



Behaviour Principles Written Statement

Ralph Butterfield Primary School believes that high quality teaching and learning and effective personal development relies on good standards of behaviour. The school is committed to working to ensure high standards of behaviour from all pupils; this statement sets out the broad values and principles with regard to behaviours that are expected and promoted. This statement has been approved by the headteacher and the governing board, believing it accurately reflects the school's ethos.

Actual, practical applications of these principles are the responsibility of the headteacher, who will view each case of any breach to these in light of these principles and any relevant policies.

Principles

The school's primary concern is the safety, wellbeing and education of all pupils. Actions taken in cases of behaviour not meeting the standard expected, are with the intention of supporting children's personal development, wellbeing and academic progress, as well as fulfilling our safeguarding responsibilities.

The school will create a calm and orderly environment to enable pupils to learn effectively.

The school prioritises inclusion, and will ensure that all members of the school community are able to enjoy the activities of the school free from any discrimination. The school will create and maintain an atmosphere and ethos of acceptance, equality, diversity, respect, understanding and kindness, throughout the school community, in everyday practice. The school aims to foster a collective ethos amongst all members of the school community, and promote values of respect, determination, integrity and ambition.

The school endeavours to ensure that all pupils, staff and visitors feel safe in the school environment at all times through high quality care, support and guidance.

All pupils have a right to fulfil their greatest academic and personal potential and to feel that they are valued members of the school community. Children should be free from bullying, discrimination and distracting peer behaviour.

The school ensures that rules are consistently applied across the school and where sanctions are exercised, they are in line with the school's behaviour policy, which centres on restorative practices. Good behaviour at the school is acknowledged and rewarded at the discretion of all staff. The school has three fundamental rules across the school that behaviour expectations are related to. These are in line with restorative practices and are:

- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Be ready

The school offers comprehensive support to pupils displaying behaviour not meeting the expected standard, taking into account pupils' individual circumstances and any SEND.

Any kind of violence, threatening behaviour or abuse between pupils, or by members of the school community towards the school's staff, will not be tolerated. If a parent/carer does not conduct themselves properly, the school reserves the right to ban them from the school premises and, if the parent continues to cause disturbance, they may be liable to prosecution.

Guidance on the use of physical intervention will be agreed upon by the headteacher and governing board, and clearly set out within the school's Physical Intervention Policy.

General expectations

The school has high expectation for pupils' behaviour and conduct. These expectations are commonly understood and applied consistently and fairly. The school sets clear routines and expectations for the behaviour of pupils across all aspects of school life, not just in the classroom.

The school makes behavioural expectations and the related policies clear and accessible to members of the school community. These will be made readily available to read and general expectations are displayed in classrooms and around the school. The school's emphasis is on encouraging and praising good behaviour and supporting individuals who are struggling to meet the expected behavioural standards. Each pupil receives the necessary behavioural support according to their specific needs.

The school creates a positive and respectful culture in which staff know and care about pupils.

The school does not tolerate offensive or insulting language in any circumstances, and expects polite and considerate behaviour to be maintained by all. Bullying, discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and sexual violence are not tolerated, online or offline. Pupils are encouraged to report any case of bullying they experience or observe to school staff, and wherever such behaviour occurs it will be dealt with quickly, consistently and effectively.

The school supports pupils to play a highly positive role in creating an environment in which commonalities are identified and celebrated, difference is valued and nurtured, and bullying, harassment and violence are never tolerated. All pupils are taught to actively support the wellbeing of other pupils.

All pupils are expected to behave consistently well, demonstrating high levels of self-control and consistently positive attitudes to their education.

Pupils are held to high standards of attendance. The school will take swift, appropriate action to ensure that problems of lateness and absence are handled effectively.

Staff lead by example and model their conduct in line with the school's standards. This statement, and the policies that are influenced by it, applies to all pupils and staff inside and outside of school.

Further information in relation to how the school supports high expectations of behaviour can be found on the school's website (<https://www.ralphbutterfieldprimary.co.uk/>), in the behaviour policy (under 'Key Information' then 'Policies') and in our 'Restorative Values' section, under 'About us'.