

# Duke Street Primary School



## Behaviour Policy

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## Opening Statement

This document is a statement of the aims and strategies for ensuring positive behaviour at Duke Street Primary School.

Duke Street became a Nurturing School in 2009; a decision made through a process of consultation with the Staff, Headteacher, Governors, Parents and Children. It continues to be discussed annually by staff and governors and will be formally reviewed again the autumn Term 2016.

This policy outlines the underlying philosophy, purpose, nature, organisation and management of pupil behaviour at Duke Street Primary School. It aims to produce a consistent approach to handling behaviour in school.

A separate anti-bullying policy exists outlining how we deal with bullying in our school. Bullying is action taken by one or more children with the deliberate intention of hurting another child, either physically or emotionally. Bullying and any other forms of intimidation will not be tolerated. At Duke Street everyone is expected to treat others with kindness and respect and to care for each other.

The policy is the result of consultation with pupils, parents and governors, staff discussion, auditing of behaviour and training. It reflects current practice within the school. Its fair and consistent implementation is the responsibility of all staff. It is a working document designed to enhance the development of positive relationships between children, adults working in schools, parents and other members of the wider school community.

## What the law says:

The headteacher must set out measures in the behaviour policy which aim to:

- promote good behaviour, self-discipline and respect;
- prevent bullying;
- ensure that pupils complete assigned work;

and which

- regulate the conduct of pupils.

When deciding what these measures should be, the headteacher must take account of the governing body's statement of behaviour principles. The headteacher must have regard to any guidance or notification provided by the governing body which may include the following:

- screening and searching pupils;
- the power to use reasonable force and other physical contact;
- the power to discipline beyond the school gate;
- when to work with other local agencies to assess the needs of pupils who display continuous disruptive behaviour; and
- pastoral care for staff accused of misconduct.

The headteacher must decide the standard of behaviour expected of pupils at the school. He or she must also determine the school rules and any disciplinary penalties for 1 Section 89 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 5 breaking the rules.

Teachers' powers to discipline include the power to discipline pupils even when they are not at school or in the charge of a member of staff.

The headteacher must publicise the school behaviour policy, in writing, to staff, parents and pupils at least once a year. 6. The school's behaviour policy must be published on its website (School Information (England) Regulations 2008).

## Aims

The aim of Duke Street Primary School is for every member of the school community to feel valued and respected, and for all persons to be treated fairly. We are a caring community, whose values are built on mutual trust and respect. The school behaviour policy is therefore designed to support the way in which the members of the school can live and work together in a supportive way. It aims to promote an environment where all feel happy, safe and secure.

The primary aim of the behaviour policy is not a system to enforce school rules but rather to promote good relationships, so that people can work together with the common purpose of helping everyone to learn.

## Expectations

At our school we will:

- As adults treat each other with respect at all times, therefore providing a positive role model for the children and each other.
- Support the way in which all members of this school community can live and work together in an environment that is happy, safe and secure and where effective learning can take place.
- Reward good behaviour.
- Provide encouragement and stimulation to all pupils.
- Treat all children fairly and apply this policy in a consistent way.
- Ensure that children are aware of the school rules and that each class has its own set of expectations.
- Teach, through the school curriculum, values and attitudes as well as knowledge and skills, in order to promote responsible behaviour, self-discipline and respect for self, others and the world around us.

## A Positive Nurturing Approach

An effective behaviour policy is one that seeks to lead children towards high self-esteem and self-discipline. We aim to teach children the life skills necessary to solve their own problems as they move through school and to build resilience. These skills are also taught through our PSHE curriculum and through individual restorative discussions. Good behaviour arises from good relationships and from setting clear expectations of good behaviour.

We believe that self-esteem affects all thinking and behaviour and impacts on learning and performance. We aim to provide positive everyday experiences so that our children are more likely to reach their full potential.

The core beliefs of Duke Street Primary School are that:

- Behaviour can change and that every child can be successful.

- Praising and a system of rewards are more likely to change behaviour than blaming and punishing. Using a restorative approach with a positive system of rewards will increase childrens' self-esteem and thus help them to achieve more.
- Celebrating success helps children to achieve more.
- Being aware of each child's needs and their individual circumstances helps us to act in the fairest way. We always consider the safety of other children and minimize disruption while helping children acquire self-discipline.
- Reinforcing good behaviour helps our children feel good about themselves.

## Nurture Group

Children identified with underdeveloped social, emotional, attachment or behaviour skills will be assessed and considered for allocation in our Nurture group. Children in these groups engage in activities that address their particular behaviour or social needs.

