to, age, disability, gender reassignment, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- Promoting a whole-school culture where calm, dignity and structure encompass every space and activity.
- Handling complaints regarding this policy, as outlined in the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.
- Ensuring this policy is published on the school website.
- The monitoring and implementation of this policy and of the behaviour procedures at the school. This includes reviewing the policy's effectiveness in addressing any SEMH-related drivers of poor behaviour.
- The head teacher has the day-to day authority to implement the school behaviour and discipline policy, but governors may give advice to the head teacher about particular disciplinary issues including fixed-term and permanent exclusions. The head teacher must take this into account when making decisions about matters of behaviour.

The **headteacher** will be responsible for:

Determining the school rules and any disciplinary sanctions for breaking the rules as well as 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 head teacher to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all children in the school.

Set the accepted standards of behaviour and supports staff in the implementation of the policy.

Keep records of all reported serious incidents of misbehaviour.

The head teacher has the responsibility for giving suspensions to individual children for serious acts of misbehaviour. For repeated or very serious acts of anti-social behaviour, the head teacher may permanently exclude a child.

- Both these actions are only taken after the school governors have been notified. The monitoring and implementation of this policy and of the behaviour procedures at the school. This includes monitoring the policy's effectiveness in addressing any SEMH-related drivers of poor behaviour.
- Establishing high expectations of pupils' conduct and behaviour and implementing measures to achieve this.
- Determining the school rules and any disciplinary sanctions for breaking the rules.
- The day-to-day implementation of this policy.
- Publicising this policy in writing to staff, parents and pupils at least once a year.
- Reporting to the governing board on the implementation of this policy, including its effectiveness in addressing any SEMH-related issues that could be driving disruptive behaviour.

The **senior mental health lead** will be responsible for:

- Overseeing the whole-school approach to mental health, including how this is reflected in this policy, how staff are supported with managing pupils with SEMH-related behavioural difficulties, and how the school engages pupils and parents with regards to the behaviour of pupils with SEMH difficulties.
- Supporting behaviour management in line with the SEMH Policy.

The **SENCO** will be responsible for:

- Collaborating with the governing board, headteacher and the senior mental health lead, as part of the SLT, to determine the strategic development of behaviour and SEMH policies and provisions in the school.
- Undertaking day-to-day responsibilities for the successful operation of the behaviour and SEMH policies to support pupils with SEND, in line with the school's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy.
- Supporting teachers in the further assessment of a pupil's strengths and areas for improvement and advising on the effective implementation of support.

**Teaching staff** will be responsible for:

- Planning and reviewing support for pupils with behavioural difficulties in collaboration with parents, the SENCO and, where appropriate, the pupils themselves in Pupil Passports or Individual Behaviour Plans.
- Planning lessons to address potential areas of difficulty to ensure that there are no barriers to every pupil achieving their full potential, and that every pupil with behavioural difficulties will be able to study the full national curriculum, whatever their prior attainment.
- Teaching and modelling expected behaviour and positive relationships, demonstrating good behavioural and learning habits.
- Being responsible and accountable for the progress and development of the pupils in their class.
- Not tolerating disruption and taking proportionate action to restore acceptable standards of behaviour.
- Ensuring that the school rules are enforced in their class, and that their class behaves in a responsible manner during lesson time. This means encouraging mutual respect, developing independence and providing appropriate engaging activities for all children.
- Having high expectations of the children in terms of behaviour and striving to ensure that all children work to the best of their ability.
- Treating each child fairly and enforcing 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 deals with incidents him/herself in the normal manner. However, if misbehaviour continues, the class teacher seeks help and advice from the head teacher. The class teacher will keep a record of incidents of unacceptable behaviour using CPOMS, if there is a need to put together evidence for liaising with external agencies or for suspension or exclusion.

- Liaising 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 their social worker or a professional lead for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH).
- Reporting to parents about the behaviour of each child in their class, in line with the whole-school policy. The class teacher may also contact a parent if there are concerns about the behaviour or welfare of a child. All staff should discuss such concerns with the head teacher prior to contacting parents, and these will be reported on CPOMS.
- Planning and reviewing support for their pupils with SEMH-related behavioural difficulties in collaboration with parents, the SENCO and the pupils themselves.

**All members of staff, including teaching and support staff, and volunteers** will be responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy and applying it consistently and fairly.
- Supporting pupils in adhering to this policy.
- Promoting a supportive and high-quality learning environment.
- Modelling high levels of behaviour.
- Being aware of the signs of behavioural difficulties.
- Setting high expectations for every pupil.
- Being aware of the needs, outcomes sought, and support provided to any pupils with specific behavioural needs.
- Keeping the relevant figures of authority up-to-date with any changes in behaviour. The relevant figures of authority include:
  - SENCO.
  - Headteacher.
  - Subject leader.
- As authorised by the headteacher, sanctioning pupils who display poor levels of behaviour.

