

# Hanbury's Farm and Oakhill Primary Schools Federation



## Behaviour Policy 2025 - 2026

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## 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Create a positive culture that promotes excellent behaviour, ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to learn in a calm, safe and supportive environment
- Establish a whole-school approach to maintaining high standards of behaviour that reflect the values of the school
- Outline the expectations and consequences of behaviour
- Provide a consistent approach to behaviour management that is applied equally to all pupils
- Define what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying and discrimination

At Hanbury’s Farm and Oakhill Primary Schools Federation, we take a positive approach to behaviour in all areas of school life. We believe that an effective behaviour policy should guide children towards developing high self-esteem and self-discipline. Positive behaviour stems from strong relationships, clear expectations, and a supportive school environment. We recognise that self-esteem influences how children think, behave, and learn. Therefore, we aim to provide positive, everyday experiences that help our pupils feel valued, confident, and ready to reach their full potential.

### 1.1 Shared Core Values

Both schools within the Federation share a set of core values that have been thoughtfully developed in collaboration with children, staff and governors. These values reflect the ethos and attitudes we promote across the Federation and underpin everything we do. Our core values are: **co-operation (teamwork), respect, ambition, resilience, confidence, and empathy**. These values are embedded throughout our curriculum, assemblies, and daily interactions, helping children to grow into thoughtful, responsible individuals. Each value also supports and aligns with the government’s guidance on modern British Values, ensuring our pupils are well-prepared for life in modern Britain.

## **1.2 Our School PROUD Rules:**

At Hanbury's Farm and Oakhill Community Primary School, our rules are built on the foundation of respect, responsibility, and resilience. They help create a safe, inclusive, and inspiring environment where every child can thrive.

Our expectations are clear and consistent, encouraging pupils to be positive in their learning, respectful to others, and proud of who they are. By following our school rules, we work together to build a community that celebrates diversity, nurtures ambition, and supports every child to be the very best they can be.

At Hanbury's Farm, our school rules are proudly spelt out through the word **PROUD**, with each letter representing a rule that guides how we learn, behave, and support one another every day.

### **P – Positive in our learning**

*We approach every challenge with a can-do attitude and a smile.*

### **R – Respectful to those around us and always use our manners**

*We treat everyone with kindness and courtesy.*

### **O – Own the right to be educated and make the most of every opportunity**

*We take responsibility for our learning and aim high.*

### **U – Understanding of those around us and celebrate our differences**

*We embrace diversity and support one another.*

### **D – Determined to do our best!**

*We persevere and strive for excellence in all we do.*

## **2. Legislation, statutory requirements and statutory guidance**

This policy is based on legislation and advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- [Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff 2024](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)
- [Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement](#)
- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)
- [Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school](#)
- [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#)
- [Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people](#)

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, which outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of its pupils
- Sections 88 to 94 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, which requires schools to regulate pupils' behaviour and publish a behaviour policy and written statement of behaviour principles, and gives schools the authority to confiscate pupils' property
- DfE guidance explaining that maintained schools must publish their behaviour policy online

### 3. Definitions

**Misbehaviour** may be defined as:

- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes
- Refusal to complete classwork
- Poor attitude
- Lack of respect towards adults and each other

**Serious misbehaviour** may be defined as:

- Repeated breaches of the school rules
- Any form of bullying
- Aggressive behaviour verbal or physical
- Sexual harassment refers to any unwanted behaviour of a sexual nature that makes someone feel uncomfortable, upset, or unsafe. This can include:
  - **Inappropriate comments** about someone's body or appearance
  - Sexual jokes or teasing
  - Touching or interfering with someone's clothing
  - **Online behaviour**, such as sending or sharing inappropriate messages, images, or videos—including computer-generated images that look real
- Vandalism – intentional destruction of school property.
- Theft
- Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory behaviour

### 4. Bullying

**Bullying** may be defined as the **repetitive, intentional** harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

Bullying is, therefore:

