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# Nerrols Primary School

## Behaviour Policy

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## 1. Value Statement – Core Beliefs

- The quality of learning, teaching and behaviour are inseparable issues and the responsibility of all staff;
- Poor behaviour cannot be tolerated as it is a denial of the right of students to learn and teachers to teach. To enable learning to take place preventative action is most effective, but where this fails, the school has clear, firm and intelligent strategies in place to help students manage their behaviour;
- Respect has to be given in order to be received. Parents and carers, students and teachers all need to operate in a culture of mutual regard;
- Consistency of approach and a collective responsibility for managing behaviour is likely to lead to high standards;
- In this school students behave well because of the positive ethos, climate for learning and excellent relationships between staff and students.

## 2. Rights and Responsibilities

### a) School Rights

- To make clear the school's statutory power to discipline students and that students and parents will need to respect this.
- To enforce the school's behaviour policy – including rules and disciplinary measures.
- To expect students' and parents' cooperation in maintaining an orderly climate for learning.
- To expect students to respect the rights of other students and adults in the school.
- Not to tolerate violence, threatening behaviour or abuse by students or parents.
- To take firm action against students who harass or denigrate teachers or other staff on or off the premises, including cyber-bullying – engaging external support services, including the police, as appropriate.
- Under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 teachers can instruct a pupil to turn out their pockets and discipline them as appropriate if they refuse to do so.
- The Headteacher can authorise a search of pupils or their possessions (including bags and lockers) without their consent if there are reasonable grounds for doing so.

### Responsibilities

- To ensure the whole school community is consulted about the principles of the school behaviour policy.
- To establish and communicate clearly measures to ensure good order, respect and discipline.
- To cooperate and agree appropriate protocols with other schools in the local school partnership for behaviour and persistent absence.
- To ensure the school behaviour policy does not discriminate against any student on grounds of race, gender, disability or sexual orientation, and that it promotes good relations between different communities.
- To ensure staff are clear about the extent of their disciplinary authority and receive necessary professional development on behaviour strategies.

- To support, praise and, as appropriate, reward students' good behaviour.
- To apply sanctions fairly, consistently, proportionately and reasonably – taking account of SEN, disability and the needs of vulnerable children, and offering support as appropriate.
- To take all reasonable measures to protect the safety and well-being of staff and students, including preventing all forms of bullying including cyber-bullying, and dealing effectively with reports and complaints about bullying.
- To ensure staff model good behaviour and never denigrate students or colleagues.
- To promote positive behaviour through active development of students' social, emotional and behavioural skills.
- To keep parents informed of their child's behaviour.
- To work with other agencies to promote community cohesion and safety.

#### **b) Families Rights**

- To make representation about the school behaviour policy.
- To be kept informed about their child's progress.
- To expect their children to be safe, secure and respected in school.
- To have any concern they have about their child being bullied taken seriously by the school and investigated as necessary.

#### **Responsibilities**

- To respect the school's behaviour policy and the disciplinary authority of school staff.
- To read and commit to the Home/School Agreement.
- To help ensure that their child follows reasonable instructions by school staff and adheres to school rules.
- To ensure their child understands that bullying and abuse in all its forms, including cyberbullying, will not be tolerated.
- To send their child to school each day punctually, suitably clothed, fed, rested, and equipped and ready to learn.
- To ensure school staff are aware of any SEN-related or other personal factors which may result in their child displaying behaviours outside the norm.
- To be prepared to work with the school to support their child's positive behaviour.
- To attend meetings with the Headteacher or other school staff, if requested, to discuss their child's behaviour.
- To adhere to the terms of any Parenting Contract or Order relating to their child's behaviour.
- If their child is excluded from the school, to ensure the child is not found in a public place during school hours in the first five days of exclusion and to attend a reintegration interview with the school at the end of a fixed period exclusion.

### **3. Roles**

#### **a) Pupils are expected to:**

- Contribute to the development of the school behaviour policy and do whatever they can to adhere to it.
- Report bullying and abuse and severe breaches of discipline.