**Pupils** will be responsible for:

- Displaying positive behaviours both in terms of their actions and their learning.
- Their own behaviour both inside school and in the wider community.
- Reporting any unacceptable behaviour to a member of staff.

**Parents** will be responsible for:

- Celebrating their child's achievements within school.
- Supporting their child in adhering to the school rules and reinforcing this at home.
- Informing the school of any changes in circumstances which may affect their child's behaviour.
- Supporting their child's learning, and co-operating with the school, as set out in the home-school agreement. 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.



- Supporting the actions of the school. If parents have any concern about the way that their child has been treated, they should initially contact the class teacher or head teacher. 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.

#### 4. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, the school will define “serious unacceptable behaviour” as any behaviour which may cause harm to oneself or others, damage the reputation of the school within the wider community, and/or any illegal behaviour. This will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- **Discrimination** – not giving equal respect to an individual on the basis of age, disability, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation
- **Harassment** – behaviour towards others which is unwanted, offensive and affects the dignity of the individual or group of individuals
- **Vexatious behaviour** – deliberately acting in a manner so as to cause annoyance or irritation
- **Bullying** – a type of harassment which involves personal abuse or persistent actions which humiliate, intimidate, frighten or demean the individual being bullied
- **Cyberbullying** – the use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature
- Possession of legal or illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco
- Possession of banned items
- Truancy and running away from school
- Refusing to comply with disciplinary sanctions
- Theft
- Verbal abuse, including swearing, racist remarks and threatening language
- Fighting and aggression
- Persistent disobedience or disruptive behaviour
- Extreme behaviour, such as violence and serious vandalism
- Any behaviour that threatens safety or presents a serious danger
- Any behaviour that seriously inhibits the learning of pupils
- Any behaviour that requires the immediate attention of a staff member

For the purposes of this policy, the school will define “low-level unacceptable behaviour” as any behaviour which may disrupt the education of the perpetrator and/or other pupils, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Lateness
- Low-level disruption and talking in class
- Failure to complete classwork
- Rudeness
- Refusing to complete homework, incomplete homework, or arriving at school without homework
- Disruption on public transport
- Use of mobile phones without permission

- Graffiti

“Low-level unacceptable behaviour” may be escalated to “serious unacceptable behaviour”, depending on the severity of the behaviour. If these behaviours do escalate, they should be reported on CPOMS so that they can be monitored and addressed. Any escalation in these behaviours is to be discussed with senior leaders within school. An agreed approach to support the child can then be established.

“Challenging behaviour” is defined as:

- Discriminative abuse
- Verbal abuse
- Bullying
- Persistent disobedience or destructive behaviour
- Extreme behaviour, e.g. violence, running away from school, vandalism
- Any behaviour that threatens safety or presents a serious danger
- Any behaviour that seriously inhibits the learning of pupils
- Any behaviour that requires the immediate attention of a senior staff member

All behaviours that are deemed to be challenging will be discussed with senior leaders and reported via CPOMS. An agreed approach to support the child can then be established, including seeking the support of outside agencies.

## **5. Staff induction, development and support**

All new staff will be inducted clearly into the school’s behaviour culture to ensure they understand its rules and routines and how best to support all pupils to participate in creating the culture of the school. Staff will be provided with bespoke training, where necessary, on the needs of pupils at the school to enable behaviour to be managed consistently.

The SLT will consider any appropriate training which is required for staff to meet their duties and functions in accordance with this policy, including on understanding matters which may affect a pupil’s behaviour, e.g. SEND and mental health needs.

Members of staff who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading behaviour or supporting pupil wellbeing will be supported to undertake any relevant training or qualifications.

The SLT and the headteacher will review staff training needs annually, and in response to any serious or persistent behaviour issues disrupting the running of the school.

## **6. Effective classroom management**

Well-managed classrooms are paramount to preventing disruptive and unacceptable behaviour. Quality first teaching, which provides interesting and engaging learning activities, remains the most effective way to ensure a positive and productive classroom environment.

Demonstrating effective classroom management will allow staff to:

- Start the year with clear sets of rules and routines that are understood by all pupils.
- Establish agreed rewards, as well as sanctions for misbehaviour.
- Establish clear responses for handling behavioural problems.
- Encourage respect and development of positive relationships.
- Make effective use of the physical space available.
- Have well-planned lessons with a range of activities to keep pupils stimulated.