- Deliberately hurtful
- Repeated, often over a period of time
- Difficult to defend against

Bullying can include:

TYPE OF BULLYING	DEFINITION
Emotional	Repetitive unfriendly behaviour, excluding, tormenting
Physical	Hitting, kicking, pushing, taking other's belongings, any use of violence
Prejudice-based and discriminatory, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racial</li> <li>• Faith-based</li> <li>• Gendered (sexist)</li> <li>• Homophobic/biphobic</li> <li>• Transphobic</li> <li>• Disability-based</li> </ul>	Taunts, gestures, graffiti or physical abuse focused on a particular characteristic (e.g. gender, race, sexuality)
Sexual	Explicit sexual remarks, display of sexual material, sexual gestures, unwanted physical attention, sharing of nude or semi-nude images and/or videos (including pseudo-images, which are computer-generated images that otherwise appear to be a photograph or video), or inappropriate touching
Direct or indirect verbal	Name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing
Cyber-bullying	Bullying that takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps, gaming sites, devices or via images, audio, video, or written content generated by artificial intelligence (AI)

At Hanbury's Farm and Oakhill Community Primary School, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and respected. Our anti-bullying measures are proactive and pupil-focused, ensuring that concerns are addressed swiftly and sensitively. A key part of our approach includes our trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABAs)—pupils who take on a leadership role in promoting kindness, spotting signs of bullying, and supporting their peers. These ambassadors help raise awareness through assemblies, campaigns, and peer mentoring, empowering children to speak up and seek help. Together, staff and pupils work to foster a culture of respect and understanding, where bullying is never tolerated and everyone feels proud to be part of our school community.

## 5. Roles and responsibilities

### 5.1 The governing board

The governing board is responsible for:

- Reviewing and approving the written statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1)
- Reviewing this behaviour policy in conjunction with the headteacher
- Monitoring the policy's effectiveness
- Holding the headteacher to account for its implementation

### 5.2 The headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for:

- Reviewing this policy in conjunction with the governing board.
- Giving due consideration to the school's statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1)

- Approving this policy
- Ensuring that the school environment encourages positive behaviour
- Ensuring that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour
- Monitoring that the policy is implemented by staff consistently with all groups of pupils
- Ensuring that all staff understand the behavioural expectations and the importance of maintaining them
- Providing new staff with a clear induction into the school's behavioural culture to ensure they understand its rules and routines, and how best to support all pupils to participate fully
- Offering appropriate training in behaviour management, and the impact of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and mental health needs on behaviour, to any staff who require it, so they can fulfil their duties set out in this policy
- Ensuring this policy works alongside the safeguarding policy to offer pupils both sanctions and support when necessary
- Ensuring that the data from the behaviour log is reviewed regularly, to make sure that no groups of pupils are being disproportionately impacted by this policy (see section 12.1)

### **5.3 Staff**

Staff are responsible for:

- Creating a calm and safe environment for pupils
- Establishing and maintaining clear boundaries of acceptable pupil behaviour
- Implementing the behaviour policy consistently
- Communicating the school's expectations, routines, values and standards through teaching behaviour and in every interaction with pupils
- Modelling expected behaviour and positive relationships
- Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular pupils
- Considering the impact of their own behaviour on the school culture and how they can uphold school rules and expectations
- Recording behaviour incidents promptly on DC Pro
- Challenging pupils to meet the school's expectations

The senior leadership team (SLT) will support staff in responding to behaviour incidents.

### **5.4 Parents and carers**

Parents and carers, where possible, should:

- Gain understanding of the school's behaviour policy
- Support their child in adhering to the school's behaviour policy
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour
- Discuss any behavioural concerns with the class teacher promptly
- Take part in any pastoral work following misbehaviour (for example, attending reviews of specific behaviour interventions)
- Raise any concerns about the management of behaviour with the school directly, while continuing to work in partnership with the school

The school will endeavour to build a positive relationship with parents and carers by keeping them informed about developments in their child's behaviour and the school's policy, and working in collaboration with them to tackle behavioural issues.

