

# Grange Park Behaviour for Learning Guidelines



#### 1. Implementation

- All new staff and trainees to receive training in the policy implementation
- Staff, children , parents and governors to be regularly consulted and informed of any changes
- Policy discussed by School Parliaments and opportunity provided for comment
- Values are prominently displayed, discussed and reinforced in classrooms, and in assemblies
- Serious Incident Forms to be completed to record, track and monitor issues following individual school procedures
- Physical Intervention Forms to be completed to record, track and monitor issues following individual school procedures.
- Classes to have regular 'circle time', and have a 'Trust Box' to enable communication from children about any issues.

## 2. Roles & Responsibilities

We believe that all stakeholders have a shared responsibility for their own behaviour and the behaviour of others.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES		Child	Parent
	Governors		
Actively promote positive behaviour and respect	1	1	1
Support the school's policy for behaviour and discipline	✓ ✓	1	✓
Actively follow and promote the values at all times	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Act as examples of desirable behaviour		1	$\checkmark$
Monitor the welfare of the pupils, recording incidents /causes for concern	1		
Deal with incidents fairly and consistently, using restorative techniques	1		
Celebrate success when achieved	1	$\checkmark$	✓
Encourage and build healthy, positive and supportive relationships between all members of the community	1	1	<i>✓</i>
Provide opportunities for children to assume positions of responsibility and leadership	5		
Treat everyone in the school community with kindness and respect	1	1	1
Strive for success in all areas of school life	1	1	
Take responsibility for their own behaviour and an active role in resolving	1	1	1
issues			
Tell adults if they (or others) are upset or have a problem		1	
Behave appropriately when representing the school e.g. on a school trip,		1	
sports event, travelling between home and school			
Take care of school property, personal possessions and those of others		1	
Ensure their child's regular attendance and punctuality			1
Inform the school of any circumstances which may affect their children's well-			1
being, behaviour or ability to maintain relationships			
Attend meetings to discuss issues regarding their children			1
Read and sign the home-school agreement		1	1
Show courtesy and respect to all members of the school community	1	1	1
Act as a good role model to their child			1

## 3. Promoting Positive Behaviour

All members of the school are valued as individuals. Our ethos is to create an environment in which positive behaviour is encouraged and reinforced, and positive attitudes fostered. We promote the right for children to speak out and seek help in all aspects of their wellbeing. We believe that praise and reward is key to creating a positive atmosphere where children have the opportunity to succeed. Adults will lead by example and model good practice.

#### Whole School Strategies

- Providing clear and consistent expectations
- Recognition in assemblies through special mentions
- Always Star badges in family assemblies, for sustained effort to improve behaviour or consistently good behaviour and attitude ('Always' children) recorded by the teacher and shared in newsletters
- 'Circle Time' activities or explicit PHSE lessons where appropriate behaviour is explored and discussed
- Working in partnership with other agencies e.g. the Behaviour Support Service (BSS), within a class, group or individually
- Giving positive feedback to classes and SLT through Marvellous Me parent app. These are recorded by the class teacher and monitored regualarly with feedback given from a member of headship to staff
- Providing positive feedback for good behaviour or attendance eg on trips, after school clubs,
- Attendance recognition is given half termly for meeting and exceeding school targets and annually for 100%.
- Actively promoting the School Values at all opportunities
- Encouraging children to be motivated intrinsically through study of growth mindset and learning about the difference individuals can make
- Noticing and praising positives all the time 'catch them being good', expressing correction in the positive
- 'PIP' & 'RIP' Praising in Public, Reprimanding in Private
- Being fair and ensure consequences are proportionate and tailored to the child when appropriate

#### General classroom strategies include:

- Using a table / class seating plan until routines are established
- Providing and sticking to a lining up order, for key children or the whole class until able to decide independently
- Giving responsibilities / class 'jobs' / monitors
- Using random selection to show fairness, eg, lolly sticks, straws, etc.
- Using marbles in the jar (Jar of Good Choices)
- Sending pupils to another adult e.g Year Lead, partner class (could be for positive or negative reasons)
- Ensuring classroom organization and routines are in place
- Dealing with incidents on an individual basis, enabling personalisation as appropriate
- Strategic ignoring and positive re-direction, highlighting the good example of others, through use of positive sentence stems
- Using reflection time to consider the values, etc.
- Giving warnings before sanctions
- Ensuring follow up conversations take place and consequences are clear and communicated
- Allowing children to have a fresh start once an incident has been addressed

