



**ST. ANNE'S C.E.(VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

**'Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend'**

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We are a Church of England School and our policies are written with a commitment to our Christian Character, which is rooted in the Bible.

*Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it (Proverbs 22:6)*

**Background:**

St. Anne's Church of England Primary School is a happy community school that welcomes all children and offers a very high standard of education to all those children. As a Church of England Controlled School, Christian values are built strongly into our ethos, and we aim to develop in our pupils an understanding of our Christian values which serve to support our mission in being the 'good people' that Jesus taught us to be. Our school values are: - **respect, kindness, faith, community, perseverance** and **honesty**. At St Anne's, we are concerned with the education of the whole child, and the development of all pupils' full potential, providing a broad and balanced curriculum, and a safe, disciplined environment where the children feel secure and valued as exemplified in our motto '**Together with God, Making Learning a Life-Long Friend,**' which implies how our school community works together, recognising the relationship that we have with God.

At St Anne's Church of England Primary School, we recognise the importance of learning behaviour as an integral part of teaching and learning. We have studied the research surrounding effective behaviour in schools and in particular the research carried out by the Education Endowment Foundation 2019 'Improving Behaviour in schools'.

The Education Endowment Foundation research shows that effective behaviour focuses on three areas:

1. The first details strategies to prevent misbehaviour happening (PROACTIVE). A key theme from the recommendations is the importance of knowing individual pupils well, so that schools and teachers know which factors might affect pupil behaviour and what the school can do to address these. Focusing on developing good relationships also ensures pupils feel valued and supported, meaning they are less likely to misbehave. It is also good that many simple approaches that don't take much time or money to implement—like greeting pupils individually before a lesson—can have a really positive impact on behaviour.

2. The second focuses on how to deal with bad behaviour when it happens (REACTIVE). A key message is that schools should use personalised approaches—like daily report cards—to address 'problem pupils', rather than universal systems. It recommends that teachers are trained in specific strategies if they're dealing with pupils with high behaviour needs.
3. The third focuses on the importance of consistency and coherence when it comes to behaviour policies (IMPLEMENTATION). This means that once senior leaders have considered the rationale for putting a new behaviour strategy or approach to work, they need to spend time and care embedding it across the entire school.

Additionally, the Department for Education's advice documents 'Behaviour and Discipline in Schools' (January 2016) and 'Mental Health and Behaviour in Schools' (November 2018) summarise the statutory powers and duties for school staff and approaches they can adopt to manage behaviour in schools. They support schools in responding to additional needs and in promoting good mental wellbeing in children.

#### *Behaviour and Discipline in Schools 2016*

- *Teachers have statutory authority to discipline pupils whose behaviour is unacceptable, who break the school rules or who fail to follow a reasonable instruction (Section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006).*
- *The power also applies to all paid staff (unless the Headteacher says otherwise) with responsibility for pupils, such as teaching assistants.*
- *Teachers can discipline pupils at any time the pupil is in school or elsewhere under the charge of a teacher, including on school visits.*
- *Teachers can also discipline pupils in certain circumstances when a pupil's misbehaviour occurs outside of school.*
- *Teachers have a power to impose detention outside school hours.*
- *Teachers can confiscate pupils' property.*

#### **Aims**

At St Anne's C. E. Primary School, we aim to create an environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of great learning. Everyone in our school family is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and to encourage others to do the same. Our behaviour policy reflects our motto '**Together with God, Making Learning and Life-Long Friend**' and our Christian values; it aims to promote respectful behaviour and positive relationships between everyone in our school and fosters forgiveness and reconciliation.

Our behaviour policy aims to:

- Create a culture of exceptionally good behaviour: for learning, for community, for life.
- Ensure that all members of our school family are treated fairly, shown respect and develop positive relationships.
- Help children take control over their behaviour and be responsible for the consequences of it.

- Build a school family which values kindness to all; respect for others; belonging to our school community; honesty in all aspects of life; faith in action and perseverance.
- Promote community cohesion through positive relationships.
- Avoid giving children attention and importance for poor conduct.
- Ensure that excellent behaviour is a minimum expectation for all.

