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Positive Behaviour Policy

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1. Aim

The aim of our positive behaviour policy is to enable children and adults to implement the values of Grateley Primary School through self-discipline, mutual respect and positive social behaviour.

The School's ethos is based on the quality of relationships, both the professional relationship between staff and the way in which pupils, staff and other adults treat each other. Where staff treat pupils courteously, respect their ideas, value their individuality and listen carefully to what they have to say, pupils learn by example and are much more likely to respect teachers and other adults, and behave sensibly and considerately themselves.

The school recognises that the development of a school community which is a secure and purposeful environment, in which children have high self-esteem and respect and tolerance for others, is an aim shared with parents, and that the successful implementation of this policy depends upon the support of parents. It is expected that parents share the aims and content of this policy with their children and that the Home School Agreement is signed jointly.

2. Objectives

- To ensure that effective teaching and learning can take place.
- To have golden rules which ensure high standards of behaviour
- To encourage a fair and consistent approach towards behaviour and discipline throughout the school.
- To involve all staff, governors and adults working in and around the school to act as positive role models.
- To ensure playtimes are happy and safe.
- To involve the children at all stages of this Positive Behaviour Policy, ensuring restorative conversations are effective.
- To encourage close co-operation with parents, this is essential in maintaining good discipline.
- To offer individual support to children with behavioural, social and emotional difficulties.

3. Guidelines

- The Headteacher, staff and Governing Body have a statutory responsibility to promote good/outstanding behaviour and discipline in the school. The Behaviour Policy will be made known within school and brought to the attention of pupils, parents, and staff by the Head teacher.
- Parents are encouraged to work in partnership with the school to promote good /outstanding behaviour e.g. through the home/school agreement, use of home/school diaries if and when necessary.
- An agreed set of golden rules will be implemented to ensure the safety of children and adults and the smooth running of the school.
- Good /outstanding behaviour and positive attitudes will be promoted from Reception Year to Yr 6 to establish a strong foundation for good/outstanding conduct throughout the school.
- Good/outstanding behaviour will be encouraged, recognised and rewarded in a variety of ways.
- In the case of negative behaviour, early and prompt intervention and restorative conversations will be actioned so that it is clear to the children that their behaviour is unacceptable.
- If bullying is reported, the school's anti-bullying policy will be implemented.

- In the case of persistent negative behaviour, the school will take steps to identify the underlying causes and attempt to address the problem. This will involve parents.
- Emotional and social development strategies are used including: Circle time and Social Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL), along with involvement of the Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and Thrive when needed.
- The children are encouraged to reinforce good behaviour amongst their peers, and expected to take responsibility for their actions, and have proper regard for all in authority.

4. Scope of Policy

In accordance with DfE guidelines (February 2014) teachers may discipline pupils for:

Misbehaviour when the pupil is:

- Taking part in school-organised or school-related activities;
- Travelling to or from school;
- Wearing school uniform;
- In some other way, identifiable as a pupil within the school.

Misbehaviour at any time, whether or not the above conditions apply, that:

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school;
- Poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public;
- *Could adversely affect the reputation of the school.*

Teachers and staff – This refers to any paid member of classroom and administration staff, supply teachers or PPA cover staff. For the purpose of this policy other non-paid members of staff, outside visitors/providers, volunteers may not impose sanctions without the express permission of the Head Teacher or without referring to a class teacher. Where Teaching Students are in control of groups of children they must refer to their class teacher/senior member of staff when considering sanctions beyond minutes lost off break, time-out or verbal reprimands.

5. Grateley Primary School's Golden Rules

Our Golden Rules link closely to our school values:

Teamwork, Respect, Enthusiasm and Excellence (TREE)

Our Golden Rules are:

- Ready
- Respectful
- Safe

At the start of the year, each class will write and sign their own class charter, based on the school values and rules, so children feel ownership of the document.

This may be refreshed periodically depending on the needs of the class.

a) Emphasis on Praise

At Grateley Primary School we **praise good and outstanding behaviour** so that all the children around know that we are pleased.