## 5.5 Pupils

Pupils will be made aware of the following:

- The expected standard of behaviour they should be displaying at school
- That they have a duty to follow the behaviour policy
- The school's key rules and routines
- The rewards they can earn for meeting the behaviour standards, and the consequences they will face if they don't meet the standards
- The pastoral support that is available to them to help them meet the behaviour standards

Pupils will be supported to meet the behaviour standards, which will be reviewed regularly.

Pupils will be supported to develop an understanding of the school's behaviour policy and wider culture.

Pupils will be asked to give feedback on their experience of the behaviour culture to support the evaluation, improvement and implementation of the behaviour policy.

## 6.1 School behaviour curriculum

At Hanbury's Farm and Oakhill Primary Schools Federation, we believe that promoting positive behaviour is a whole-school responsibility. Our behaviour curriculum is built around clear, consistent school rules, shared core values, and a strong PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education programme. These elements work together to help children understand expectations, develop respectful relationships, and make positive choices. Through assemblies, classroom teaching, and everyday interactions, we create a nurturing environment where pupils feel safe, valued, and ready to learn. Our approach supports emotional wellbeing, encourages responsibility, and fosters a culture of kindness and mutual respect across the school.

In school we expect pupils to:

- To follow the school PROUD rules.
- To follow and respect the school's **Core Values**.
- To be polite to all adults, other children and visitors.
- To respect the authority of the adult in charge, following instructions given.
- To listen to adults and each other in lessons and in assemblies.
- To take a positive role in all classroom activities and to try as hard as they can.
- To wait their turn to talk to members of staff and to each other.
- To value each other's work.
- To work and play co-operatively with each other.
- To tell the truth, to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- To accept a solution or consequence if they have done something wrong.
- To be able to say sorry when they have misbehaved or hurt someone and to recognise that this word signals a change in behaviour and mood.
- To walk about the school quietly and calmly.
- To care for the school and its equipment.
- To feel responsible for giving a good impression of themselves and the school both within and outside the school.
- To respect everyone's beliefs and that we are all equal.
- Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school or online

Through our behaviour curriculum, we actively promote and celebrate positive choices, kindness, and respectful behaviour. These rewards, explained in following section, help reinforce our core values and school rules, creating a culture where good behaviour is recognised, encouraged, and valued by all.

## 6.2 Mobile phones

Year 5 and 6 children are permitted to bring phones into school following written agreement with parents. These devices need to be handed in at the start of the day and are not accessible to pupils during the school day.

## 7. Responding to behaviour

### 7.1 Sanctions

To support a fair and consistent approach to behaviour across the Federation, we use the **Good To Be Green** system throughout the school. This visual and structured system helps children understand expectations and reflect on their choices. Sanctions are applied in a way that supports emotional development and encourages pupils to make better choices moving forward.

#### Green cards:

The expectation is that all pupils maintain a green card and have a green card displayed against their name. Green is maintained by following the school PROUD rules and displaying the core values.

#### Blue stop and think cards:

This is a warning card issued to the child to have the chance to alter or change any negative behaviour being demonstrated.

#### Yellow cards:

This system teaches children about consequences to any negative behaviour. At this stage a pupil may receive a yellow card as a warning that the behaviour displayed is not meeting expectation. If a pupil receives a yellow card, the child's name will be entered online on DC Pro.

As a consequence, this pupil will then lose the following break to reflect upon their behaviour. During this time a reflection sheet will be completed. Where required, additional pastoral work may be completed following this.

#### Red cards:

If a pupil presents disruptive or aggressive behaviour at any point throughout the day, the pupil will receive a red card. Sanctions could include internal exclusion, time out of the class or loss of breaktimes; these will be on an individual basis as deemed appropriate. Consecutive red cards may result in parents being invited into school to discuss next steps.