- Follow reasonable instructions by school staff, obey school rules and accept sanctions in an appropriate way.
- Act as positive ambassadors for the school when off school premises.
- Not bring inappropriate or unlawful items to school.
- Show respect to school staff, fellow students, school property and the school environment.
- Never denigrate, harm or bully other students or staff in or out of school.
- Cooperate with, and abide by, any arrangements put in place to support their behaviour, such as Pastoral Support Programmes or Parenting Contracts.

**b) All Staff (teaching and non-teaching) are expected to:**

- Promote and model good behaviour.
- Intervene and take appropriate action where necessary when a breach of the code of conduct takes place.
- Report poor behaviour swiftly to an appropriate member of staff.
- Operate in a culture of mutual respect.
- Accept guidance and support when given.
- Use a range of appropriate strategies for dealing with students.
- Wherever possible de-escalate incidents.
- Ensure that the school environment and classrooms are in a fit state for use.
- Listen to students' perspectives of reported incidents.

**c) Teaching Staff are expected to:**

- Create a positive learning environment.
- Plan and deliver lessons which engage the interest of students.
- Follow agreed system of rewards and sanctions.
- Understand their collective responsibility for safe behaviour out of lessons, eg at break and lunch and after school.
- Arrive on time for duties and make arrangements for cover where necessary.
- Make sure resources are taken care of including exercise books.
- Ensure that systems for managing behaviour are applied consistently.
- Seek advice and support with managing behaviour when needed.
- Employ a full range of strategies to manage poor behaviour.
- Make effective use of Learning Support Assistants.

**d) The Senior Leadership Team are expected to:**

- Communicate values which underpin behaviour policy and model them to whole school.
- Provide effective and efficient support for teams which are line managed.
- Ensure support is provided for all other staff.
- Ensure that protocols for administering sanctions have been correctly observed and that appropriate opportunities have been provided to listen to students including gathering witness statements.
- Instigate external exclusions including reintegration meetings and PSPs where necessary.
- Initiate an Early Help Assessment where necessary.

- Keep informed and gather information about behaviour concerns.
- Conduct regular Learning Walks.
- Maintain a high visibility and presence about the school.
- Organise and monitor duty rotas.
- Review the Behaviour Policy regularly.
- Ensure that relevant training opportunities are provided for staff.
- Designate a Safeguarding Lead and ensure that safeguarding is fully in place.
- Regularly discuss vulnerable and challenging pupils.

## **4. Richard Huish Trust School Code of Conduct**

The Trust will publish a **Code of Conduct** consisting of a small number of clear and concise principles that should guide the conduct of all the students at Trust schools.

In adhering to the Code of Conduct students are taking responsibility for their own behaviour and ensuring that others can do the same.

These simple rules will be displayed in classrooms and prominently around the school.

## **5. Strategies for Positive Behaviour Management**

Trust schools will develop a range of appropriate strategies for Positive Behaviour Management to support all staff in maintaining an effective learning environment. Staff will be given appropriate training and support to implement these strategies

## **6. Rewards and Sanctions**

### **a) Celebrating Achievement Protocol**

Trust schools will develop an appropriate range of rewards to celebrate the achievement of individual and groups of pupils. The range of rewards may vary across year groups.

The range of rewards will be reviewed annually and be published as a supplementary protocol to this Policy.

### **b) Sanctions Protocol**

Where possible it is most effective for staff to deal with behaviour concerns themselves and follow through sanctions swiftly and expediently. Students respond best to teachers who are seen to be fair, consistent and who make the consequences of actions clear prior to issuing sanctions.

It is impossible to match sanctions with misdemeanours but it is important that any sanction is seen as proportionate to the action leading to the sanction.

Where possible adults should seek to de-escalate problems that arise. Warnings should always be issued to give students the chance to address the concern before a sanction is imposed.

Trust schools will develop a range of lower, middle and higher order strategies to support students to manage their behaviour. A range of sanctions will be implemented and appropriate protocols put in place for their administration. These will be annually reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team and published as a supplementary protocol to this Policy.

The following sanctions are not appropriate and should not be used by staff:

- Whole class detentions are not appropriate as they punish good students unfairly.
- Writing lines (it is more appropriate to write out the code of conduct).
- Protracted periods of time outside of classroom.
- Belittling or humiliating students.
- It is not helpful to get into a confrontation with students – allow a cooling off period before trying to explain why their behaviour is inappropriate.
- Sarcasm or humiliation.

