

**St. Edmund’s Catholic Primary School**

**Skelmersdale**

# Behaviour and Discipline Policy

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**Principles**

At St Edmund’s Catholic Primary School, we aim to encourage everyone to do their best and be actively involved in developing the skills to be independent and confident learners. We seek to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding to enable children to continue treating each other with respect and fairness; being willing to forgive and be forgiven.

Good behaviour is an essential condition for effective teaching and learning to take place. Good behaviour must be carefully developed and supported through positive relationships were direct teaching, discussion, reflection and modelling aims to help our pupils develop self-control, self-worth and self-esteem.

Our focal point for developing these good relationships starts with our Mission Statement: As we learn, we will follow the examples of Jesus and respect everyone in our community, treating them with ‘Consideration, Care and Courtesy’.

Our understanding of ‘Good Behaviour’ follows on from the teachings and Gospels of Jesus Christ. In the daily life of school, we use the simple words in the classroom to promote good behaviours:

***Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible,*** *this* can be applied to any situation.

Visible consistencies which need to be adhered to are: **Fantastic Walking, Legendary Lining Up and Marvellous Manners.**

# Aims

Through our Behaviour and Discipline policy we aim to foster behaviour which;

* Encourages a calm, purposeful, happy and welcoming atmosphere within the school where optimal learning takes place
* Protects the physical safety and emotional security of everyone in the school
* Encourages respect towards people, property and the environment
* Promotes positive attitudes towards learning through the importance of listening and thinking
* Celebrates and encourages achievements in work, positive attitudes and role models
* Creates a school where being gentle, kind, honest, hardworking and careful is valued and encouraged by staff, pupil, parents and visitors

# Objectives

We support positive behaviour through

* A consistent approach by the whole school community
* Appreciating and agreeing the codes of behaviour
* Encouraging our children to see themselves as a member of the school family and recognise their responsibility in this and develop pride in it
* Develop the skills of cooperation, team work and discussion
* Encourage everyone to take care of and have respect for their own and each other’s property
* Encourage everyone to take pride in the school environment and wider environment
* Creating a stimulating classroom environment
* Provide clear and positive learning experiences which offer a broad and balanced curriculum that is well prepared, planned, stimulating and relevant to each child
* Ensuring that curriculum issues concerning organisation, methods of teaching and learning, content and differentiation are addressed
* Being proactive in ensuring that children are successful and making alternative arrangement to avoid failure
* Regular conversations with parents about children’s positive behaviour

Adults in school have a vital part to play as role models. This can be achieved through

* Demonstrating good manners
* Practising good behaviour to each other as well as to the children
* Teaching appropriate behaviour and giving feedback when pupils are behaving well
* Showing respect for every child as an individual
* Making every child feel valued
* Not accepting bullying, anti-social behaviour, racism on any level at any time
* Never walk past or ignore students who are failing to meet expectations
* Being aware of vulnerable children
* Being seen to be fair and consistent
* Responding quietly, calmly, consistently and positively and using consistent behavior language
* Criticising the behaviour not the child
* Avoiding labelling
* Listening with empathy and tact
* Handling confidential information sensitively and with tact
* Having regular liaison and update meetings internally with relevant outside agencies to make our policy effective.
* Applying a rewards/sanctions ratio of at least 5:1

# Procedures

Everybody in St Edmund’s Catholic Primary has the right to be treated with respect and therefore all behaviour that prevents this will be dealt with immediately, fairly and in line with our school Behaviour Policy. This includes bullying of any kind.

We recognise that clear structure of predictable outcomes have the best impact on behaviour. Our policy sets out the whole school values ‘Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Responsible’, relentless routines and visible consistencies that all children and staff follow. Refer to the behaviour blueprint in the appendices. Children are praised publicly and reminded in private.

We strongly support the use of preventative discipline (establishing rules and routines to prevent disruptive behaviour occurring) and personal discipline (developing an ethos of positive self-discipline and celebrating and rewarding good behaviour) as our primary approach to achieving the aims of our positive behaviour and discipline policy.

Adults should try to pre-empt negative behavior before it arises rather than wait for it to happen. Preventative actions should begin as soon as the children enter into the classroom.

Behaviour is taught to children through the implementation of the ‘**Behaviour Curriculum’**. Children are taught behaviour like they would be taught any other subject. Some of the strategies to develop excellent behaviour include:

**IDENITIFY** the behaviour we expect

Explicitly **TEACH** behaviour

**MODEL** the behaviour we are expecting

**PRACTISE** behaviour

**NOTICE** excellent behaviour

**CREATE** conditions for excellent behavior

We have a clear system in which we can reward and apply sanctions for behaviour that meets or does not meet our expectations. We express this through different levels from Level 1 at the lowest through to Level 4.