### 7.2 Classroom management

Teaching and support staff are responsible for setting the tone and context for positive behaviour within the school.

They will:

- Create and maintain a stimulating environment that encourages pupils to be engaged
- Display the school PROUD rules.
- Develop a positive relationship with pupils, which may include:
  - Greeting pupils in the morning
  - Establishing clear routines
  - Communicating expectations of behaviour in ways other than verbally
  - Highlighting and promoting good behaviour
  - Concluding the day positively and starting the next day afresh

- Having a plan for dealing with low-level disruption
- Using positive reinforcement

### 7.3 Safeguarding

The school recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a pupil is in need of help or protection.

We will consider whether a pupil's misbehaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm.

Where this may be the case, we will follow our child protection and safeguarding policy, and consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information.

### 7.4 Responding to good behaviour

When a pupil's behaviour meets or goes above and beyond the expected behaviour standard, staff will recognise it with positive recognition and reward. This provides an opportunity for all staff to reinforce the school's culture and ethos.

Positive reinforcements and rewards will be applied clearly and fairly to reinforce the routines, expectations and norms of the school's behaviour culture.

#### **Collective rewards:**

**House system:** In both schools, children are allocated a house team, where they earn coloured tokens for demonstrating core values or following the schools' rules. These tokens are collected and combined to reward all children within the winning house.

**Raffle Ticket Jars** – In Key stage 1 and 2, raffle tickets are awarded in class for following the school behaviour rules for good work. The children in each class then chose a weekly reward for the raffle ticket winner, who is randomly selected from the jar. The more raffle tickets they earn the higher the chance of winning each week.

**Marble Jars** – In our Early Years classrooms, we use Marble Jars as a fun and visual way to encourage positive behaviour and teamwork. Children earn marbles for showing kindness, following instructions, working hard, and making good choices. Once the jar is full, the class enjoys a special reward, chosen together to celebrate their collective effort.

#### **Individual rewards**

**Weekly special mentions** – throughout the week the teachers will recognise two pupils for outstanding behaviour or work which is shared in our weekly assemblies. Children receive certificates which they take home.

**Core Value stickers:** - children can receive a core value sticker from any member of staff for demonstrating this behaviour throughout the school day.

**Stickers** – class teacher may choose to award stickers for any other positive behaviour for an instantaneous reward in class. This also includes lunchtime stickers for good manners, eating habits and behaviour.

Where appropriate and reasonable, adjustments may be made to routines within the curriculum to ensure all pupils can meet behavioural expectations in the curriculum.

## 7.5 Responding to misbehaviour

When a pupil's behaviour falls below the standard that can reasonably be expected of them, staff will respond in order to restore a calm and safe learning environment, and to prevent recurrence of misbehaviour.

Staff will endeavour to create a predictable environment by always challenging behaviour that falls short of the standards, and by responding in a consistent, fair and proportionate manner, so pupils know with certainty that misbehaviour will always be addressed.

De-escalation techniques, including the use of pre-arranged scripts and phrases, can be used to help prevent further behaviour issues arising.

All pupils will be treated equitably under the policy, with any factors that contributed to the behavioural incident identified and taken into account.

When giving behaviour sanctions, staff will also consider what support could be offered to a pupil to help them to meet behaviour standards in the future.

The school may use 1 or more of the following sanctions in response to unacceptable behaviour:

- A verbal reprimand and reminder of the expectations of behaviour
- Sending the pupil out of the class
- Setting of written tasks such as an account of their behaviour
- Expecting work to be completed at home, or at break or lunchtime
- Reflection session at break or lunchtime
- Loss of privileges – for instance, the loss of a prized responsibility
- School-based community service, such as tidying a classroom
- Referring the pupil to a senior member of staff
- phone call home to parents/carers
- Agreeing a behaviour contract
- Putting a pupil 'on report'
- Removal of the pupil from the classroom
- Suspension
- Permanent exclusion, in the most serious of circumstances

Personal circumstances of the pupil will be taken into account when choosing sanctions, and decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, but with regard to the impact on perceived fairness.