Although behaviourist approaches can work for the majority of children, they are not successful with all. This is especially true for those who have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) - traumatic life experiences that occur before the age of 18. For children who have experienced trauma and loss, including vulnerable groups such as children in care, children at the edge of the care system, and children previously in care, behaviourist approaches often serve to re-traumatise them and do not teach them how to express their emotions in a more appropriate manner.

As a school we believe in a nurturing approach where every child feels listened to. The commitment of staff to the emotional well-being of the pupils is a particular strength of our school. All pupils know that they are safe and secure - and that their contributions and achievements are respected and valued.

### Special Educational Needs and Disability and Behaviour.

Behavioural difficulties in themselves are no longer seen as an SEND, but rather as symptomatic of a possible unmet SEND.

It is imperative that staff have an understanding of factors affecting behaviour and that they liaise with the SENDCo and Outreach Team.

In managing behaviour difficulties, the school will have regard to the Code of Practice for children with special educational needs and will strive to ensure that children's special learning needs are identified and met. Support will be sought from external agencies for children identified as having special needs resulting in emotional and behavioural difficulties. Support will involve devising an individual programme building self-esteem, behaviour recovery, behaviour monitoring and taking responsibility. Children will be encouraged to be involved in setting their own individual targets and be part of the review process.

It is imperative that any sanction is applied fairly and the consequences fully explained (sanctions will be differentiated to the needs of the children, particularly those with SEND).

## School Expectations

The school's key expectations are:

- We are kind and helpful
- We listen
- We are honest
- We work hard and take pride in our work
- We look after property

These are displayed in classrooms as well as a copy of the school behaviour system. As well as the school rules every class creates its own set of expectations which are displayed in each classroom. All staff and children follow the coloured behaviour system and it enables for consistency when dealing with behaviour throughout the school.

## Rewards and Sanctions Overview

We aim to create a healthy balance between rewards and sanctions with both being clearly specified. Pupils should learn to expect fair and consistently applied sanctions for inappropriate behaviour. All systems are flexible to take account of individual circumstances. The emphasis of the school discipline policy is on **REWARD** and **PRAISE**, which should be given whenever possible for both work and behaviour.

Included in the policy are suggestions for Positive Behaviour Management Strategies and Laying the Foundation for Positive Classroom Behaviour (Appendix 1). Also, in appendix 2 there are Behaviour Management Tips for the Classroom and Classic errors made by teachers when it comes to instilling order in the classroom.

All class teachers should operate a stepped approach to sanctions, providing children with choices and allowing them to identify the next consequence. Children for whom this approach is not appropriate, will have an individual behaviour plan detailing alternative rewards and sanctions.

### Rewards

All members of staff will recognise and celebrate appropriate behaviour at all times around the school through informal praise. Rewards may involve:

- Verbal praise, positive comments, smiling at children and 'catching them being good'
- Verbal praise to parents about their children
- Stickers, raffle tickets, marbles, class / individual dojos and stamps
- Daily Certificates
- Sending good work to other staff members for reward or praise
- Special responsibility jobs
- Special privileges (eg, free time)
- Positive phone call home

- Whole class rewards
- House points (results given in weekly Good News Assembly)
- Child of the Week certificates, English worker of the week, Maths worker of the week

## Discipline in schools

### Teachers' powers Key Points

- Teachers have statutory authority to discipline pupils whose behaviour is unacceptable, who break the school rules or who fail to follow a reasonable instruction (Section 90 and 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006).
- The power also applies to all paid staff (unless the headteacher says otherwise) with responsibility for pupils, such as teaching assistants.
- Teachers can discipline pupils at any time the pupil is in school or elsewhere under the charge of a teacher, including on school visits.
- Teachers can also discipline pupils in certain circumstances when a pupil's misbehaviour occurs outside of school.
- Teachers have a power to impose detention outside school hours.
- Teachers can confiscate pupils' property.

### Sanctions

Despite positive responses as a means to encouraging good behaviour in Duke Street Primary School, it may be necessary to employ a number of sanctions to enforce school rules, and to ensure a safe and positive learning environment. As with matters relating to reward, consistency is vital and should be appropriate to each individual situation. This policy is designed to empower both teaching and support staff in our mutual desire to create a just, secure and happy learning environment. When dealing with all forms of inappropriate behaviour, teachers should follow these three over-riding rules:

**Be calm** - children should be dealt with calmly and firmly referring to what the action is and why the action is being taken.

**Logical consequences** - A logical consequence is a sanction that should 'fit' the offence. It generally has two steps. The first step is to stop the misbehaviour. The second step is to provide an action that recalls children to the expectations, reinstates the limits, and teaches alternative behaviours. Indoor supervision can be used to discuss with the child in a restorative way, what happened, what they should have done and what they will do next time whilst they are completing extra work in a sensible way.