#### Personalisation

Some children will need more support, and a personalised approach which may include:

- strategic ignoring of low-level inappropriate behaviour,
- social Stories,
- 'Time Out' with a timer / clock adjusting length of time according to age / stage.
- individual target setting (e.g. Learning Support Plan, Pastoral Support Plan, class targets)
- arranging for pupils to work on a 1:1, group or classroom basis e.g. with school-based Learning Coach
- personalised behaviour or reward charts for individuals after discussion with SLT
- Home/School Book,
- Behaviour Contract

#### Expectations

Each child will receive at least one of the following per year:

- a special mention in assembly
- A positive message communicated with the parent by Marvellous Me parent app, or by word of mouth if the parent has not signed up to use the app

Remember:

- We use positive strategies whenever possible
- Our aim is to train the children so that they can learn to manage the basic routines independently, however this will depend upon their age and stage of maturity, and so should be adapted as they develop
- A firm, assertive voice can be used without shouting
- An individualised Class Code should be developed with the children at the start of the year, relating to the Values (but not Class Rules), and this should be referred to and revisited regularly, asking children to articulate where elements of the code have or have not been followed e.g. a value
- Use a book or similar to track warnings if necessary, but don't write names on the board
- Humans are fragile, and it only takes one negative incident to undo hundreds of positive messages! Build
  relationships, and promote Behaviour for Learning in a purposeful environment where we can have fun and
  a joke together

## 4. Unacceptable Behaviour

While we aim to ensure that all children behave in an acceptable way, by following our positive ethos, on rare occasions children's behavior can be unacceptable and they may require additional support. The following are examples of unacceptable behavior in our schools, with guidance as to how this may be managed.

## Guidance regarding levels of unacceptable behaviour

Level 1 (Class Log)	Level 2 (Class log / SIF)	Level 3 (SIF)
	Persistent Level 1 behaviour	Persistent Level 2 behaviour
Disregarding Values		
Pushing in or not taking turn		
Interrupting		
Talking when an adult is speaking		
Attention seeking		
Spoiling others' games		
Avoiding work / wasting time		
Bringing sweets, chewing gum or		
inappropriate items to school		
Calling out / making		
inappropriate noises in lessons		
Running inside school		
Spreading rumours		
Arguing with pupils	Arguing with staff	
Stopping the learning of other	Frequent disruption to lessons	Persistent disruption to lessons
children		
Disrespectful attitude	Rudeness	Verbal abuse of staff or pupils
Using swear words and gestures	Swearing at pupils	Swearing at staff
Play fighting	Aggressive play	Fighting
Lying	Persistent lying	Blatant dishonesty and refusal to accept responsibility

Lack of co-operation	Refusal to follow instructions /	Dangerous defiance or refusal to
	deliberate defiance or	follow instructions
	disobedience	
Being careless with school	Defacement, eg, scribbling on	Graffiti / vandalism / wilful
equipment	desk or others' work	destruction of the school
		environment or property
Unwanted physical contact	Kicking, hitting, punching, biting,	Violent physical attack or causing
	pushing, etc	bodily harm towards pupils or staff
	Retaliation	Serious physical retaliation
	Leaving class without permission	Leaving school without permission
	Inappropriate touching	Inappropriate sexualised
		behaviour
Spitting on the ground		Spitting at a child or adult
Teasing, name calling		Intimidation or tormenting
		(including via the internet)
		Racial, social, cultural,
		homophobic or religious abuse
		Stealing
		Possession / use of weapons,
		drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or other
		inappropriate materials
		Putting themselves or others at
		risk of harm
		Bullying or extortion
		Inappropriate use of social media
		Bringing the school into disrepute,
		before, during or after school

## 5. Sanctions

When dealing with inappropriate behaviour the following graded response and consequence procedure may be used as guidance, however the level of seriousness of the behaviour, the age, needs and situation of the child and the context in which the problem arose will be taken into consideration.