## 7.6 Reasonable force

Reasonable force covers a range of interventions that involve physical contact with pupils. All members of staff have a duty to use reasonable force, in the following circumstances, to prevent a pupil from:

- Causing disorder
- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property
- Committing an offence

Incidents of reasonable force must:

- Always be used as a last resort
- Be applied using the minimum amount of force and for the minimum amount of time possible

- Be used in a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned
- Never be used as a form of punishment
- Be recorded and reported to parents/carers

When considering using reasonable force, staff should, in considering the risks, carefully recognise any specific vulnerabilities of the pupil, including SEND, mental health needs or medical conditions.

## 7.7 Searching, screening and confiscation

Searching, screening and confiscation is conducted in line with the DfE's [latest guidance on searching, screening and confiscation](#).

### Confiscation

Any prohibited items (listed in appendix 2) found in a pupil's possession as a result of a search will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to the pupil.

We will also confiscate any item that is harmful or detrimental to school discipline. These items will be returned to pupils after discussion with senior leaders and parents/carers, if appropriate.

### Searching a pupil

Searches will only be carried out by a member of staff who has been authorised to do so by the headteacher, or by the headteacher themselves.

Subject to the exception below, the authorised member of staff carrying out the search will be of the same sex as the pupil, and there will be another member of staff present as a witness to the search.

An authorised member of staff of a different sex to the pupil can carry out a search without another member of staff as a witness if:

- The authorised member of staff carrying out the search reasonably believes there is risk that serious harm will be caused to a person if the search is not carried out as a matter of urgency; **and**
- In the time available, it is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out by a member of staff who is the same sex as the pupil; **or**
- It is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out in the presence of another member of staff

When an authorised member of staff conducts a search without a witness, they should immediately report this to another member of staff, and make sure a written record of the search is kept.

If the authorised member of staff considers a search to be necessary, but not required urgently, they will seek the advice of the headteacher, designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) or pastoral member of staff who may have more information about the pupil. During this time the pupil will be supervised and kept away from other pupils.

A search can be carried out if the authorised member of staff has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil is in possession of a prohibited item or any item identified in the school rules for which a search can be made, or if the pupil has agreed.

An appropriate location for the search will be found. Where possible, this will be away from other pupils. The search will only take place on the school premises or where the member of staff has lawful control or charge of the pupil, for example on a school trip.

Before carrying out a search the authorised member of staff will:

- Assess whether there is an urgent need for a search
- Assess whether not doing the search would put other pupils or staff at risk
- Consider whether the search would pose a safeguarding risk to the pupil
- Explain to the pupil why they are being searched

- Explain to the pupil what a search entails – e.g. “I will ask you to turn out your pockets”
- Explain how and where the search will be carried out
- Give the pupil the opportunity to ask questions
- Seek the pupil’s co-operation

If the pupil refuses to agree to a search, the member of staff can give an appropriate behaviour sanction.

If they still refuse to co-operate, the member of staff will contact the headteacher to try to determine why the pupil is refusing to comply.

This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration whether conducting the search will prevent the pupil harming themselves or others, damaging property or causing disorder.

The authorised member of staff can use reasonable force to search for any prohibited items identified in section 3, but not to search for items that are only identified in the school rules.

An authorised member of staff may search a pupil’s outer clothing, pockets, possessions, desk or locker.

‘Outer clothing’ includes:

- Any item of clothing that isn't worn wholly next to the skin or immediately over underwear (e.g. a jumper or jacket being worn over a t-shirt)
- Hats, scarves, gloves, shoes or boots

### **Searching pupils’ possessions**

Possessions means any items that the pupil has or appears to have control of, including:

- Lockers
- Bags

A pupil’s possessions can be searched for any item if the pupil agrees to the search. If the pupil does not agree to the search, staff can still carry out a search for prohibited items (listed in section 3) and items identified in the school rules.