If a child is given an Indoor Supervision form, then a form will be completed and sent home with the child (see appendix 4). The child should then return the signed form the following day.

This data will be used to share with parents when needed and also generate whole school data on a termly basis. This will then be monitored closely throughout the school year.

**Fresh Start** - although persistent or serious misbehaviour needs recording, every child must feel that ~~every session and every day~~ following any consequence there is a fresh start.

It is imperative that any sanction is applied fairly and the consequences fully explained (sanctions will be differentiated to the needs of the children, particularly those with SEN or

ACEs. If the class/school ~~rules are broken~~ expectations are not met, then appropriate consequences are issued (see appendix three).

### Classroom

Although teachers are free to choose their own behaviour class target(if this is needed) , it is imperative that children are aware of the whole school behaviour management approach, making sure that rewards and sanctions are in line with school policy.

### Playground

All welfare staff have received necessary behaviour management training in order to be consistent and follow the whole school behaviour management system.

The same procedures will follow for any child showing disruptive / inappropriate behaviour on the playground, please refer to appendix three.

## Recording, Monitoring and evaluating behaviour

Recordings of children receiving an indoor supervision / being sent to isolation or any general behaviour concerns should be logged on CPOMs. All staff members have received training so they are aware how to log incidents and these should be assigned to a member of the SLT. All serious incidents will also be logged on CPOMs.

A member of the SLT should report all serious incidents to parents and this should also be logged on CPOMs. A behaviour intervention or Individual Behaviour Plan (IBP) should be created for children exhibited extremely challenging behaviour and relevant provisions should be in place to monitor the effectiveness of strategies used. Again, parents should be involved in this process and should also be updated on a regular basis to review progress / any changes made. Targets should be created on a half termly basis and should be created with a member of the SLT, class teacher, parent and child.

For continual unacceptable behaviour or in case of serious verbal or physical violence the child may be excluded from school. This could take the form of a fixed-term exclusion, or on rare occasions, may take the form of a permanent exclusion (see 'fixed-term and permanent exclusions' below).

Behaviour to be monitored by SLT and data shared from CPOMs on a regular basis. Data should be used to identify children receiving Indoor Supervisions on a regular basis and necessary provisions to be put in place.

### Fixed-term and permanent exclusions

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

If the headteacher excludes a child, then the parent/s should be contacted immediately, giving reasons for the exclusion. At the same time, the headteacher should make it clear to the

parents that they can appeal against the decision to the governing body. The school informs the parents how to make any such appeal.

The headteacher informs the Local Education Authority (LEA) and the governing body about any permanent exclusion, and about any fixed-term exclusions beyond five days in any one term. The governing body itself cannot either exclude a child or extend the exclusion period made by the headteacher. The governing body has a discipline committee whose role is set out in strict guidelines whenever a child is excluded from school.

The school will provide suitable full-time education for an excluded pupil from the sixth school day of any fixed period exclusion of more than 5 consecutive school days.

Local authorities are under a duty to provide suitable full-time education from the sixth school day of a permanent exclusion.

## Confiscation of inappropriate items

There are two sets of legal provisions which enable school staff to confiscate items from pupils:

1. The general power to discipline enables a member of staff to confiscate, retain or dispose of a pupils' property as a punishment. Staff are protected against liability for damage to, or loss of, any confiscated items provided they have acted lawfully and reasonably. The legislation does not describe what must be done with the confiscated item and the behaviour policy should set this out.
2. Power to search without consent for 'prohibited items' including:
  - a. Knives and weapons
  - b. Alcohol
  - c. Illegal drugs
  - d. Stolen items
  - e. Tobacco and cigarette papers
  - f. Pornographic images
  - g. Any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property
  - h. Any item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for

Weapons and knives and extreme or child pornography must be handed to the Police. Otherwise it is for the teacher to decide if and when to return an item, or whether to dispose of it.

## Power to use reasonable force (clarification of non-statutory advice)

Members of staff have the power to use reasonable force to prevent pupils committing an offence, injuring themselves or others, or damaging property, and to maintain good order and discipline in the classroom. Head teachers and authorised school staff may also use such force as is reasonable given the circumstances when conducting a search without consent for knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images or articles that have been or could be used to commit an offence or cause



harm. Schools can also identify additional items in their school rules which may be searched for without consent. Force cannot be used to search for these items.

Force is usually used either to control or restrain. It must never be used as a punishment; this is always unlawful.

- 'Control' means either passive physical contact, such as standing between pupils or blocking a pupil's path, or active physical contact such as leading a pupil by the arm or shoulders out of a classroom.

- 'Restraint' means to hold back physically or to bring a pupil under control. It is typically used in more extreme circumstances, for example when two pupils are fighting and refuse to separate without physical intervention.