## **7. Use of Force**

Teachers have the right to use reasonable force to control or restrain a student if this proves necessary to stop a pupil committing a criminal offence (or for younger students what would be a criminal offence), causing injury or damage to property, or prejudicing good order and discipline.

The school will record and report all ‘significant’ incidents where a member of staff has used force to control or restrain a student.

All permanent and temporary staff (including supply teachers) will be advised of this right.

## **8. Communication and Documentation**

It is the responsibility of all staff dealing with behaviour that relevant and interested parties are kept informed and up to date. Staff should use their discretion to judge whether the issue needs documenting and who needs to know about it.

Minor misdemeanours do not need to be recorded but incidents of a more serious nature **MUST** be recorded even if no further action is required.

Parents will be informed by letter in the case of an external exclusion.

In addition class teachers will keep parents informed of ongoing concerns re attitude, behaviour, attendance, punctuality, quality of work and uniform.

### **Appropriate methods of communication:**

- Telephone calls home.
- Email.
- Talking to parents at the end of the school day.
- Letter home.

### **Record keeping**

It is vital that staff keep accurate records of communications and agreed actions with reference to managing behaviour.

Where colleagues communicate directly with parents and agree a course of action this should be shared with the Head Teacher and a note made on the pupil's file.

## **9. Strategies to Support Vulnerable Children**

Support for potentially vulnerable students will be coordinated through regular meetings of the staff charged with monitoring and maintaining student welfare, where necessary.

The main functions of the meeting will be to:

- To review the provision which is in place to help support students
- To discuss new cases and appropriate actions to support students.
- To link together the working of various agencies who might be supporting a vulnerable young person.

## **10. Related Policies and Documents**

- Range of rewards protocol
- Home School Agreement
- Code of Conduct for Students
- Exclusions Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Anti Bullying Policy
- Complaints Policy and Procedure



## Appendix A

### Home/School Agreement

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tutor Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement is intended to outline the principles of a partnership between the school, its students and parents. In setting this out we are seeking to further enhance each student's positive experience of school.

**The school aims** to provide effective formal and informal learning through which all students will:

- achieve potential in as many ways as possible
- develop spiritual and moral values
- obtain a variety of skills and qualifications which will prepare them for the next stage of their lives
- be part of a community within which all will feel secure and valued.

Therefore -

**The school will:**

- provide opportunities and encouragement that will promote the development of young people through the design of the curriculum, effective teaching and extra curricular activities
- attempt to create an environment in which all members of the school community feel secure and valued
- inform you regularly, through a system of assessment and reporting, about your child's progress and development
- make sure that we are available, by prior appointment, to meet with you and discuss any concerns that you may have about your child's education
- provide information about school activities through regular newsletters /school website
- contact you if there are concerns about your child's progress, behaviour or attendance
- inform you of changes that are made to policies that affect your child's education and provide access to policy documents on request.

Signed on behalf of the School: \_\_\_\_\_(Tutor)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to achieve these aims, we need to work in partnership with each student and their parents.

**As a student I will:**

- attend school regularly and on time.
- be punctual to lessons
- work hard and do all my classwork and homework to the best of my ability allowing other students to do the same
- bring all the books and equipment I need for my lessons every day
- take pride in my appearance and wear school uniform correctly according to the school dress code
- behave well and be polite and helpful to others, especially whilst in uniform even if not on the school premises
- help to keep the school and its environment clean, tidy and free from litter or graffiti
- support the school rules and code of conduct
- read, understand and sign up to the ICT acceptable use policy
- work with the school to ensure everyone feels safe and happy.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**As a parent we/I will:**

- ensure that my child attends regularly, on time and properly equipped
- support my child's learning, including the completion of homework, regularly signing the school planner, where applicable
- support the staff in maintaining high standards of behaviour in line with the school's behaviour policy
- let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour
- notify the school of the reason for absence on my child's return, or contact the school on the first day of absence
- respond to any reasonable request to attend parents' evenings and discussion about my child's progress
- comply with the school's uniform code
- support the school's policies and guidelines
- support enrichment activity
- give consent for my child to represent the School at Sporting fixtures
- give consent for my child to take part in health education programmes, including sex education
- ensure my child understands / signs the school's ICT acceptable use policy.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_