An authorised member of staff can search a pupil’s possessions when the pupil and another member of staff are present.

If there is a serious risk of harm if the search is not conducted immediately, or it is not reasonably practicable to summon another member of staff, the search can be carried out by a single authorised member of staff.

### **Informing the designated safeguarding lead (DSL)**

The staff member who carried out the search should inform the DSL without delay:

- Of any incidents where the member of staff had reasonable grounds to suspect a pupil was in possession of a prohibited item as listed in appendix 2
- If they believe that a search has revealed a safeguarding risk

All searches for prohibited items (listed in appendix 2), including incidents where no items were found, will be recorded in the school’s safeguarding system.

### **Informing parents/carers**

Parents/carers will always be informed of any search for a prohibited item (listed in appendix 2). A member of staff will tell the parents/carers as soon as is reasonably practicable:

- What happened
- What was found, if anything
- What has been confiscated, if anything
- What action the school has taken, including any sanctions that have been applied to their child

## **Support after a search**

Irrespective of whether any items are found as the result of any search, the school will consider whether the pupil may be suffering or likely to suffer harm and whether any specific support is needed (due to the reasons for the search, the search itself, or the outcome of the search).

If this is the case, staff will follow the school's safeguarding policy and speak to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The DSL will consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

## **7.8 Off-site misbehaviour**

Sanctions may be applied where a pupil has misbehaved off-site when representing the school. This means misbehaviour when the pupil is:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity (e.g. school trips)
- Travelling to or from school
- Wearing school uniform
- In any other way identifiable as a pupil of our school

Sanctions may also be applied where a pupil has misbehaved off-site, at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, if the misbehaviour:

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- Poses a threat to another pupil
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the school

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member (e.g. on a school-organised trip).

## **7.9 Online misbehaviour**

The school can issue behaviour sanctions to pupils for online misbehaviour when:

- It poses a threat or causes harm to another pupil
- It could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- It adversely affects the reputation of the school
- The pupil is identifiable as a member of the school

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member.

## **7.10 Suspected criminal behaviour**

If a pupil is suspected of criminal behaviour, the school will make an initial assessment of whether to report the incident to the police.

When establishing the facts, the school will endeavour to preserve any relevant evidence to hand over to the police.

If a decision is made to report the matter to the police, the headteacher will make the report.

The school will not interfere with any police action taken. However, the school may continue to follow its own investigation procedure and enforce sanctions, as long as it does not conflict with police action.

If a report to the police is made, the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) will make a tandem report to children's social care, if appropriate.

## **7.11 Zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment and sexual violence**

The school will ensure that all incidents of sexual harassment and/or violence are met with a suitable response, and never ignored.

Pupils are encouraged to report anything that makes them uncomfortable, no matter how 'small' they feel it might be.

The school's response will be:

- Proportionate
- Considered
- Supportive
- Decided on a case-by-case basis

The school has procedures in place to respond to any allegations or concerns regarding a child's safety or wellbeing. These include clear processes for:

- Responding to a report
- Carrying out risk assessments, where appropriate, to help determine whether to:
  - Manage the incident internally
  - Refer to early help
  - Refer to children's social care
  - Report to the police

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information

## **7.12 Malicious allegations**

Where a pupil makes an allegation against a member of staff and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will consider whether to discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

Where a pupil makes an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment against another pupil and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will consider whether to discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

In all cases where an allegation is determined to be unsubstantiated, unfounded, false or malicious, the school (in collaboration with the local authority designated officer (LADO), where relevant) will consider whether the pupil who made the allegation is in need of help, or the allegation may have been a cry for help. If so, a referral to children's social care may be appropriate.

The school will also consider the pastoral needs of staff and pupils accused of misconduct.