Subject to reasonable adjustments, e.g. those made for pupils whose SEND may affect their behaviour, pupils will be expected to follow the school Pupil Code of Conduct, which requires pupils to:

- Conduct themselves around the school premises in a safe, sensible and respectful manner.
- Follow reasonable instructions given by staff.
- Behave in a reasonable and polite manner towards all staff and pupils.
- Show respect for the opinions and beliefs of others.
- Complete classwork as requested.
- Hand in homework at the time requested.
- Report unacceptable behaviour.
- Show respect for the school environment.

### **Classroom rules and routines**

At all times, we endeavour to raise children's self-esteem and to encourage them in a positive way to behave appropriately following clear routines and rules. The school understands that pupils work best when there is an established routine and that many behavioural problems arise as a result of a lack of consistent routine and structure.

The school will have an established set of clear, comprehensive and enforceable classroom rules which define what is acceptable behaviour and what the consequences are if rules are not adhered to. Attention is given to how rules are worded, such as the use of positive language rather than negative, e.g. 'We listen when others are talking' rather than 'Don't shout out'.

Teachers establish classroom routines at the start of each academic year with the children in their class and revisit these daily,

Teachers will support pupils to understand and follow classroom rules and routines.

### **The classroom environment**

The school understands that a well-structured classroom environment is paramount to preventing poor behaviour. This includes the teacher positioning themselves effectively within the classroom, e.g. wherever possible, teachers avoid standing with their backs to pupils and ensure they have full view of the room at all times.

Teachers will employ strategic seating arrangements to prevent poor behaviour and enable it to be noticed early, such as:

- Seating those who frequently model poor behaviour closest to, and facing, the teacher.
- Seating those who frequently model poor behaviour away from each other.
- Ensuring the teacher can see pupils' faces, that pupils can see one another, and that they can see the board.
- Ensuring the teacher can move around the room so that behaviour can be monitored effectively.

### **Rewarding Good Behaviour**

Each class will be registered on ClassDojo and this will be our primary system for recording 'points' across the school. The benefit of this will be that a consistent approach can be introduced, and we can monitor the number of points being received. It will also allow

lunchtime organisers and those who work classes, to use a shared system. Awards should be given at lunchtime using Dojo cards.

When pupils achieve 25 points they will be provided with a certificate. Once 50 points has been received, then the children will be able to select a prize from the Dojo box. Upon receiving 100 points, the children will be added to a Dojo Hall of Fame that will be displayed outside the main office. Points will be reviewed each week with the winning class receiving a trophy in Friday assembly. Each half term the class with the highest number of Dojo points, will enjoy a whole class treat. (Non-uniform Day, Cinema afternoon etc) When children achieve these milestones, these should be celebrated with parents via SeeSaw.

1 point will be given per reward, with the focus being children who display our vision and values. Excellent work, positive learning behaviours and moments where children support their peers should all be rewarded. Once points have been rewarded, they cannot be removed.

If children produce work that exemplifies the Learning Objective/ Mastery Key particularly well or consistently, a sticker should be placed next to the work. In this instant, the child should also be sent to Mr. Heatley for further praise and reinforcement.

## **7. Managing behaviour and sanctions**

There will be an EYFS and Key Stage 1, and a Key Stage 2 approach to encouraging positive behaviour and highlighting behaviours that fall short of our expectations.

### EYFS and Key Stage 1

Each child will have their picture on the display. All children will begin the morning or afternoon sessions with their picture on the sun. The children will have the opportunity to move up to the rainbow if they display excellent behaviour. This will be accompanied by a Dojo point. If a child displays inappropriate behaviour, they will be given a verbal warning. If the behaviour does not change, then they will move their face to the rain cloud. If the behaviour persists, then they will place their face on the thunder cloud. At this stage the child will be spoken to by Mr. Heatley and then behaviour incident should be recorded on CPOMS. (see appendix. 1) The behaviour should also be reported to the child's parent, either in person or over the phone. All behaviours are reset after lunch/ next morning.

### Key Stage 2

Each child will have their name on display. All children will begin the morning or afternoon session with their picture on Green. Green, Amber and Red cards should be displayed within each class. If a child displays inappropriate behaviour, they will be given an initial warning and guidance on how to change their behaviour. If it continues, then their picture will be moved to Amber. At the Amber stage, the behaviour displayed by the child should be discussed with them, by the class teacher, at the end of the next session. If a child moves their face to Red, then their behaviour should be referred to Mr. Heatley and the incident recorded on CPOMS. (see appendix. 1) The behaviour should also be reported to the child's parent, either in person or over the phone.