For example:

“Thank you, it was so helpful when....”

“How polite to let me be first”

“I was so pleased with the way you...

“I thought you were really kind when you...”

b) Rewards

The children are encouraged to set themselves high standards of behaviour and to be aware of the needs of others in an atmosphere of trust where they can feel happy and secure. They are given praise and guidance when appropriate so that they can develop awareness of the behaviour expected, using children who behave well as models for good /outstanding behaviour.

Positive behaviour is rewarded through...

- Non-verbal signals, e.g. name and thumbs up, name and smile.
- Recognised on the class recognition board using Dojo points.
- Dojo points given for learning and work behaviours.
- Verbal Praise, e.g. name, I like the way you..., name and well done.
- Stickers for good work or behaviour, being kind, being polite or for trying especially hard to achieve a target.
- House points recorded on class ‘House Boards’ and counted by the House Captains at the end of every week.
- Individual class initiatives such as a pebble in the jar, etc.

For exceptional behaviour children will be rewarded through...

- A note or message home to parents.
- Children awarded Dojo points for learning and work behaviours and rewarded certificates (50 points, 100 points, 200 points etc).
- When a child receives 1000 Dojo points the Headteacher will write a postcard to the child’s parents and send it in the post.

Examples of Strategies to promote good/outstanding behaviour in the classroom

- Adults by classroom doors in the morning to greet children.
- Ensuring the classroom is well organised and resources promote positive behaviour - the classroom is the children’s learning space.
- Proximity – simply move closer to the child so they are aware of you or move the child closer to you.
- Re-direction and reward, e.g. “carry on with your work, good, well done!”
- Praise others – praise a child who is behaving well near the target child.
- Active listening – genuine listening to **make sure** you **really know** what the difficulties are.
- Respect for child’s viewpoint, respect for colleagues.
- Be polite, say please and thank you.
- Puppets/characters used to model situations.

- Behaviour charts/rewards when needed and carefully discussed with the Headteacher.
- Restorative conversations with children and the adults involved.

Class teachers in collaboration with the Head Teacher may deploy other strategies to manage behaviour.

c) School Expectations:

- **Adults will not talk over the lead adult** working with a class or group, **including no interruptions to lessons** unless essential.
- Resources will be ready and organised for **every** lesson.
- Children and adults will **walk** in the school.
- When lining up children will line up **quietly** and **smartly**.
- Staff will remind children about **dressing smartly** and model this to other children, following the school uniform code (i.e. shirts tucked in, jumpers not around waists).
- Staff will **model and insist** upon agreed standards such as not defacing books and work being of a minimum expected standard for each individual child.
- Children and adults will speak with **courtesy** to one another.

6. Learning Area and Restorative Conversations

Sanctions may be necessary to show that behaviour is unacceptable and must change. Children usually respond to approval and then behaviour can be managed by praise. We appreciate that a child who behaves badly usually has a reason for doing so and may need understanding and support. We deal with this by investing time with the child in order to discover what the problem is and hearing all sides involved.

Really inappropriate or negative behaviour such as very bad language, threatening, loud, vexatious behaviour and bullying needs to be recorded on CPoms and followed up to ensure the class teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team is aware. Where an incident is serious, this must be reported to the Head Teacher immediately. At this point parents are informed and called into school for a meeting to discuss a positive way forward.

When a sanction needs to be used, the consequence should be:

- Related to the behaviour
- Reasonable
- Respectful
- Make the child aware of choice and consequence
- Change the behaviour
- Lawful

The sanctions are reviewed annually or more often due to changes such as change in government policy.

Procedures to be used within school:

Remind the child positively what they need to do with an alpha command not a beta command.

Use choice and consequence statements so child has a chance to make a positive change.

If the behaviour is disrupting other children and effecting others learning they need to be encouraged to move to the learning area to calm down and/or complete their work. The class teacher needs to ensure an adult working in the area or in the front office is aware there is a child working there.

When the child has calmed down a restorative conversation **needs** to happen between the class teacher and the child. If the incident had required further intervention from other adults the conversation should also include them. After any behavioural incident, it is important that there is a debriefing for the child (or others if involved) and the child has the opportunity to move on from the behaviour.

