

UNITED SCHOOLS TRUST
Kingsteignton School



Behaviour Policy 2022-23

Parents/carers refers to birth parents and other adults who are in a parenting role, for example step-parents, foster carers, adoptive parents and LA corporate parents.

Our behaviour system is based on positive reinforcement and has been shown to have had a significant impact on improving behaviour

The aims of the policy are to:

Ensure a consistent approach to dealing with behaviour of all children during the school day by all adults.

Provide a caring and supportive environment, that gives children the right to learn and teachers the right to teach.

Promote positive behaviours, self-discipline and respect as a model for all behaviours.

Prevent bullying, including cyber bullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying.

Help develop independence by ensuring that children are responsible for their own actions.

Provide structure, which moderates children's behaviour allowing them to develop as responsible citizens within society.

How can this be achieved?

Children need reasons to behave. As such, positive reinforcement is used at every opportunity to reinforce good behaviour through the use of praise and the award of house points. The school ensures that the curriculum is motivating and engaging and children's learning needs are well matched by good quality teaching that further helps to inspire them. Activities and equipment are provided to help ensure break and lunchtimes are interesting and enjoyable.

All staff and visitors are expected to be positive with children and have high and consistent expectations.

Class Expectations

All classes collectively agree to a set of class expectations that are displayed prominently. These promote positive behaviours and are reviewed on a regular basis.

Positive Reinforcement of Behaviour

Houses

Each class is divided into four houses.

House Points /Smiley Faces

Verbal praise **must** be used to reward good behaviour frequently. Bad behaviour should not be reinforced except through the use of sad faces (see below).

Children are awarded house points /smiley faces for good work, good behaviour and for acting as good role models to others. For excellence, up to ten house points can be awarded.

Individual Recognition

Points are recorded on the school's recording sheet. Each hundred points can be exchanged for one sticker. Stickers must be recorded on recording sheets and displayed on the wall. When ten stickers have been achieved an award is given in assembly in recognition of this.

Achievement badges:

Bronze - 1000 house points

Silver - 2000 house points

Gold - 3000 house points

Green - 4000 house points

Orange - 5000 house points

Yellow - 6000 house points

Red - 7000 house points

Blue - 8000 house points

White Bling - 9000 house points

Black Bling - 10000 house points

As children progress up through the achievement badges, they are expected to act as role models for other children and are rewarded with additional privileges (for

example, going in first, in badge order, at break times and being able to choose friends to go with them).

Collective recognition

At the end of each week, the points for each house are totalled and transferred to an overview sheet. The ongoing totals are read out in a weekly Celebration assembly. At the end of each half term, the house with the most points receives a collective reward. This includes extra playtime and a non-school uniform day.

Play leaders/Sports Coaches and support staff may also award points using the smiley face slips.

Sanctions

The consequences of breaking school expectations must be made explicit to all children. At lunchtimes, Mealtime Assistants may give sad faces using the lunchtime slips. These will be handed by the MTA to the duty teacher at the end of lunch.

In most cases, the behaviour system will operate from 12.00pm to 12.00pm the next day, however in the case of younger or more disruptive pupils, shorter sessions should be used.

The following system applies to a child that breaks the rules. From the second occasion the child will reflect on their behaviour and a restorative conversation will take place between the child and a supportive adult.

On the **first occasion** the child's initials are written on the board. This represents a warning and no action will be taken.

On the **second occasion** a sad face is recorded next to the child's initials and, as a consequence, they will miss five minutes of their lunch break. This time will be spent reflecting on their behaviour.

On the **third occasion** two sad faces will be given and the child will spend ten minutes of their lunch break reflecting on their behaviour.

On the **fourth occasion** - three sad faces will be given and the child will be removed from the classroom and taken by an adult to another link classroom with appropriate work. The child will not interact with the other children for the remainder of the lesson for a minimum of fifteen minutes in Key Stage One and 30 minutes in Key Stage Two.

Class swapping arrangements

Reception ⇒ Year One

Year One ⇒ Year Two
Year Two ⇒ Year Three
Year Three ⇒ Year Four
Year Four ⇒ Year Five
Year Six ⇒ Reception

In **addition** to the class swap, a child will then go to the Principal's office to explain their behaviour and to spend 15 minutes reflecting.

On the **fifth occasion** a child misbehaves (either having returned to the classroom or while on class swap) - four sad faces will be given and the child will be sent to the Principal or senior member of staff in her absence. A suitable sanction will be agreed and instigated which may include the loss of any privileges.

If a child deliberately hurts another child (including spitting at another child) three/four (depending on severity) sad faces will be given immediately and the child removed to the Principal's office. If the Principal is not available, the child will be sent to the Principal's office and a member of the Senior Leadership team will be informed and will deal with the child.

Incidents of children receiving three or four sad faces are tracked by the Principal.

In the case of concerning behaviour staff contact parents/carers and work in partnership to attain a positive outcome. This may involve help from the School Counsellor who will be able to offer support with behaviour at home.

Repeat offences

Should a child receive three or four sad faces on regular occasions the child's parents/carers will be contacted and invited in to discuss the problem along with the child, class teacher, SENDCo and possibly School Counsellor. A Behaviour Care Plan (BCP) will be devised and agreed by all parties. The Babcock Behaviour Support Team will be involved in this process when appropriate.

In the case of physical, verbal or racial assault the child must be sent directly to the Principal or a member of the Senior Leadership team and appropriate action will be taken in consultation with the class teacher. Reference will be made to the Race Equality Policy and Procedures for reporting racial incidents. Where there is a deliberate and serious physical assault or serious threatening behaviour the child may be excluded. The aggressor must be removed from the classroom immediately whilst an investigation into the incident is undertaken.

Exclusions

Internal exclusions between year groups for either a half or a whole day are preferable for most behaviour problems where the normal sanctions are not effective. This will be as a consequence of a child receiving 3 or 4 sad faces on a regular basis and so this assumes that the sanction is having little impact.

The Trustees/staff do not consider exclusions from school as being in the best interests of the child and therefore the use of external exclusion will only be considered in very exceptional circumstances.

The Trustees of the UST have agreed that in most cases, if an exclusion from school becomes necessary that this will, in the first instance, occur to a school within the United Schools Federation as an alternative to sending a child home. (This is most likely to be St. Michael's C. of E. Nursery & Primary School, as the closest location). This course of action will be taken in partnership with parents and should children need transporting between sites this will be by school minibus with a chaperone.

For further information regarding exclusions, please see the Exclusions policy.

Notes:

Work must never be given as a punishment.

Smiley faces or house points cannot be removed when given and sad faces cannot be negotiated away.

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