The purpose of these rewards and sanctions is to establish a culture of ‘It is what we do around here’ with behaviours out of the ordinary being rewarded or addressed. Opportunities within assemblies and the curriculum should be used to ‘teach’ behaviours, highlighting the positive and the negative. If a child regularly displays negative behaviours, then additional steps, such as reward cards, time out or 1:1 support, may need to be provided. This support will be detailed in an Individual Behaviour Plan. Please consult with Joanne Hughes regarding any concerns.

The school will recognise that praise is key to making pupils feel valued and ensuring that their work and efforts are celebrated. When giving praise, teachers will ensure:

- They define the behaviour that is being rewarded.
- The praise is given immediately following the desired behaviours.
- The way in which the praise is given is varied.
- Praise is related to effort, rather than only to work produced.
- Perseverance and independence are encouraged.
- Praise is only given when a pupil’s efforts, work or behaviour need to be recognised, rather than continuously without reason.
- The praise given is always sincere and is not followed with immediate criticism.

Whilst it is important to receive praise from teachers, the school understands that peer praise is also effective for creating a positive, fun and supportive environment. Teachers will encourage pupils to praise one another, and praise another pupil to the teacher, if they see them modelling good behaviour.

As with praise, the school understands that providing rewards after certain behaviour means that pupils are more likely to model the same behaviour again.

Intrinsic motivation is encouraged, and children learn the value of being in a caring community and that each member of the community has their part to play.

The school acknowledges all the efforts and achievements of children, both in and out of school. We will usually celebrate these in class or whole school assemblies.

We expect children to try their best in all activities. If they do not do so, we may ask them to complete the task or redo it in their own time (at a break time or as additional homework). We expect children to listen carefully to teaching input and instructions in lessons, and to the contributions made by their peers. This builds respectful relationships with adults and peers and allows learning to take place without disruption. We also expect them to quietly and purposefully engage with independent and small group learning.

To gain the attention of the children when giving instructions, staff will use a clear, formal tone of voice while standing still and straight to gain full attention:

EYFS – call and response with adult and children placing their hands on their heads (hands on top, *that means stop*)

KS1 & 2 – adult raises their hand and counts down from 5, and children raise their hand in response. There may be an additional prompt for ‘lips closed and eyes on me’, if required.

If a child is disruptive in class, the teacher gives a verbal warning of unacceptable behaviour and outlines consequences of continued disruptive behaviour. If the behaviour continues, then the response should be escalated through the agreed approach.

If there are incidents of anti-social behaviour, the class teacher discusses these with the whole class during 'circle time' so that the correct message reaches all the children. In this way, every child in the school knows the standard of behaviour that we expect in our school. However, disciplinary sanctions may be necessary for transgressions.

The safety of the children is paramount in all situations. If a child's behaviour endangers the safety of others, the class teacher stops the activity and prevents the child from taking part for the rest of that session.

In persistent cases of unacceptable, seriously unacceptable or challenging behaviour, outside agencies may be involved such as the school health advisor or CYPMHS. Please liaise with Joanne Hughes if external support is required.

Instances of unacceptable behaviour will be taken seriously and dealt with immediately, in line with our behaviour approach. Staff will respond promptly, predictably and with confidence to maintain a calm, safe learning environment. Staff will consider afterwards how to prevent such behaviour from recurring.

A record will be kept of persistent cases of unacceptable behaviour via CPOMS to help identify pupils whose behaviour may indicate potential mental health or safeguarding problems. All staff will be alert to changes in a pupil's behaviour that could indicate they need help or protection. (Please see our Safeguarding resources for when potential changes in behaviour may be of concern).

Support, such as targeted discussions with pupils, a phone call with parents, and inquiries into circumstances outside of school by the Designated Safeguarding Lead, will be provided alongside the use of sanctions to prevent the misbehaviour recurring. Although unacceptable behaviour does not necessarily mean a pupil has SEND, an assessment will be carried out at this stage to determine whether there are any undiagnosed learning or communication difficulties, or mental health issues that may be contributing to the pupil's behaviour.

Where a pupil does have identified SEND needs, it may be necessary to put 'Reasonable Adjustments' in place to support the behaviour management of the pupil. This may mean amendments to the behaviour techniques detailed in Appendix 1. This could include:

- Removing the child's name from the behaviour charts
- Providing an individual behaviour chart (potentially with picture prompts and reminders)
- Staff having picture prompt cards to reduce verbal instructions and increase non-verbal communication
- Individual reward charts

Where a pupil is identified as having SEMH-related difficulties, SEND support will be put in place from the school's national SEND budget and could include ELSA or access to the sensory room provision. Where SEND is not identified, but the headteacher determines that support is still required for the pupil, an Individual Behaviour Plan will be created to outline the necessary provisions in place.