School staff should always try to avoid acting in a way that might cause injury, but in extreme cases it may not always be possible to avoid injuring the pupil.

The school has a legal duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils and pupils with special educational needs (SEN).

When can reasonable force be used?

1) Reasonable force can be used to prevent pupils from hurting themselves or others, from damaging property or from causing disorder.

2) In a school, force is used for two main purposes - to control pupils or to restrain them.

3) The decision on whether or not to physically intervene is down to the professional judgement of the staff member concerned and should always depend on the individual circumstances.

4) The following list is not exhaustive but provides some examples of situations where reasonable force can and cannot be used.

Schools can use reasonable force to:

Remove disruptive pupils from the classroom where they have chosen not to follow an instruction to do so;

Prevent a pupil behaving in a way that disrupts a school event or a school trip or visit;

Prevent a pupil leaving the classroom where allowing the pupil to leave would risk their safety or lead to behaviour that disrupts the behaviour of others;

Prevent a pupil from attacking a member of staff or another pupil, or to stop a fight in the playground; and restrain a pupil at risk of harming themselves through physical outbursts.

## Roles

### The Role of School Council

The School Council meets approximately once a month. The School Council consists of children from Year 1 - Year 6. KS1 and KS2 classes have two elected members on the School Council, one male and one female representative. School Councillors wear special badges that identify them throughout the school.

As part of their duties the School Council discuss particular rules and their implementation. They also play a major part in deciding on activities that spread a positive message around the school.

## The Role of Parents

Parents have a vital role to play in their children's education. It is very important that parents support their child's learning and co-operate with the school. We are very conscious of the importance of having strong links with parents and good communication between home and school. Thus, the school works collaboratively with parents, so children receive consistent messages about how to behave at home and at school. We expect parents to support school rules and work with class teachers to improve behaviour where necessary.

A Home School Agreement that outlines the responsibilities of the parent and the school; including those around behaviour and attendance are included as appendix 5.

We expect parents to behave in a reasonable and civilised manner towards all school staff. Incidents of verbal or physical aggression to staff by parents/guardians/carers of children in the school will be reported immediately to the headteacher who will take appropriate action.

If the school has to use reasonable sanctions to deal with a child, parents should support 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. The headteacher may then be involved and, if the concern remains, they should contact the school governors.

## The Role of Non-teaching Staff

All school staff have a responsibility to uphold the behaviour policy. Non-teaching staff should ensure that children move sensibly and quietly through the school at all times helping to ensure a calm atmosphere in the corridors, classrooms and other school areas.

Children should be made aware that rough play and potentially dangerous behaviour in the playground is unacceptable.

Lunchtime Supervisors are in close touch with the class teachers and communicate with them about incidents of unacceptable behaviour at lunchtime.

## The Role of the Class Teacher

Duke Street Primary School is aware that good classroom organisation is a key to good behaviour and that the provision of a high quality curriculum through interesting and challenging activities influences behaviour.

Teachers at Duke Street Primary School are positive, enthusiastic and have high expectations of both learning and behaviour. They foster a sense of self-esteem in all children, linked with an understanding of the needs of others. They should encourage a calm and responsive atmosphere, avoiding shouting.

Teachers should deal with parental concerns in a timely, respectful, sympathetic and professional manner, involving senior staff as appropriate. Teachers expect that parents will behave in a reasonable manner towards them, as professionals, and that issues will be dealt with in an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect.

It is the responsibility of the class teacher to ensure that the school rules are enforced in their class, and that their class behaves in a responsible manner during lesson time.

## Role of the Governors

The governing body has the responsibility of setting down general guidelines on standards of discipline and behaviour, and of reviewing their effectiveness. The governors support the headteacher in carrying out these guidelines.

The headteacher has the day-to-day authority to implement the school behaviour and discipline policy, but governors may give advice to the headteacher about particular disciplinary issues. The headteacher must take this into account when making decisions about matters of behaviour.

## Role of the Headteacher

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

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

Lastly, it is the headteacher's responsibility to keep records of all reported serious incidents of misbehaviour and has the responsibility for giving fixed-term exclusions to individual children for serious acts of misbehaviour. For repeated or very serious acts of anti-social behaviour, the headteacher may permanently exclude a child.