# Any Level 3 or 4 sanctions should be systematically recorded using CPOMS online digital system.

**Rewards**

At St Edmund’s, we strongly believe that rewards encourage children to repeat behaviour because they have pleasant outcomes. Rewards contribute to children’s self-esteem which nurtures their emotional, social and academic development. Rewarding one child encourages others to copy behaviours which results in attention and praise.

Rewards help to make school a friendlier and happier place to work and learn in.

# Positive Praise for going Over and Above

Shift your expectation for good behaviour to over and above by deliberately recognising behaviour that is over and above minimum standard. Use the phrase in your recognition,

“You picked up those coats without being asked. That is over and above. Nice work, Jo.”

Or anonymously for those children who get embarrassed or are too cool to be made a fuss of in front of an audience.

***Level 1 Rewards*** awarded for everyday occurrences of good behaviour relate to Ready, Respectful and Responsible and the consistencies of Fantastic Walking, Legendary Lining Up and Marvelous Manners.

* Non-verbal displays of approval e.g. smile, thumbs up, approving nod
* Verbal expressions of approval e.g. positive comments and praise
* Valuing contributions and opinions made
* Celebrating/sharing achievements
* Visual awards e.g. displaying work, showing sharing work with other teachers
* Positive comments in books
* Class/School award systems e.g. house points, target tens, prize box, stickers etc
* 15 minutes of daily structured social time (KS1 and 2)

***Level 2 Rewards*** awarded for consistent hard work and behaviour – key model of values of Ready, Respectful and Responsible and the consistencies of Fantastic Walking, Legendary Lining Up and Marvelous Manners.

* Certificates – St. Edmund’s Standard/Consideration, Care and Courtesy Award given out in Celebration Assembly/ Name included in weekly newsletter/photograph on Twitter/Email home/Juice and biscuit with the Headteacher.
* Show work during Celebration Assembly and placed on St. Edmund’s Standard Display board in hall.
* Daily WOW notes from Class Teachers
* Displays of trust e.g. jobs, responsibility
* Lunchtime Staff identify positive behaviours for reward at Celebration Assembly – Children who are doing the right thing will receive a raffle ticket this will go into the weekly lunchtime prize draw. Two children will be drawn out each week and they will receive a prize from the lunchtime prize box.

***Level 3 Rewards*** for extra special behaviour, being an excellent role model, significant change in behaviour for the better

* Show work to Head Teacher – Receive a Headteacher sticker
* St. Edmund’s Good Behaviour/Learning Postcard

***Level 4 Rewards*** Exceptional Behaviour - ‘over and above’

* Each half term two children from each class will be selected for their good behaviour and will be taken to either MacDonalds for their lunch with the Headteacher and Pupil Support Manager.

# Friday Celebration Assemblies

Celebration assemblies are delivered by the Headteacher using the Gospel readings from the previous Sunday. These will focus on and make use of the CAFOD Children’s Liturgy materials and follow the Collective Worship structure of Gather, Listen, Respond and Go Forth. The Go Forth will be related to the gospel and will be a focus for the ‘Consideration, Care and Courtesy’ Award.

# Corrective and Supportive Discipline Procedures

The strategies outlined here are employed when classroom or whole school expectations are broken and unacceptable incidents have occurred. These strategies aim to develop pupils understanding of the consequences of their actions and build in support mechanisms in order for pupils to modify and improve the pattern of their behaviour.

# Sanctions

A sanction is a response designed to discourage inappropriate behaviour. However used alone sanctions do not teach new more appropriate behaviours. The use of positive reinforcement and role modelling are used in St Edmund’s to illustrate the preferred, encouraged behaviour so it is important to continue to reward and encourage the child for their good behaviour.

***Level 1 Consequences*** for low level routine misbehaviour e.g.talking, distracting others

* Non verbal e.g. Frown, raised eyebrows, shake of head
* Verbal ***Reminders*** of behaviour expectations 30 second intervention (Appendix 1)
* Tactically ignore
* Redirect attention
* Teacher position self by child
* Move pupil within classroom

***Level 2 Consequences*** for repeated misbehaviour/ failure to be Ready, Respectful and Responsible.

* ***Caution*** - A clear verbal caution delivered privately, wherever possible, making the child aware of their behaviour and clearly outlining the consequences if they continue. Use the phrase, “Think carefully about your next step” or “Are you saying no to my instruction?”
* ***Last Chance*** - Speak to the child privately and give them a final opportunity to engage. Offer a positive choice to do so and refer to previous examples of good behaviour. Use the 30 second scripted intervention. (Appendix 1)
* Complete unfinished work at social time.
* Loss of 2 minutes social time.
* Two minutes time out within the classroom (EYFS).
* Missed playtime
* Referral to PSM for support

***Level 3 Consequences*** for persistent misbehaviour/ failure to be Ready, Respectful and Responsible.

* ***Exclusion*** from class to specified class for 20 minutes to complete work. Sending teacher information about why the exclusion from class has taken place.
* No attention given to the child by the receiving teacher other than to provide a workspace and to return the child after 20 mins.
* This exclusion from class **can** be repeated **once** during the course of the day
* Further persistent misbehaviour go to Level 4
* Inform parents of behaviour – phone, standard school letter or in person. Log contact in CPOMS
* SLT will monitor CPOMS and will call for children whose names appear regularly to explain their behaviours
* Referral to PSM and /or outside agency

***Level 4 Consequences*** significant misbehaviour which is oppositional and/or defiant including consistent use of swearing, unkind words and hurting others.