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information on responding to allegations of abuse against staff or other pupils.

## **8. Serious sanctions**

### **8.1 Reflection session**

Pupils receiving a yellow card will have to take part in a reflection time during break or lunchtimes during term time.

The school inform parents of these sessions.

## **8.2 Removal from classrooms**

In response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy, the school may remove the pupil from the classroom for a limited time.

Pupils who have been removed will continue to receive education under the supervision of a member of staff. This education will be meaningful, but it may differ from the mainstream curriculum.

Removal is a serious sanction and will only be used in response to serious misbehaviour. Staff will only remove pupils from the classroom once other behavioural strategies have been attempted, unless the behaviour is so extreme as to warrant immediate removal.

Removal can be used to:

- Restore order if the pupil is being unreasonably disruptive
- Maintain the safety of all pupils
- Allow the disruptive pupil to continue their learning in a managed environment
- Allow the disruptive pupil to regain calm in a safe space

Pupils will not be removed from classrooms for prolonged periods of time without the explicit agreement of the headteacher.

Pupils should be reintegrated into the classroom as soon as it is appropriate and safe to do so. The school will consider what support is needed to help a pupil successfully reintegrate into the classroom and meet the expected standards of behaviour.

Parents/carers will be informed on the same day that their child is removed from the classroom.

The school will consider an alternative approach to behaviour management for pupils who are frequently removed from class, such as

- Support from Family support worker, ELSA staff
- Use of teaching assistants
- Short-term behaviour report cards
- Long-term behaviour plans
- Alternative provision access
- Multi-agency assessment

Staff will record all incidents of removal from the classroom on DC Pro, along with details of the incident that led to the removal, and any protected characteristics of the pupil.

## **8.3 Suspension and permanent exclusion**

The school can use suspension and permanent exclusion in response to serious incidents or in response to persistent poor behaviour which has not improved following in-school sanctions and interventions.

The decision to suspend or exclude will be made by the headteacher and only as a last resort.

Please refer to our exclusions policy for more information.

# **9. Responding to misbehaviour from pupils with SEND**

## **9.1 Recognising the impact of SEND on behaviour**

The school recognises that pupils' behaviour may be impacted by a special educational need or disability (SEND).

When incidents of misbehaviour arise, we will consider them in relation to a pupil's SEND, although we recognise that not every incident of misbehaviour will be connected to their SEND. Decisions on whether a pupil's SEND had an impact on an incident of misbehaviour will be made on a case-by-case basis.

When dealing with misbehaviour from pupils with SEND, especially where their SEND affects their behaviour, the school will take its legal duties into account when making decisions about enforcing the behaviour policy. The legal duties include:

- Taking reasonable steps to avoid any substantial disadvantage to a disabled pupil being caused by the school's policies or practices ([Equality Act 2010](#))
- Using our best endeavours to meet the needs of pupils with SEND ([Children and Families Act 2014](#))

As part of meeting these duties, the school will anticipate, as far as possible, all likely triggers of misbehaviour, and put in place support to prevent these from occurring.

Any preventative measures will take into account the specific circumstances and requirements of the pupil concerned.

These may include

- Short, planned movement breaks for a pupil with SEND who finds it difficult to sit still for long
- Adjusting seating plans to allow a pupil with visual or hearing impairment to sit in sight of the teacher
- Adjusting uniform requirements for a pupil with sensory issues or who has severe eczema
- Training for staff in understanding conditions such as autism
- Use of separation spaces (regulation stations) where pupils can regulate their emotions during a moment of sensory overload

## **9.2 Adapting sanctions for pupils with SEND**

When considering a behavioural sanction for a pupil with SEND, the school will consider whether:

- The pupil was unable to understand the rule or instruction
- The pupil was unable to act differently at the time as a result of their SEND
- The pupil was likely to behave aggressively due to their particular SEND

If the answer to any of these is 'yes', it may be unlawful for the school to sanction the pupil for the behaviour.