## Appendix 1: Positive Behaviour Management Strategies

- Pay attention to the kind of behaviour you want to continue.
- Follow the whole school behaviour management system and be consistent
- Find something legitimately reinforcing and encouraging to say to your child everyday.
- Be consistent no matter what! (Major earthquakes or similar events might be a reason not to be consistent.)
- Let your child know what your behavioural expectations are and be sure that he / she understands them.
- Avoid sarcasm, negativity
- Be neutral emotionally when dealing with inappropriate behaviour. If you get upset and angry, you are no longer in control.
- Don't ask: Why did you do that? You will probably get a shrug and "I don't know". Instead ask, "What do you think you should have done? or how could you do that better?"
- Separate the behaviour from the child. "I like you, but not the way you behave."
- Be fair, yet firm
- Reward and remark about good behaviour frequently. "I like the way you are sitting quietly and working so hard."
- Be a good model. They will do what you do a lot faster than what you tell them to do.
- If you have to reprimand your child about anything, it is important to use the next possible time to give him/ her some kind of positive reinforcement.
- Respond immediately to behaviours whether they are good or bad.
- Your children should know and understand consequences for good or inappropriate behaviour.

## Laying the Foundation for Positive Classroom Behaviour

Classroom behaviour is one of the trickiest issues teachers face today. Disruptive behaviour results in lost curriculum time and creates a classroom environment that is not always conducive to learning. One key to nipping behavioural problems in the bud is to promote positive behaviour before problems arise. This takes some planning, but the following article will provide you with practical tips to help you lay a foundation for positive classroom behaviour.

It probably won't surprise you that classroom control/discipline is rated among the top four challenges teachers face in schools today. In fact, almost half the teachers polled said that discipline was a serious problem in their schools. Not surprisingly, when the public was polled on the same issues, they ranked classroom control/discipline as the number one challenge.

Unfortunately, teachers face not only the challenge of managing their students' behaviour while teaching the curriculum. They also face many conflicting theories about how to manage it: logical consequences, behaviour management and assertive discipline, to name just a few. Of course, there is no one "correct" way to encourage positive classroom behaviour. But if you begin with a good foundation, it is possible. Here are a few time-tested suggestions that can help you build that foundation.

### **Think About Your Approach**

Take some time to think about the strategies you plan to use to encourage positive classroom behaviour. Clarifying your strategies will make it easier for you to lead the class confidently and effectively.

### **Visualise Possible Challenges**

Imagine possible classroom challenges and review your strategies for dealing with them. Having clear-cut strategies will help keep you grounded when these challenges do arise.

### **Make Your Expectations Clear from the Beginning**

Make sure that students know what you expect of them. The classroom rules you present should be positive, specific and concise. They should be displayed in every classroom and also around school. You should also spell out what will happen if students do not meet expectations.

### **Model Positive Behaviour**

Occasionally, you may have to remind yourself to follow your own rules. For example, if you ask students not to drink beverages in class, refrain from keeping a cup of coffee on your desk, even if you do not drink it during class.

### **Encourage, Encourage, Encourage**

When you praise students who are excelling, don't forget to encourage those who are trying, but struggling. These students often lack confidence and need more positive reinforcement.

### **Show Respect**

Showing respect for your students includes listening to their needs and preserving their dignity. It also means living up to their expectations of you, such as greeting them at the beginning of class or returning corrected homework in a timely fashion.

### **Be Consistent**

Be sure to address student behaviour in a consistent manner. Be wary of shifting strategies when misbehaviour occurs. To students, this may show a lack of decisiveness. Follow the strategy in place as this will ensure consistency across the school.

**Keep Students Busy and Challenged**

Busy students are far less likely to exhibit disruptive behaviour. Be sure that students are working at appropriate levels; boredom and frustration often lead to students' acting out.

**Listen to Students' Suggestions**

When building your foundation, you may be able to draw from students' and other teachers' past classroom experiences. Ask students to make suggestions about what should be expected of them and how misbehaviour should be addressed. Students are often more responsive to rules they helped create.

Creating an environment in which students know and follow the rules is challenging, but not impossible. With a little patience and perseverance, you can lay a foundation for respect and positive behaviour in your classroom that lasts all year.

## Appendix 2

### Behaviour Management Tips for the Classroom

**The first few days are the most important ones of the year.**

Remind the children of key expectations on a regular basis and ensure the children are clear on the whole school behaviour management strategy. Be sure that you're consistent in keeping the rules so the children know that they are important. Have fun and let children know you care about them.

**Don't make any rules for your class that you are not willing to follow through with.**

Always be consistent and fair and let your students know that you mean what you say.

**Never get into a power struggle with your students.**

Always listen to both sides with a non-judgmental and non-confrontational attitude.

**Have a good balance of discipline and humor with the children.**

In order to gain their respect, you need to convey your genuine enjoyment to be with them. Pupils understand that you are sometimes tough on them because you care enough to wish they try harder and get better. Try to find a way to show I care in some meaningful way. Humor is important to have for your own perspective and for the children. It keeps the days lively and enjoyable.

**It's not what you teach, but how you teach it that makes all the difference.**

If what you are doing in your classroom is exciting and motivational, classroom discipline problems disappear. Students do not want to get in trouble because they do not want to miss out on what is going on in your room.