***First Action***

* Immediate isolated exclusion from class under the care of the PSM/HT. Sited in a ‘Break Out’ room for 20 mins(10 mins KS1 and 5 mins for EYFS); child is escorted or removed using Team Teach. The incident must be recorded by the Class Teacher on CPOMs.
* The child will either complete work from the class setting or from the exclusion folder.
* Child is not engaged with but reparations by the PSM can begin at the end of the timed period
* If behaviour is positive then a return to Level 1 can be applied.

***Second Action***

* If behaviour remains oppositional and/or defiant, a second isolated removal can be used. If this is during the same session ie am/ pm, the exclusion will last for the rest of the session.

***Third Action***

* If this continues over the course of more than one day, a Managed Exclusion can be arranged in which work is carried out away from other children and playtimes/ lunchtimes are supervised and away from peers. This should be for no more than one day.
* A meeting with the Headteacher, Pupil Support Manager and parents should take place prior to a managed exclusion.

***Fourth Action***

* Level 4 sanctions should be referred to SLT for information and logged using CPOMS When these are not successful, a move to suspensions or permanent exclusions may be considered in the light of support from both internal and external sources

# De-escalation and Positive Handling

Staff have received training in de-escalation and positive handling and from time to time will use these strategies to support a pupil. Where a child requires handling then safe techniques will be used by trained staff. Parents will always be informed when this has occurred and it will only take place when the safety of the child or other children is in doubt.

Children who require positive handling will be risk assessed and a plan will be written to support and monitor their behavior.

# Support for Behaviour

At St Edmund’s Catholic Primary, we have a number of ways in which we support children who display behaviour patterns which cause concern (this may be introverted/extroverted or inappropriate behaviours).

Initially, the class teacher is responsible for supporting a pupil. They may choose to employ any of the following strategies:

* Discussion with pupil, pupil’s friends, pupil’s parents
* Circle time discussions and support
* Discussion, listening or games
* Setting informal targets and rewards – recorded
* Implementation of ‘Thrive’ Class Action Plan

Some children exhibit particular behaviours based on early childhood experiences (ACEs) and family circumstances. As a school, we recognise that their behaviour is their way of communicating their emotions. We also understand that for many children they need to feel a level of safety before they exhibit extreme behaviours. Where possible, we use our most skillful staff to build relationships with each individual child. These children will be referred for additional support via SENCo or Pupil Support Manager. Pupils referred will be placed on most appropriate support level depending on their need.

# Available Support includes:

**Pupil Support Manager**

* Group work
* 1:1 support
* Support for targets
* Playground support
* Activities for home
* Links to outside agencies
* Individual ‘Thrive’ Action plan and daily sessions. Refer to Thrive Policy
* Behaviour/Pastoral Support Plan

# SENCo

* Behaviour/Pastoral Support Plan
* Referral to outside agencies (behaviour and inclusion, ed pysch, play therapy, Mental Health, Child Guidance, etc)

**Physical Attacks on adults and power to use reasonable**

At St. Edmund’s, we take incidents of violence towards staff very seriously. We also understand that staff are the adults in the situation and can use a ‘common sense’ approach to keep themselves and the child safe to manage the situation effectively. 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. All staff have attended Team Teach training to enable them to use the appropriate holds and guides safely.

All staff should report incidents directly to the Headteacher or Deputy and they should be recorded on CPOMS. We appreciate these incidents can cause distress for the adults involved, therefore all staff are entitled to take some time away from the classroom to recover their composure. Whilst incidences of violence towards staff are wholly unacceptable, we must remember that we are a nurturing school that values each child under our care. It is important for us as adults to reflect on the situation and learn from our actions. Children who attack adults may do this for several reasons but as adults we need to still show compassion and care for the child. Exclusion will only happen once we have explored several options and have created a plan around a child.