The school will then assess whether it is appropriate to use a sanction and if so, whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made to the sanction.

## **9.3 Considering whether a pupil displaying challenging behaviour may have unidentified SEND**

The school's special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) may evaluate a pupil who exhibits challenging behaviour to determine whether they have any underlying needs that are not currently being met.

Where necessary, support and advice will also be sought from specialist teachers, an educational psychologist, medical practitioners and/or others, to identify or support specific needs.

When acute needs are identified in a pupil, we will liaise with external agencies and plan support programmes for that child. We will work with parents/carers to create the plan and review it on a regular basis.

## **9.4 Pupils with an education, health and care (EHC) plan**

The provisions set out in the EHC plan must be secured and the school will co-operate with the local authority and other bodies.

If the school has a concern about the behaviour of a pupil with an EHC plan, it will make contact with the local authority to discuss the matter. If appropriate, the school may request an emergency review of the EHC plan.

## 10. Supporting pupils following a sanction

Following a sanction, the school will consider strategies to help the pupil to understand how to improve their behaviour and meet the expectations of the school.

- Reintegration meetings
- Daily contact with the dedicated member of staff
- A report card with personalised behaviour goals

## 11. Pupil transition

To ensure a smooth transition to the next year, pupils have transition sessions with their new teacher(s). In addition, staff members hold transition meetings.

To ensure behaviour is continually monitored and the right support is in place, information relating to pupil behaviour issues may be transferred to relevant staff at the start of the term or year.

## 12. Monitoring arrangements

### 12.1 Monitoring and evaluating behaviour

The school will collect data on the following:

- Behavioural incidents, including removal from the classroom
- Attendance, permanent exclusions and suspensions
- Use of pupil support units, off-site directions and managed moves
- Incidents of searching, screening and confiscation
- Perceptions and experiences of the school behaviour culture for staff, pupils, governors, and other stakeholders (via anonymous surveys)

The data will be analysed every half term by the behaviour lead in school in liaison with senior management team.

The data will be analysed from a variety of perspectives including:

- At school level
- By class
- By groups

The school will use the results of this analysis to make sure it is meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010. If any trends or disparities between groups of pupils are identified by this analysis, the school will review its policies to tackle them.

### 12.2. Monitoring this policy

This behaviour policy will be reviewed by the headteacher and full governing board at least annually, or more frequently, if needed, to address findings from the regular monitoring of the behaviour data (as per section 13.1). At each review, the policy will be approved by the headteacher and chair of governors.

The written statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1) will be reviewed and approved by the full governing board annually.

### **13. Links with other policies**

This behaviour policy is linked to the following policies

- Exclusions policy
- Child protection and safeguarding policy
- Physical restraint policy

#### **Appendix 1: written statement of behaviour principles**

- Every pupil understands they have the right to feel safe, valued and respected, and to be able to learn free from the disruption of others
- All pupils, staff and visitors are free from any form of discrimination
- Staff and volunteers set an excellent example to pupils at all times
- Rewards, sanctions and reasonable force are used consistently by staff, in line with the behaviour policy
- The behaviour policy is understood by pupils and staff
- The suspension and exclusion policy explains that exclusions will only be used as a last resort, and outlines the processes involved in suspensions and exclusions
- Pupils are helped to take responsibility for their actions
- Families and carers are involved in the handling of behaviour incidents to foster good relationships between the school and pupils' home life

**The governing board also emphasises that violence or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated in any circumstances.**

**This written statement of behaviour principles is reviewed and approved by the full governing board annually.**

## Appendix 2 – Prohibited item list

The list of prohibited items is:

- knives and weapons;
- alcohol;
- illegal drugs;
- stolen items;
- any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be used:
  - to commit an offence, or
  - to cause personal injury to, or damage to property of; any person (including the pupil).
- an article specified in regulations:
  - tobacco and cigarette papers;
  - fireworks; and
  - pornographic images.