**Not every student will like you. And, you won't like every student.**

Try to find at least one thing you can respect each student for - even if it's just showing up at school.

**Children will quiet down when the teacher is quiet and waiting for their attention.**

Wait for the attention before moving on to the next lesson or set of instructions.

**Children love choices and challenges!**

Whenever possible, give students choices - whether it's a long-range project on a country they select, or colouring a map with crayon, marker, or coloured pencil! Try to give as many "small" choices as possible, even if it seems insignificant.

**Watch the body language for both yourself and the students.**

With the student, it can give you clues as to what the real problem is; for the teacher, you need to convey that not only are you listening but you are hearing what the student is saying. Then have them help in the solution.

## Classic errors made by teachers when it comes to instilling order in the classroom.

It is seen as fundamental to effective teaching and without it, teachers flee the workforce. After all, calm classrooms are pre-requisite to children's learning. However it eludes many a teacher, and nearly a quarter of all resigning teachers cite poor pupil behaviour as the main reason for leaving, according to a DfES 2003 study.

Yet there are key principles of managing behaviour that, if mastered, can really help teachers perform in the classroom. According to Andy Vass, co-author of several behaviour management books and former consultant to the DfES, teacher attitude is crucial. "This is because the way teachers manage behaviour is based on the attitudes and beliefs they hold."

"If teachers get it right, children pick up on this, often unconsciously, and this tells them that this teacher is authentic and interested in their success," he adds. From this, a sense of trust and rapport begins to become established, and the teacher's influence is significant, says Vass. He outlines the most common mistakes:

### **Attempting to control a class**

You cannot control anybody else's behaviour but your own. Highly effective teachers seek to influence and manage children's behaviour. If teachers are determined to control a class they often find that classroom interactions become more hostile and they, in turn, become increasingly demanding with a heavy reliance on punishment.

The other end of the attitude spectrum is the teacher who needs to be a 'best friend' to children, which can lead to blurred boundaries and some children will feel socially excluded.

### **Taking poor behaviour personally**

All behaviour is purposeful in the sense that it attempts to either gain something, usually peer kudos or attention, or not lose something, usually saving face in front of their friends. You can avoid this by:

- Modelling the behaviour you want rather than react to the behaviour you're getting.
- Looking to find solutions to behavioural issues in a professional and measured way as part of the challenge of the job.
- Managing your emotions and being optimistic that a way forward will be found in time.
- Keeping things in perspective; remember the things you do well and avoid focussing on things that have gone badly.

### **Criticising the person rather than the behaviour**

Really effective relationships are built on distinguishing what someone does - their behaviour - from the actual person. For example, if a teacher says: 'Don't be so spiteful!' the child will feel personally attacked. Criticising the specific behaviour is a more effective strategy as it gives pupils an opportunity to learn and modify their behaviour. The same teacher could say instead, 'Calling Rebecca names is hurtful behaviour.'

### **Not giving children a second chance**

If a child behaves poorly give them a chance to start afresh. If you don't allow children to make amends it can limit their relationship with you and damage their self-esteem. It's also unlikely that there will be any positive change.



**Making threats**

If you make threats of any kind or personal, derogatory remarks, this can only lead to a hostile relationship, damaged self-esteem, and worsening behaviour. Threats tend to have an intimidating and bullying tone and are often said in an emotional way. For example, if a teacher says: 'Nathan if you talk ONE more time that's your playtime gone!' it sets up both a threat and a challenge whereas 'Nathan if you continue to interrupt you'll be choosing to lose three minutes of playtime', makes the request and consequent action fair and clear.

**Inconsistent approach**

Often this presents as giving warnings or sanctions but not carrying them through or applying sanctions and then letting children off. Children of all ages need to know where they stand and that the adult is consistent and cares enough to say no, mean no, and follow through when necessary.

## Appendix 3

### Behaviour Policy display.

Each session starts at green.

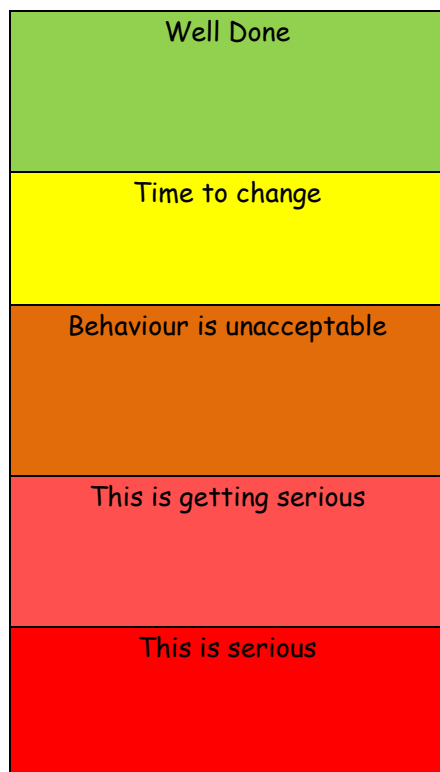
Yellow is warning.