**Serious Incidents including child-on-child abuse**

Depending on the age of the children these incidents will be dealt with at the discretion of the

HT or SLT. All serious behaviour matters must be referred immediately to the Headteacher or SLT

Such incidents could include:

• Fighting

• All forms of bullying

• Racist, sexist or homophobic comments

• Inappropriate name calling

• Using abusive/offensive language

• Physically striking adults

* Sexualised behaviour

Members of the SLT will follow the behaviour procedures and safeguarding policy to issue consequences to the perpetrator. The victim and perpetrator will be assessed and provided with support from the Pupil Support Manager or if appropriate outside agencies. They will work with all parties to resolve the matter and ensure a positive outcome for all children.

# Lunchtime Behaviour

Lunchtime supervisors are asked to promote positive behaviour through the reinforcement of our key areas of ***Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Responsible***.

Lunchtime Staff identify positive behaviours for reward at Celebration Assembly – Children who are doing the right thing will receive a raffle ticket this will go into the weekly lunch time prize draw. Two children will be drawn out each week during Celebration Assembly and they will receive a prize from the lunchtime prize box.

Lunchtime staff are encouraged to use Restorative Techniques and to try to investigate incidents seen or reported to them. Serious or complex incidents witnessed or reported should be referred to a senior member of staff who will be on duty on each yard. The incident needs to be recorded on CPOMs before the member of staff leaves the school building. These must be accurate and record what actually happened.

Persistent poor behaviour at lunchtimes should mean that parents are contacted by the class teacher to consider options.

Lunchtime exclusions will be used for serious incidents or for behaviour that does not improve with the above strategies.

**Parent’s Responsibility**

Parents have a vital role to play in their children’s education – supporting their child’s learning and co-operating with the school. We are very conscious of the importance of good communication between home and school. Thus, the school aims to work collaboratively with parents, so children receive consistent messages about how to behave at home and at school. It is important for all adults on school site, including parents, to model positive behaviour at all times and in particular in their interactions with each other.

The behaviour and behaviour conduct policy is displayed on the school website. We expect parents to read these and support them. If a member of school staff has concerns about a child’s welfare or behaviour, parents will be contacted. If the school has to use reasonable consequences as the result of unacceptable behaviour, 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 Assistant Head may then be involved, then the Headteacher and, if the concern remains, they should contact the school governors. We expect parents to behave in a reasonable and civilised manner towards all school staff, as professionals, and that issues will be dealt in an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect.

**Legal framework**

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

* Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022
* The Education Act 2002
* The Children Act 2004
* The Equality Act 2010
* DfE (Up-dated 2020) ‘Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years’
* DfE (Up-dated 2021) ‘Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage’
* Behaviour in Schools: Advice for Headteacher and School Staff - September 2022
* Use of reasonable force – Advice for School Leaders, Staff and governing bodies 2013
* Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement - Guidance for maintained schools, academies, and pupil referral units in England - September 2022

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

Health and Safety Policy

Safeguarding Policy

Special Needs Policy

Anti-Bullying Policy

Equality Policy

GDPR Data Protection Policy

Created by:  Headteacher September 2023

To be reviewed:  September of each year.

**Appendix 1**

***30 second scripted intervention for Level One/Two***

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|  | **Steps** | **Actions** |
| **1** | **Warning** | **You should be … Thank you**    **Allow a cooldown time -adult to walk away** |
| **2** | **Warning** | **You are still … if you continue you will lose 2 minutes of your social time, you should be … Thank you**    **Allow a cooldown time – adult to walk away** |
| **3** | **Consequence** | **You are still … so you will lose 2 minutes of social time.** |
| **4** | **Repair/Social Time**  **Discuss the behaviour and why it is not expectable in class.  Remind the child that the everyday is a new day.**     * **What happened? (Neutral, dispassionate language.)** * **What were you feeling at the time?** * **What have you felt since?** * **How did this make people feel?** * **Who has been affected? What should we do to put things right? How can we do things differently?** | |

**EYFS children will be given 2 minutes ‘Time Out’ at the time of the behavior rather than wait till social time at the end of the day.**

***30 second scripted intervention for Level Three***

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|  | **Steps** | **Actions** |
| **1** | **Warning** | **You have now lost 2 minutes social time (EYFS – Time Out) and you are continuing to …. You have moved to Level Three Consequences, if you continue you will be removed from the class.**    **Allow a cooldown time -adult to walk away** |
| **2** | **Warning** | **You are still … if you continue you will be removed from the class for isolation time … Thank you**  **Or**  **Are you saying no to me, are you refusing me? If you continue to say no to me, you will be removed from the class for isolation time …. Thank you**    **Allow a cooldown time – adult to walk away** |
| **3** | **Consequence** | **You are still … so you will be removed from class** |
| **4** | **Repair**  **Discuss the behaviour and why it is not expectable in class.**     * **What happened? (Neutral, dispassionate language.)** * **What were you feeling at the time?** * **What have you felt since?** * **How did this make people feel?** * **Who has been affected? What should we do to put things right? How can we do things differently?**   **Remind the child that the everyday is a new day.** | |