No child must be sent out of a classroom to work alone.

Teachers must ensure that parents are informed of any serious or ongoing behavioural issues and that where there is another child involved that their parents are informed and that incidents are followed up. Notes from any meetings taken and the behaviour log on CPoms must be completed.

If a child or staff member discloses any incident of sexual assault, the Head teacher will respond immediately in conjunction with the school's safeguarding and child protection policies.

Playtimes and lunchtimes

During lunch-times, if a child misbehaves, they are spoken to by a lunchtime supervisor. If the supervisor has reason to believe that a pupil has been involved in an incident that goes against the school rules, and has resulted in deliberately attempting to harm another child verbally or physically, the class teacher or senior member of staff will be informed and the child may be asked to spend some time with the lunchtime supervisors rather than playing, or sent inside to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

All incidents requiring a sanction will be recorded on CPoms by the person dealing with the initial event.

7. Extreme Behaviour and Support from External Agencies

a) Long Term Challenging Behaviour or High Level Negative Behaviours

When a child displays long term challenging behaviour or a sudden change towards high level negative behaviours, the school will consider use of appropriate analysis tools such as Antecedence, Behaviour, Consequences (ABC) charts, which record behaviour incidents over a period of time. Parents will be informed of any such input from school. The class teacher will then analyse this to ascertain any triggers or causes. An Individual Behaviour Plan will be put in place by the Class teacher in conjunction with the SENDCo or Head teacher. This will be shared with the child's parents. A Positive Behaviour Plan will be completed to help give the child additional support to deal with their behaviours. If the child's behaviour continues to be a concern, the Behaviour Support Team will be consulted, with the parent's knowledge and permission ascertained. This can be accessed through the Head Teacher/SENDCo.

b) Children with Special Needs and Complex Needs

Whilst continuing to follow the Behaviour Policy, we do understand that some children have specific needs and they may follow an Individual Support Behaviour Plan. At Grateley, we have developed a SEND Behaviour & Conduct Policy Reasonable Adjustments document to support those children who require additional support to

access the school environment and curriculum. To view a copy of this document one will be shared upon request to the school office. All children are supported to develop an understanding of their own feelings and those of others by teachers during circle times and the Personal Development Learning curriculum. However, some children may also require support from social skills groups; this is provided by ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants).

c) Exclusions

In the event of an extremely serious incident, a short-term fixed exclusion may be imposed in line with the Hampshire County Council Education guidance. Permanent exclusion would be an ultimate and extreme sanction and one which would be reluctantly imposed. Only the Head teacher may exclude a pupil. In the event of the Head Teacher being absent and/or the school not being able to contact them, the Deputy head teacher may carry out a 'fixed term exclusion with the guidance of the Local Authority Inclusions Officer's guidance and/or the Head teacher.

In all cases, the school will follow current Exclusions Guidance for Hampshire Schools. Should a child's behaviour be so extreme that physical restraint is necessary; the school will adopt the guidelines set down in the DfE Circular 10/98 and the Physical Intervention Policy.

d) Searches and the Use of Reasonable Force

Searching a child for the following prohibited items will be carried out by the head teacher with another staff member present and recorded in the Behaviour Log if there is reason to believe this is necessary to keep the child or other children safe.

- Knives or weapons.
- Alcohol.
- Illegal drugs.
- Stolen items.
- Tobacco and cigarette papers.
- Fireworks.
- Pornographic images.
- Any article that the member of staff reasonable suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit and offence.
- To cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including pupil).
- Any banned item as specified in the school rules i.e. mobile phones.

The use of reasonable force is a last resort approach for all staff, but is deemed appropriate and acceptable in the following circumstances:

- In self-defence or when safety is an issue.
- To prevent pupils from hurting themselves or others.
- Where there is a risk of significant damage to property.
- To search pupils for weapons / stolen property.