For discipline to be lawful, the school will ensure that:

- The decision to discipline a pupil is made by a paid member of school staff, or a member of staff authorised to do so by the headteacher.
- The decision to discipline a pupil is made on the school premises or whilst the pupil is under the charge of a member of staff, such as during an educational trip or visit.
- The decision to discipline a pupil is reasonable, proportionate and is in line with school policy. It will not discriminate on any grounds, e.g. equality, SEND or human rights.

The school will ensure that all discipline is reasonable in all circumstances, and will consider the pupil's age, religious requirements, SEMH needs, any SEND, and any other contributing factors, e.g. bullying, safeguarding or home life issues.

### **Bullying**

The school does not tolerate bullying of any kind. If we discover that an act of bullying or intimidation has taken place, we act immediately to stop any further occurrences of such behaviour. We do everything in our power to ensure that all children attend school free from fear. The class teacher must always report a bullying incident on CPOMS and ensure that the head teacher is notified.

Acts of bullying, physical assault and intimidation will lead to the following sanctions:

- Missing break time until the head teacher can ensure the safety of the other children
- Loss of privileges – for instance, the loss of a prized responsibility or not being able to participate in a non-uniform day.
- Removal from the class with learning taking place in isolation for a limited period.
- Suspension or permanent exclusion.

Parents will be informed immediately about their child's behaviour and informed of the future sanctions if the behaviour is repeated. After an incident of bullying, the class teacher must speak again with the victim, bully and the parents of both to ensure that the situation has been resolved and there have been no further incidents.

Bullying incidents will be kept on record.

### **Behaviour toward staff, visitors and volunteers**

The staff at the school and any visitors, volunteers, student teachers or teaching assistants should be treated with respect and courtesy. If they are subject to disrespectful actions or comments, sanctions will apply:

- Missing break time
- Being sent to the head teacher or senior member of staff
- Removal from the class with learning taking place in isolation for a limited period.

### **Malicious accusations**

If a child makes a malicious accusation, verbally abuses or physically assaults a member of staff or other adult in school, they will face the following sanctions depending on the severity of the incident:

- Loss of privileges – for instance the loss of a prized responsibility or not being able to participate in a non-uniform day or class trip.
- Removal from the class with learning taking place in isolation for a limited period.
- Suspension or permanent exclusion

Parents will be informed immediately about their child's behaviour and informed of the future consequences if the behaviour is repeated

### **Property**

Staff have the legal powers to confiscate property from pupils as set out in Section 9 of this policy. Power to search without consent for "prohibited items" is set out in the guidance document 'Screening, Searching and Confiscation' on the Department of Education website. All staff must obtain guidance and support from the deputy or head teacher before carrying out a search without consent.

In addition to this, the general power to discipline enables a member of staff to confiscate and retain a pupil's property as a punishment, so long as it is reasonable in the circumstances. The law protects them from liability for damage to, or loss of, any confiscated items provided they have acted lawfully. The property will always be returned to the pupil within 24 hours of it being confiscated, unless it is an item which the staff member deems should be handed to an adult responsible for them. If the item is confiscated on a residential trip, it may be returned at the end of the visit if appropriate.

## **8. Prevention strategies and intervention for unacceptable behaviour**

This section outlines the school's strategies for preventing unacceptable behaviour and initial interventions, minimising the severity of incidents, and using sanctions and support effectively and appropriately to improve pupils' behaviour in the future.

### **Initial interventions**

A range of initial intervention strategies to help pupils manage their behaviour and reduce the likelihood of more severe sanctions will be used. Support will consider the pupil's specific needs and may be delivered outside of the classroom, in small groups or in one-to-one activities. A system will be in place to ensure relevant members of the SLT are aware of any pupil that is:

- Persistently misbehaving
- Not improving their behaviour following low-level sanctions
- Displaying a sudden change in behaviour from previous patterns of behaviour

Examples of initial interventions to address misbehaviour will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Frequently engaging with parents
- Providing mentoring and coaching
- Short-term behaviour plans
- Long-term behaviour plans
- Pupil support units
- Engagement with local partners and agencies



- Where the pupil has SEND, an assessment of whether appropriate provision is in place to support the pupil, and if the pupil has an EHC plan, contact with the LA to consider a review of the plan

A multi-agency assessment, such as an early help assessment, that goes beyond a pupil's education will be considered where serious concerns about a pupil's behaviour exist.

### **Behaviour curriculum**

Positive behaviour will be taught to all pupils as part of PSHE, in order to enable them to understand what behaviour is expected and encouraged and what is unacceptable. Positive reinforcement will be used by staff where expectations are met to acknowledge good behaviour and encourage repetition. The behaviour curriculum will focus on defining positive behaviour and making it clear what this looks like, including the key habits and routines required by the school, e.g. lining up quietly outside the classroom before a lesson.