## **PROACTIVE STRATEGIES**

These are deployed at classroom level to reduce the chance of misbehaviour occurring: our school-wide focus on these strategies' should reduce efforts expended reacting to poor behaviour.

### **1. Know and understand our pupils and their influences**

Research shows that staff knowing their pupils well can have a positive impact on classroom behaviour. Communication between teachers, other staff and parents is essential and information should be sought and willingly shared. Understanding pupils better is more effective than relying on a default response. However, whilst every person's behaviour and their motivations for it are complex and unique, the age of pupils, or stage of development, can affect their behaviour in ways that are predictable.

### **2. Teach learning behaviours alongside managing behaviour**

Teachers have techniques in their repertoires to manage misbehaviour and low level disruption within the classroom. However, whilst it is impossible to eradicate all misbehaviour, it can be minimised and the general climate for learning can be improved through the 'explicit teaching of learning behaviours', reducing the need to constantly manage misbehaviour.

Learning Behaviours:

#### **EMOTIONAL**

Dealing with setbacks, self-esteem, self-worth, self-competence, inner voice, mental well-being

#### **SOCIAL**

Pupil relationships with adults and children, collaborative learning

#### **COGNITIVE**

Motivation, growth mind-set, working memory, communication

Example- Dealing with Setbacks:

- Increase engagement- encourage child to stick with a task instead of giving up, listening to concerns from child about being able to achieve, self-motivation issues or setbacks they have experienced and how they dealt with them.
- Improve access- Ensure child has appropriately levelled work which will lead to the experience of success when they stick at it: praising children for achieving and highlighting that perseverance got them through it.

- Ensure participation- Set a classroom culture where pupils are proud to say when they have found a task difficult and are not afraid to get things wrong.

### **3. Using classroom management strategies**

Effective classroom management can reduce challenging behaviour, pupil disengagement, aggression, leading to improved classroom climate, attendance and attainment.

Teachers implement universal classroom management strategies, although they do not work for all pupils all the time. Some children need a more tailored approach which may require reflection and adaptation. Staff should seek support from other staff in these circumstances.

Examples- Classroom environment and management strategies:

- Greet pupils every morning positively
- Adopt strategy that every day is a new day
- Talking/ Listening- everyone heard
- Problem solving- dealing with/ resolving issues together/ mutual problem solving/ cooperative group work
- Safe environment- have a go
- Feeling of being valued
- Participation/ Involvement
- Growth mind-set- no limits!
- Praise and encouragement
- Celebrations/ incentives/stickers/ house points/ class rewards (see whole school rewards list)
- Positive comments in books/ verbal
- Relationship check-ins
- Class responsibilities
- Clear classroom routines
- Clear class rules/ clear limits- phrased positively
- Clear support of school values and motto
- Clear guide lines for disruptive behaviours- distraction/ non-verbal cues/ positive verbal redirect/ re-engagement strategies
- Consequences- warning/ reminder of expected behaviours (See Sanctions)
- Have a 'clear-slate' strategy/ care for pupil
- Positive parent/ child/ school relationships

### **Supporting our children**

In addition to the strategies detailed above, we promote good behaviour and a warm and respectful atmosphere in school in the following ways:

- Class time, to enable children to discuss problems with each other in a calm, supportive atmosphere;
- School Council and Eco Council meetings to enable children to make suggestions and offer opinions on school improvement;
- One to one discussions with adults on behaviour and friendships;
- Circle times

- Whole school and class policies and procedures that promote Christian values and British values and the school's motto and ethos;
- Discussions, stories and role plays which promote and support our ethos as part of our whole school, and work in class;
- House Captains, Head Boy/Girl, Play Leaders provide positive role models for other children.