The incident will be reported in the Behaviour Log and parents contacted immediately.

e) Documentation and Records

- The class teacher will note all negative behaviour on CPoms.
- The class teacher will note recurring incidents of negative behaviour on an Antecedence, Behaviour, Consequences (ABC) chart for analysis. A behaviour plan may be implemented.

- Where a child presents a risk of harm, either to themselves or others, a risk assessment will be used and guidance will be sought from the Behaviour Support Team.
- Lunchtime Supervisors will record behaviour on CPoms; details will be passed onto the class teacher.
- On the advice of the SENDCo/Head Teacher, a behaviour diary may be kept and an Individual Behaviour Management plan set in place.
- Outside agencies may be contacted by the Head teacher or SENDCo, e.g. Educational Welfare Officer, Educational Psychologist, Behaviour Support Team. Parents will be informed and permission given for external referrals for named/individual pupils.
- Racist comments or incidents must be recorded on CPoms under the 'racial' heading and the Headteacher informed.
- Any bullying incidents must be recorded on CPoms. The Headteacher is responsible for monitoring bullying in the school.
- Physical Interventions are covered by the Physical Interventions Policy.
- Child Protection concerns are dealt with in accordance with the Child Protection Policy.

8. Allegations Against a Member of Staff.

An allegation against a member of staff made by a child would not automatically be a suspension of a staff member who has been accused of misconduct. An investigation would always follow, following advice from and given by the Child Protection Team and reading the document 'Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against Teachers and Other Staff'. Allegations of misconduct made against the Head teacher, will be investigated by the chair of governors in conjunction with advice and guidance followed from the Child Protection/ Allegations Team.

9. Monitoring of this Policy

The Governors and Head teacher are responsible for the monitoring and annual review of this policy.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Home School Agreement, Safeguarding, Physical Interventions Policies and Equal Opportunities documents.

The School Leadership Team will monitor behaviour logs on a termly basis and will report on behaviour annually at the full Governing body meeting.

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Governing Body Statement of Behaviour Principles

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Section 88(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 requires the governing body of maintained schools to publish a statement of behaviour principles for their school. The Governing Body therefore has a duty to produce and review, a written statement of general principles to guide the head teacher in determining measures to promote good behaviour and discipline amongst pupils. The document 'Behaviour and Discipline in Schools – Guidance for Governing Bodies' (DfE - July 2013) has been used as a reference in producing this Statement of Behaviour Principles.

Grateley Primary School is an inclusive school whose ethos includes the belief that everyone should:

- have the right to feel safe, cared for and valued
- to develop values and beliefs and a strong sense of right and wrong
- to work co-operatively, showing respect for everyone.

In line with our core values we are committed to promoting Teamwork, Respect, Enthusiasm and Excellence, within which these principles for behaviour are reflected.

1. The Right to Feel Safe

All pupils, staff and other members of the school community have the right to feel safe at all times whilst in school. We expect all members of the school community to behave responsibly and to treat each other with respect.

They should be aware that bullying or harassment of any description is unacceptable even if it occurs outside normal school hours.

2. High Standards of Behaviour

Grateley Governors believe that the expectation of high standards of behaviour during the school day can have a positive effect on the life of pupils outside school, encouraging them to realise their potential and become successful citizens.

The school's Positive Behaviour policy should help pupils to develop self-esteem, respect for others and responsibility for one's own learning and behaviour.

Governors strongly believe that high standards of behaviour lie at the heart of a successful school.

3. Inclusivity and Equality

Grateley Primary School is an inclusive school, who believe in equality and in valuing the individual. We believe all members of the school community should be free from discrimination, harassment and bullying and will not tolerate them in any form. Measures to counteract bullying and discrimination will be consistently applied and monitored for their effectiveness.

In line with the Equality Act 2010, the school's legal duties will be further reinforced through the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policies, and safeguard vulnerable pupils.

We recognise some pupils may need additional support to meet behaviour expectations and the behaviour policy should reflect this.

4. School Rules

School rules are to be detailed in our Positive Behaviour Policy.

We expect all staff to support school rules and codes, ensuring consistent application across the school day.