Routine will be used to teach and reinforce the expected behaviours of all pupils.

Appropriate and reasonable adjustments to routines for pupils with additional needs, e.g. SEND, will be made. Consistent and clear language will be used when acknowledging positive behaviour and addressing misbehaviour.

### **Positive teacher-pupil relationships**

Positive teacher-pupil relationships are key to combatting unacceptable behaviour. The school will focus heavily on forming positive relationships based on predictability, fairness and trust to allow teachers to understand their pupils and create a strong foundation from which behavioural change can take place.

### **Preventative measures for pupils with SEND**

Behaviour will always be considered in relation to a pupil's SEND. If it is deemed that a pupil's SEND has contributed to their misbehaviour, the school will consider whether it is appropriate and lawful to sanction the pupil.

Where a pupil is identified as having SEND, the graduated approach will be used to assess, plan, deliver and review the impact of support being provided.

The school will aim to anticipate likely triggers of misbehaviour and put in place support to prevent these, taking into account the specific circumstances and requirements of the pupil concerned. Measures the school will implement where appropriate include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Short, planned movement breaks for a pupil whose SEND means they find it difficult to sit still for long
- Ensuring a pupil with visual or hearing impairment is seated in sight of the teacher
- Adjusting uniform requirements for a pupil with sensory issues or relevant medical condition
- Training for staff in understanding autism and other conditions

### **De-escalation strategies**

Where negative behaviour is present, staff members will implement de-escalation strategies to diffuse the situation. This will include:

- Appearing calm and using a modulated, low tone of voice
- Using simple, direct language.
- Avoiding being defensive, e.g. if comments or insults are directed at the staff member.
- Providing adequate personal space and not blocking a pupil's escape route.
- Showing open, accepting body language, e.g. not standing with their arms crossed.

- Reassuring the pupil and creating an outcome goal.
- Identifying any points of agreement to build a rapport.
- Offering the pupil a face-saving route out of confrontation, e.g. that if they stop the behaviour, then the consequences will be lessened.
- Rephrasing requests made up of negative words with positive phrases, e.g. “if you don’t return to your seat, I won’t help you with your work” becomes “if you return to your seat, I can help you with your work”.

### **Physical intervention**

In line with the school’s Physical Restraint of Pupils Policy, members of staff have the legal right to use reasonable force to prevent pupils from committing an offence, injuring themselves or others, or damaging school property, and to maintain good order and discipline in the classroom.

Physical restraint will only be used as a last resort. Staff members will use their professional judgement of the incident to decide whether physical intervention is necessary. The situations in which physical restraint may be appropriate are detailed in the Policy. Wherever possible, staff will ensure that a second member of staff is present to witness the physical intervention used.

After an instance of physical intervention, the pupil will be immediately taken to the headteacher, and the pupil’s parent will be contacted. Where appropriate, the headteacher may decide to temporarily remove the pupil from the school via a suspension, in line with the DfE’s guidance on ‘Suspension and Permanent Exclusion’. Where suspension is carried out, the pupil’s parent will be asked to collect the pupil and take them home for the rest of the day – pupils will not be sent home without the school contacting their parent.

Any violent or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated by the school and may result in a fixed-term exclusion in the first instance. It is at the discretion of the headteacher as to what behaviour constitutes an exclusion, in line with the Suspension and Exclusion Policy.

When using reasonable force in response to risks presented by incidents involving pupils with SEND or medical conditions, staff will recognise and consider the vulnerability of these groups.

### **Removal from the classroom**

The school may decide to remove pupils from the classroom for a limited period, at the instruction of a member of staff.

The pupil will be moved to a room that is:

- In an appropriate area of the school
- Stocked with appropriate resources
- Suitable to learn and refocus
- Supervised by trained members of staff

The school will only remove pupils from the classroom where absolutely necessary and for the following reasons:

- To maintain the safety of all pupils and restore stability following an unreasonably high level of disruption
- To enable disruptive pupils to be taken to a place where education can continue in a managed environment
- To allow the pupil to regain calm in a safe space

The school will ensure that pupils' health and safety is not compromised during their time away from the classroom, and that any additional requirements, such as SEND needs, are met.

The amount of time that a pupil spends removed from the classroom will be up to the school to decide. This could be for more than one school day. The school will ensure that the pupil is not removed from the classroom any longer than necessary.

The staff member in charge and supervising the pupil will decide what the pupil may and may not do during their time spent removed from the classroom. The headteacher will request that the pupil's class teachers set them appropriate work to complete.

The headteacher will establish a clear process for the reintegration of a pupil who has been removed from the classroom when it is deemed appropriate and safe for them to return.