### **Whole school rewards- reinforcing positive behaviours**

- The whole school community is expected to 'live' the school motto and school values.
- House points are awarded by all staff and the winning house each term receives a house prize.
- Positive affirmation of good behaviour, regularly praising and identifying children (in class) and around school
- Use of our texting service to inform parents of positive behaviour/ work
- On occasions a note may be sent home by the class teacher/ Teaching Assistant acknowledging work and effort
- 'Values' awards are presented weekly in Monday's worship. These children are selected by the teacher. Special Values Awards are presented at the end of the academic year.
- Pupils are identified in a weekly Friday worship to receive a 'Star of the Week Award', chosen by the teacher, celebrating any aspect of school life- including behaviours.
- Best weekly class attendance is awarded in Friday's worship. The winning class is rewarded by their teacher e.g. Extra playtime, golden time
- Attendance awards are presented each term for children with 100% attendance and special prizes are awarded at the end of the academic year
- Pupils are awarded house points for any aspect of school life e.g. positive behaviour, values and/or good work
- Children may be sent to the head teacher or other members of staff to show their work or for excellent behaviour. The Head teacher presents rewards
- Praise is given weekly in assembly for sporting, creative and additional achievements, including out of school achievements
- Additional awards are given at the end of the school year

### **REACTIVE PROCEDURES**

When poor behaviour is identified, sanctions are implemented consistently and fairly.

Behavioural issues will on the whole be managed by the class teacher. Positive behaviour is always encouraged, modelled and rewarded. In order to maintain good behaviour in school teachers will use some of the following methods:

- A verbal or non-verbal reprimand -STEP 1
- Speak to the child about their behaviour (with reference to the school values).
- Move a child to another place in the classroom/ 'thinking chair'- STEP 2 on behaviour flow chart
- Take "time out" in another classroom/ lose break time- STEP 3
- Child may be taken to senior leader-STEP 4

- Staff may call for a senior leader to come to the classroom.

#### Methods:

- Cause a child to miss all or part of their play/lunchtime-STEP 3
- Extra work or repeating unsatisfactory work until it meets the required standard-STEP 3
- The setting of a written task as punishment e.g. letter of apology, explanation- STEP 3
- Complete a Behaviour Think Sheet- STEP 4 and STEP 5

#### Play/lunchtimes

- During playtime and lunchtime take "timeout" on a bench on the playground- STEP 3
- A member of teaching staff/ senior leader may be sent for STEP 4
- All inappropriate and unacceptable behaviour will be recorded in the class behaviour log-liaison must take place between all staff
- Good communication and information exchange must exist between teacher's/ teaching assistants and lunchtime supervisors- all incidents must be discussed and reflected upon.

If class teachers continue to be concerned, parents will be invited into school to discuss the issues- STEP 4 and STEP 5. Parents will be informed of incidents at STEP 3

Incidents of a more serious nature (e.g. violence towards staff or other children, continual name calling, intimidation or bullying, swearing, stealing and damaging property) will always be referred to the Head teacher, deputy head teacher or Senior Leader and some of the following procedures will be carried out:

- Parents will be informed either by telephone or letter, and will be invited to discuss the issues with the head teacher and class teacher, and hopefully resolve the situation.
- Complete a Behaviour Think Sheet- STEP 4 and STEP 5
- An Individual Behaviour Plan/ An individual Risk Assessment may be put in place to monitor the situation and to help improve behaviour. More informally- a behaviour improvement card or home school-book may be implemented.
- The head teacher will formally inform parents of the consequences should the situation not improve.
- The school may initiate the Special Needs Code of Practice which may involve the work of outside agencies including Behaviour Support and the Educational Welfare Officer.
- The Chair of Governors may be informed.
- The head teacher has the legal right and option to use a temporary fixed term exclusion.
- Should all of these avenues fail, the pupil may be permanently excluded, following Staffordshire County Council guidelines.

We will always endeavour to research and investigate the likely triggers or reason behind such behaviour

At St Anne's we do consider whether the behaviour under review gives cause to suspect that a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm. Where this may be the case, school staff follow the schools' safeguarding policy. They consider whether continuing disruptive

behaviour might be the result of unmet educational or other needs. At this point, school considers whether a multi-agency assessment is necessary.