5. Partnership with Parents and Carers

The Positive Behaviour Policy is to state how the school will work in partnership with parents and carers. The school should use a variety of methods to communicate positive and negative behaviours.

6. Rewards

We believe positive behaviours should be rewarded to encourage good behaviour in the classroom and elsewhere in the school.

The Governors expect that any rewards system be explained to all who have responsibility for pupils such as extended school provision and home to school transport so that there is a consistent message to pupils that good behaviour reaps positive outcomes.

The rewards system must be regularly monitored for consistency, fair application and effectiveness.

7. Sanctions

Sanctions for unacceptable/poor behaviour should be known and understood by all staff, other adults with authority for behaviour, pupils and parents/carers including extended provision.

It is important that sanctions are monitored for their proper use, consistency and effective impact.

8. Searches

The Governors expect the Positive Behaviour Policy to clearly outline the circumstances when staff have the statutory power to search pupils with and without their consent. Governors agree a non-consensual search would be in a situation when a pupil is suspected of being in possession of a prohibited item. Prohibited items include:

- Knives or weapons.
- Alcohol.
- Illegal drugs.
- Stolen items.
- Tobacco and cigarette papers.
- Fireworks.
- Pornographic images.
- Any article that the member of staff reasonable suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit and offence.
- To cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including pupils).
- Any banned item as specified in the school rules.

9. The Power to Use Reasonable Force

The Governors expect the Positive Behaviour Policy to clearly outline the circumstances when staff may use reasonable force. At all times the use of force should be a last resort but Governors agree it may be used in the following circumstances (see Section 93 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006):

- In self-defence or when safety is an issue.
- To prevent pupils from hurting themselves or others.
- Where there is a risk of significant damage to property.
- To search pupils for weapons / stolen property.

The Governors expect that all staff are appropriately trained in the use of reasonable force.

All incidences of using reasonable force must be documented and parents informed. Where a serious or repeat risk has been identified, an individual pupil 'Behaviour Management Plan' may specify a particular physical intervention technique for the pupil concerned.

10. The Power to Discipline Behaviour Outside the School Gates

The Governors expect the Positive Behaviour Policy to set out the school's response to non-criminal bad behaviour and bullying which occurs anywhere off the school premises and which is witnessed by a member of staff or reported to the school. The Policy should include the school's response to any bad behaviour when the pupil is:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity.
- Travelling to or from school.
- Wearing school uniform.
- Identifiable as a pupil at the school.

Even if the conditions above do not apply, the Policy must take account of misbehaviour at any time which:

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school.
- Pose a threat to another pupil or member of the public.
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the school.

In any of the above circumstances it would be at the discretion of the Head Teacher whether to notify the police or the Local Authority anti-social behaviour coordinator. It would be expected that staff should consider whether the misbehaviour could be linked to child suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm. In this case staff should follow the schools safeguarding policy.

11. Pastoral Care for School Staff

The Behaviour Policy must include details of how the school will respond to an allegation against a member of staff. The Governors would not expect automatic suspension of a member of staff who has been accused of misconduct, pending an investigation. The Governors would, however, expect the Head Teacher to draw on and follow the advice in the 'Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against Teachers and Other Staff' when setting out the pastoral support school staff can expect to receive if they are accused of misusing their powers.

Associated Resources

Link to A guide to the law for school governors:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/governance/b0065507/gttl>

Link to the Department's advice on the Equality Act 2010:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/policiesandprocedures/equalityanddiversity/a0064570/the-equality-act-2010>

Link to Use of Reasonable Force – advice for head teachers, staff and governing bodies:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/behaviour/behaviourpolicies/f0077153/use-of-reasonable-force-advice-for-school-leaders-staff-and-governing-bodies>

Link to Screening, Searching and Confiscation – advice for head teachers, staff and governing bodies:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/behaviour/behaviourpolicies/f0076897/screening-searching-and-confiscation>

Link to guidance on Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against Teachers and Other Staff’:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/advice/f0076882/ensuring-good-behaviour-in-schools/allegations-of-abuse-against-staff>