Possible consequences of unacceptable behaviour are:

vel 1 Level 2		Level 3	
<ul> <li>Reminder of the Values</li> <li>Verbal apology</li> <li>Finishing work at break time or at home</li> <li>Positive re-direction, highlighting the good example of others</li> <li>Being spoken to about the consequences of their behaviour by a member of staff</li> <li>Parents informed verbally (could be by telephone or at home-time)</li> <li>Re-positioning within the group / classroom</li> <li>Distraction free work area in the classroom</li> <li>Removed from a game at break / lunchtime for a set period</li> <li>Talking through and resolving incidents, recording when appropriate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Incident recorded in class Pupil Records file</li> <li>Written apology</li> <li>Exclusion from after school activities, eg. Football Club</li> <li>Being spoken to about the consequences of their behaviour by a senior member of staff</li> <li>Parents contacted and a meeting held with the child in attendance</li> <li>Regular Home – School communication</li> <li>Re-location to a another class for a specified period, with work</li> <li>Parents informed in writing (copy kept on file)</li> <li>Loss of break time</li> <li>Regular monitoring of pupil's work or behaviour and parents kept informed</li> <li>Senior staff investigating and recording behaviour</li> <li>Restorative meeting held</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Being spoken to by Headteacher and parents together</li> <li>Behaviour contract between pupil, parent and teacher with specific targets and time scale</li> <li>Headteacher's letter sent to parents (copy kept on file)</li> <li>Regular monitoring of work or behaviour by Headteacher</li> <li>Community service</li> <li>Fixed term exclusion (this can include lunchtime exclusions)</li> <li>In-school exclusion – child supervised by SLT</li> <li>Support requested from outside agencies, eg, BSS, EP</li> <li>Permanent Exclusion</li> </ul>	

## **Right to Search and Confiscation**

Headteachers and their designated staff have the right to search for prohibited items with or without consent. They will follow the guidelines from 'Searching, screening and confiscation. Advice for Headteachers, school staff and governing bodies February 2014'.

Inappropriate items may be confiscated. These will be returned after a designated time (up to a week) to either the child or parent.

## **Restorative Practice**

All members of the school community will try to use restorative strategies to repair relationships. Individuals are given the opportunity to rehearse conversations before being brought together for a meeting. A 'script' is available for staff and children to use to structure the supported restorative conversations, which all staff can carry on their person. The children are given the opportunity to explain how the incident has affected them, and how it can be put right, including any consequences. This empowers children, and is a strong motivator to encourage children to take responsibility for their actions, so that the behaviours are reduced.

#### Exclusion

Only the headteacher may exclude a child, which is a sanction for serious acts of inappropriate behaviour. When used, the reason for exclusion must be explained to the child and their parent(s), recorded on file, and the school must follow DfE guidelines: Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England.

## 6. Recording Incidents

- A Serious Incident Form (SIF) must be completed for level 3 or above incidents, and reported to SLT, and may be for level 2, using other children's initials for confidentiality.
- All SIF must be signed and dated by the reporter, and by Cathy Basiel, the headship member leading on behaviour in the school.
- Any incidents where parents have been informed, are serious or persistent, **must** be logged in the Class Record File for tracking and future reference.
- The Headteacher will be informed of Level 3 incidents when considering exclusion.
- Exclusions and SIF will be monitored by the lead for Behaviour, for termly reporting to Local Governing Board and where necessary the Local Authority.

## 7. Bullying, Racial and Equality Incidents

These incidents, are considered to be extremely serious and are treated with zero tolerance. All staff who become aware of an allegation of bullying, racial harassment, gender issues or radicalization must refer to the school's **Anti-Bullying and Anti Racism Statement**. Incidents should be reported to SLT and recorded on a Serious Incident Form.

Serious incidents are reported to the Local Governing Board termly for each school.

#### 8. Physical Intervention

Our commitment to positive behaviour management means that physical intervention is used very rarely, and only as a last resort when all other preventative methods have proved ineffective. We have a number of staff trained in the 'Approach' technique of physical intervention. (Refer to the **Physical Intervention Policy.)** 

Section 93 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 affirms the lawful right for a member of staff to use reasonable force. It says, "School staff may use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances to prevent a pupil from doing, or continuing to do, any of the following:

- committing any offence (or for a pupil under the age of criminal responsibility, what would be an offence for an older pupil)
- causing personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil)
- engaging in any behaviour prejudicial to the maintenance of good order and discipline at the school, or among any pupils receiving education at the school, whether during a teaching session or otherwise".