Consideration will be given to what support is needed to help the pupil return and meet the expected standards of behaviour. Reintegration meetings will be held between the school, pupil and their parents, and other agencies if relevant, where necessary.

Pupils will be permitted to eat during the allocated times of the school day and may use the toilet as required.

### **Detentions**

Detentions will be used as a last resort and should not be considered part of everyday practice. The school will make it clear to parents and pupils that they are able to use detention (missed break) as a sanction to deter future misbehaviour, during school hours.

The use of detention as a sanction will be applied fairly and consistently, and staff and pupils will be made aware of when it may be used.

All teachers at the school will be permitted to impose detention on a pupil, unless the headteacher decides to withdraw this power from any teacher. The headteacher may decide to delegate the power to impose detention to volunteers, such as parents who assist during educational visits or trips.

Parental consent will not be required for detentions and, therefore, the school will be able to issue detention as a sanction without first notifying the parents of the pupil, including for same-day detentions.

When issuing detentions, members of staff will ensure that they do so reasonably within the given circumstances, and that they consider any additional needs of the pupil. If the detention is during lunchtime, 20 minutes will be allocated to allow the pupil time to eat, drink and use the toilet. Any detentions given to children should be recorded on CPOMS to allow for further analysis and support. This will also allow for any patterns of behaviour to be established.

Detentions will not be issued where there is any reasonable concern that it would compromise a pupil's safety. An alternative and appropriate sanction will be issued instead.

## **9. Sexual abuse and harassment**

The school will prohibit all forms of sexual abuse and harassment, including sexual harassment, gender-based bullying and sexual violence. The school's procedures for handling child-on-child sexual abuse and harassment are detailed in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Types of conduct that are prohibited in the school and may constitute sexual harassment under this policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unwelcome sexual flirtations or propositions, invitations or requests for sexualised activity
- Sexual comments, such as making lewd comments or sexual remarks about clothing and appearance, and calling someone sexualised names
- Sexual “jokes” or taunting, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments or sexually degrading descriptions
- Unwelcome communication that is sexually suggestive, degrading or implies sexual intentions, including written, verbal, online, etc.
- Physical behaviour, such as deliberately brushing against, grabbing, massaging or stroking an individual’s body
- Taking, displaying, or pressuring individuals into taking photos of a sexual nature
- Exposing, or causing exposure of, underclothing, genitalia, or other body parts that are normally covered by an individual, through means including, but not limited to, mooning, streaking, “up skirting”, “down blousing”, or flashing
- Purposefully cornering or hindering an individual’s normal movements
- Misuse of school equipment to search for indecent images or videos
- Participation in sexualised discussions through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, social media, mobile phone or tablet apps, or any other form or electronic communication

The school will respond promptly and appropriately to any sexual harassment complaints in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy; appropriate steps will be taken to stop the harassment and prevent any reoccurrence. Discipline for incidents of sexual harassment will be determined based on the nature of the case, the ages of those involved and any previous related incidents. The school will work with children and parents to address the effects of harassment and will offer and provide counselling services for victims, if required.

## **10. Smoking and controlled substances**

In accordance with the Health Act 2006, the school is a smoke-free environment. Parents, visitors, staff and pupils will be instructed not to smoke on school grounds. Pupils will not be permitted to bring smoking materials or nicotine products to school.

The school will have a zero-tolerance policy on illegal drugs, legal highs and other controlled substances. Where incidents with pupils related to controlled substances occur, the school will follow the procedures outlined in the Pupil Drug and Alcohol Policy and Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

## **11. Prohibited items, searching pupils and confiscation.**

Headteachers, and staff authorised by them, will have a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item. Authorised members of staff will be permitted to use reasonable force when conducting a search without consent for the prohibited items listed below, in line with the school’s Physical Intervention Policy. The prohibited items for which reasonable force may be used are:

- Knives and weapons.
- Alcohol.
- Illegal drugs.
- Stolen items.
- Tobacco and cigarette papers.
- Fireworks.
- Pornographic images.
- Any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used:
  - To commit an offence; or
  - To cause personal injury to any person, including the pupil themselves; or
  - To damage the property of any person, including the pupil themselves.

The following items are banned from being carried within the school premises:

Fire lighting equipment:

- Matches, lighters, etc.

Drugs and smoking equipment:

- Cigarettes
- Tobacco
- Cigarette papers
- Electronic cigarettes (e-cigs)
- Alcohol
- Solvents
- Any form of illegal drugs
- Any other drugs, except medicines covered by the prescribed medicines procedure

Weapons and other dangerous implements or substances:

- Knives
- Razors
- Catapults
- Guns (including replicas and BB guns)
- Laser pens
- Knuckle dusters and studded arm bands
- Whips or similar items
- Pepper sprays and gas canisters
- Fireworks
- Dangerous chemicals

Other items:

- Liquid correction fluid
- Caffeinated energy drinks
- Offensive materials (i.e. pornographic, homophobic, racist, etc.)
- Aerosols, including deodorant and hair spray
- Chewing gum

All members of staff can use their power to search without consent for any of the items listed above.