Orange - Indoor Supervision - To be logged on CPOMs by Indoor Supervisors

Pink - class teacher / Adult covering PPA to inform parent and record on CPOMs identifying: Who? What happened? What you did to resolve incident? Impact?

Red - SLT involvement. Meeting to be arranged and class teacher to be present also.

Isolation to be put in place and SLT member to log on CPOMs



Please note, these expectations relate to ALL the children in the school, not just the children in your class.

Please follow behaviour management system across the school to ensure consistency.

1.Well Done	2.What this behaviour looks like	3.Consequence
<p><b>WARNING!</b> Time to change</p>	<p>Behaviour which may include; Fidgeting/ distracting others Shouting out Talking when adult talking Interrupting Refusal to do as an adult ask Getting out of seat or place Wandering the classroom Non-completion of school work that could be reasonably expected</p> <p>Poor effort / attitude to work</p>	<p>One chance to change: Non- verbal warning Verbal warning Send to a designated area in the classroom / if no space outside the classroom 5 min loss of break time - supervised by class teacher Restorative conversation</p> <p>Complete / redo work during break time</p>
<p><b>Behaviour is unacceptable</b></p>	<p>Behaviour which may include; <b>Any of the above after the restorative conversation:</b> Noisy movement around school Running in the hall / school building Being inside when should be outside Not clearing up after lunch Not sticking to the Zoning rules Answering back to any adult Name calling/ leaving people out</p>	<p>Indoor Supervision - designated supervisor to log on CPOMs and resolve If incident occurs session 2 to spend 15 mins in the Rainbow Room at lunch time (eat dinner there - nurture staff to CPOMs and resolve) If repeat offender for light orange (third occasion during the week, class teacher to inform parents and log on CPOMs)</p>
<p><b>This is getting serious</b></p>	<p>Refusal to follow instructions Deliberate breaking/ throwing of equipment Dangerous behaviour( swinging PE bags, mock fighting) Aggressive/ threatening words Answering back to an adult Leaving the classroom without permission</p>	<p>Class teachers to inform parents on the same day- CPOMs also</p> <p>Class teacher to put behaviour management tracker in place (ask member of SLT to check / assist if needed)</p> <p>Class teacher to consider nurture provision</p>
<p><b>This is serious</b>  Isolation - member of SLT to be involved</p>	<p>Parents will be contacted if you: <b>Any of the above after the warning</b> Physically hurting another person (biting, punching, pushing, hitting, pinching, kicking) Spitting/Swearing</p>	<p>SLT member to contact parents to arrange meeting - class teacher to be present also</p> <p>SLT to arrange isolation Incident to be logged on CPOMs</p>

	Being rude or abusive to any member of staff - including supply members Fighting or encouraging others to Stealing Intimidation/Aggressive behaviour Repeated low level poor behaviour above at an unacceptable level for a continuous period. Bullying in any form Damage of any school property Racist Incidents	Consider behaviour interventions for high profile children
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Every child to have a fresh start by returning to green ~~at the start of each session~~ once a consequence has been completed

INDOOR SUPERVISION

Name..... Date.....

Class Teacher.....

Reason.....  
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Your child has had to miss a break and has been sent to Indoor Supervision today for the reason stated above.

If your child is given three indoor supervisions within one week you will be asked to come into school to meet and discuss current issues with the class teacher.

Please sign below and return this sheet to school so a log can be kept. I have read the information above and have discussed the issue with my child.

.....(parent /carer signature)

Further comments .....  
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Duke Street Primary School

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

*Introduction:*

Under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 all state schools must have in place a Home School Agreement. At Duke Street Primary, we encourage parents to take an active part in their children's education and so we see the Home School Agreement as an integral part of our parental involvement policy. Parents are children's first and most enduring educators. Good quality learning should take place both at home and school. It is our aim to develop this agreement with you and the children in order that everybody is committed to it. This version of the Home School Agreement has been revised in the light of changes made to the school's Mission Statement (see current school brochure [annual information update])

The Home School Agreement will cover the following aspects:

- the standards of education within our school
- the ethos of our school
- regular and punctual attendance
- discipline and behaviour
- Preview tasks to be completed at home
- the information that the school and parents will share with each other

Please read the agreement and return the completed reply slip below by **XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX**. We hope all Key Stage 2 children will sign the agreement. Parents of Reception and Key Stage 1 children may feel it more appropriate to explain the agreement to their children and sign on their behalf.