Searches will be conducted by a same-sex member of staff, with another same-sex staff member as a witness, unless there is a risk that serious harm will be caused to any person(s) if the search is not done immediately, and it is not practicable to summon another member of staff.

Staff members may instruct a pupil to remove outer clothing, including hats, scarves, boots and coats.

A pupil's possessions will only be searched in the presence of the pupil and another member of staff, unless there is a risk that serious harm will be caused to any person(s) if the search is not done immediately, and it is not practicable to summon another member of staff.

A staff member carrying out a search can confiscate anything which they have reasonable grounds to suspect is a prohibited item.

The school is not liable for any damage to, or loss of, any confiscated item.

The police will be contacted if any weapons, knives, illegal substances and extreme or child pornography are discovered by a member of staff.

For all other items, it is at the discretion of the member of staff to decide if, and when, an item will be returned to a pupil.

Parents will be informed of any confiscated item and may be required to collect the item (unless the item relates to alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco), from the school office.

The head teacher will always be notified when any item is confiscated.

## **12. Behaviour outside of school premises**

Pupils at the school must agree to represent the school in a positive manner. The guidance laid out in the Pupil Code of Conduct will apply both inside school and out in the wider community, particularly if the pupil is dressed in school uniform.

Staff can discipline pupils for misbehaviour outside of the school premises, including conduct online, when the pupil is:

- Wearing school uniform.
- Travelling to or from school.
- Taking part in any school-related activity.
- In any way identifiable as being a pupil at the school.

Staff may also discipline pupils for misbehaviour outside the school premises, including conduct online, that:

- Could negatively affect the reputation of the school.
- Could pose a threat to another pupil, a member of staff at the school, or a member of the public.
- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school.

Any bullying witnessed outside of the school premises and reported to the school will be dealt with in accordance with the Anti-bullying Policy.

The school will impose the same sanctions for bullying incidents and non-criminal misbehaviour witnessed or reported outside of the school premises as would be imposed for the same behaviour conducted on school premises. In all cases of unacceptable behaviour outside of the school premises, staff will only impose sanctions once the pupil has returned to the school premises or when under the supervision of a member of staff.

Complaints from members of the public about the behaviour of pupils from the school are taken very seriously and will be dealt with in accordance with the Complaints Procedures Policy.

### **13. Data collection and behaviour evaluation**

The school will collect data from the following sources:

- Behaviour incident data, including persistent low-level behaviours, significant incidents and on removal from the classroom
- Attendance, permanent exclusion and suspension data
- 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 monitored and objectively analysed termly by the headteacher and the SLT. Attempts will be made to identify possible factors contributing to the behaviour, any system problems or inadequacies with existing support. The data will also be analysed considering the protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 to inform school policies and practice.

### **14. Monitoring and review**

This policy will be reviewed by the headteacher and SLT on an annual basis; they will make any necessary changes and communicate these to all members of staff and relevant stakeholders.

This policy will be made available for Ofsted inspections and reviews by the lead inspector, upon request.

The next scheduled review date for this policy is September 2024.



Promoting Positive Behaviours, Inappropriate Behaviours and Sanctions (Appendix. 1)

Detailed below are some but by no means all, potential inappropriate behaviours. The system in place for addressing these within classrooms, is also displayed.

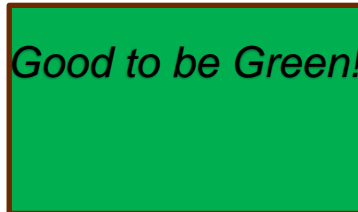
Key Stage 1

Key Stage 2



**Rewards**

- Dojo points
- Dojo Certificates and prizes
- Whole class treat
- Stickers in book (Good work)
- Given jobs and responsibilities
- Praise from Mr. Heatley



“What we do around here!”



**Level 1 Behaviours**

Minor everyday problems-teasing, pushing in line, name calling, running inside, not following instructions, pushing and shoving, being noisy.



**Level 2 Behaviours**

Repeating level 1 behaviours, spitting, swearing, lying, fighting, refusing to follow instructions/ being unsafe, aggressive behaviour, throwing objects.  
Referred to Mr. Heatley

If a child regularly displays level two behaviours, please speak to Joanne Hughes as additional support through an Individual Behaviour Plan may be required. If consistent “Good to be Green” behaviour is displayed, our if a child receives a red card/ thunder cloud, then please speak with parents.