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*Home School Agreement*

*I have received the Home School Agreement.*

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **(parent / carer)**

I understand and support the Home School Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_ School representative \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pupil \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pupil\* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pupil\* \_\_\_\_\_

(\* - where more than one child in family. )

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Carer \_\_\_\_\_

## **Standards of Education**

### **The School will:**

- set high expectations and give every learner the confidence that they can succeed
- encourage an enthusiastic attitude to learning through a well-balanced and varied curriculum
- inspire through passion for the subject
- structure and pace learning experiences to make them challenging and enjoyable
- establish what the children know and build on it
- use assessment procedures that monitor pupil's progress, give "next steps" guidance and enable children to fulfil their potential

### **As parents we will:**

- encourage our children to work hard and to the best of their ability
- encourage our children to have a positive attitude to learning
- let our children see that we value their achievements
- work with the school to identify ways that we can help our children make progress
- let the school know if we can help or contribute to school life

### **As pupils we will:**

- work hard and do the best we can
- reflect on what we learn and how we learn

## **Ethos**

### **The School will:**

- emphasise the positive achievements of all children regardless of ability
- promote self-discipline, self-confidence, and self-esteem in our children
- aim to create a secure, caring, nurturing and stimulating learning environment
- help the children develop personal, social and moral values and to hold respect for all religious values of all races and ways of life
- work in partnership with parents, encouraging them to play an active role in school and their child's education, so that together we provide the best *for* each child and get the best *from* each child
- encourage staff and pupils to learn from each other, learn with each other and learn on behalf of each other as part of a networked learning community.

### **As parents we will:**

- support and promote the school's aims and values with our children
- encourage our children to work and play co-operatively with others
- encourage our children to show consideration and respect for all members of the school community
- ensure that our children come to school dressed appropriately, taking pride in their appearance - as detailed in school reminder letters sent home

**As pupils we will:**

- work and play co-operatively with other pupils in the school
- show respect for all members of the school community
- show respect for our own property and things which belong to other children or the school.
- help to keep the school and its surroundings tidy
- generally take pride in our school

**Attendance and Punctuality****The School will:**

- provide information about term dates and start and finish times of sessions
- state record of attendance in the child's written report
- provide details of the school policy for granting leave of absence
- actively promote good attendance and punctuality

**As parents we will:**

- ensure that our children arrive at school on time and attend regularly
- give notification of illness or reasons for absence from school before 9.10am on the first day of absence
- avoid taking term time holidays

**As pupils we will:**

- arrive at school on time
- try to achieve the highest levels of attendance

**Discipline & Behaviour****The School will:**

- have expectations which the pupil's know and understand
- make clear that we reject bullying, physical violence and destructive behaviour
- endeavour to place emphasis on good behaviour and rewards
- apply consequences as detailed in the school's Behaviour Policy
- inform parents promptly in person, by phone or in writing when there are serious concerns regarding behaviour

**As parents we will:**

- encourage our children to behave well
- help our children to understand that their behaviour has an impact on other pupils
- support the school in maintaining good behaviour and discipline so that all children can feel happy, safe and secure at school and are able to learn and develop as considerate people

**As pupils we will:**

- meet the school's expectations on behaviour
- understand that bullying behaviour will not be tolerated



## **Preview Tasks (to be completed at home)**

### **The School will:**

- *provide preview tasks for each individual child according to age, ability and need,*
- *respond to it appropriately*

### **As parents we will:**

- provide the best place possible for completing preview tasks, preferably free from any distractions
- help our children see the importance and value of preview work
- check what our children are doing for their previews tasks
- encourage our children to check with their teacher if they are unsure of preview work that is expected of them
- inform school of any reasons why preview tasks could not be completed on time

### **As pupils we will:**

- make a note of preview requirements as necessary
- ensure that preview tasks are completed to the best of our ability and handed in promptly

## **Sharing Information**

### **The School will:**

- share information about curriculum provision, including half-termly topics
- inform parents about their child's progress during parent evenings, through the annual written report and at other times when necessary
- give details of individual targets
- share information about procedures in school, through the school brochure, website and newsletters
- inform parents when their child is ill or has had an accident in school

### **As parents we will:**

- provide relevant medical information or involvement of other professionals
- attend parents evenings and other meetings about our children's progress as invited
- provide details of changes in home circumstances that may affect learning or behaviour
- where it is necessary, try to speak to our children's class teacher at the end of the day, rather than at the beginning
- complete reply slips promptly

### **As pupils we will:**

- ensure that newsletters and other forms of correspondence are delivered home safely
- return reply slips promptly to school