### **Children with Behavioural, Mental Health or Emotional Difficulties**

If a child's behaviour regularly becomes an issue, then parents will be invited to attend a meeting with the SENDCo, or an appropriate member of SLT, in order to discuss the strategies that might be put in place at home and at school to try and support the child. This may involve writing a behaviour plan (identifying the triggers for the child's behaviour along with potential resolutions), and an individual risk assessment. In some cases, particularly where a child is having difficulty with social interactions with other children or with their self-esteem and/or mental health issues, they may be taken out of class for short sessions to work in 1:1 or group sessions with a TA or a professional from another agency. Pupils, who continuously struggle with challenging behaviour/ mental health or emotional difficulties, may be referred to outside agencies for assessment or for additional support. In this instance, parents of the pupil involved will be informed and may need to give consent for some agency involvement. Some children may require restrictive physical intervention to stop them harming themselves and others- see Restrictive Physical Intervention policy.

### **Lunchtimes**

At lunchtimes the same standards of behaviour are expected. Children are supervised by lunchtime supervisors who are accountable, firstly to their line manager and ultimately to the head teacher. Supervisors carry the same authority as the teaching staff, and children are expected to respond accordingly. Where the behaviour of a child at lunchtime causes sufficient concern, the head teacher has the right to exclude the child for this period.

- In the case of minor incidents, lunchtime supervisors record minor incidents and inform the appropriate class teacher at the end of lunchtime. The children may be placed in 'time-out on the playground' and/ or asked to complete a Behaviour Think Sheet (Appendix). The teacher will then speak to the child(ren) concerned and deal with the incident following the school behaviour policy. They will then record the information in the class behaviour log.
- Lunchtime supervisors will inform the class teacher and head teacher or other senior leader of more serious or persistent cases of inappropriate behaviour. They may call for a member of staff.

### **Detentions**

No out-of-school hours' detention will be given.

### **Exclusion (This policy should also be read with the school's Exclusion Policy)**

The head teacher will decide whether to exclude a pupil, for a fixed term or permanently, in line with the legal requirements on the use of exclusion and having regard to statutory guidance. Statutory guidance on exclusion is provided by the Department's guidance: *Exclusion from maintained schools, Academies and pupil referral units in England: A guide for those with legal responsibilities in relation to exclusion*, 2012.



Parents have the right to make representations to the governing body (or discipline committee) about an exclusion and the governing body will review the exclusion decision in certain circumstances, which includes all permanent exclusions. Where the governing body upholds a permanent exclusion parents have the right to request that an independent review panel reviews this decision.

School is under a duty to arrange suitable full-time education for an excluded pupil from the sixth school day of any fixed period exclusion of more than five school days. Local authorities are under a duty to arrange suitable full-time education from the sixth school day of a permanent exclusion.

### **Pupil conduct outside the school gates**

*Teachers have the power to discipline pupils for misbehaving outside of the school premises. "to such extent as is reasonable." (DFE 2016)*

At St Anne's, a teacher may discipline a pupil for: -

-any misbehaviour when the child is:

- taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity or
- travelling to or from school or
- wearing the school uniform or
- in some other way identifiable as a pupil at the school or

-misbehaviour (including digital misbehaviour), at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, that:

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

When dealing with pupil conduct outside school, staff will follow the rewards and sanctions in the school's behaviour policy. Where misbehaviour is online, school also will refer to its E safety policies.

### **Confiscation of inappropriate items**

There are two sets of legal provisions which enable school staff to confiscate items from pupils:

- 1) The general power to discipline enables our staff to confiscate a pupil's property as a punishment and protects them from liability for damage to, or loss of, any confiscated items. It is for the teacher to decide when to return a confiscated item.
- 2) Power to search without consent for "prohibited items" including:
  - knives and weapons
  - alcohol
  - illegal drugs
  - stolen items
  - tobacco and cigarette papers



- fireworks
- pornographic images
- any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property
- any item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for.

Weapons and knives and extreme or child pornography must always be handed over to the police.

### **Use of reasonable force**

All school staff have the power to use reasonable force to prevent pupils committing an offence, injuring themselves or others or damaging property, and to maintain good order and discipline in the classroom.

Head teachers and staff authorised by the head teacher can use such force as is reasonable when searching a pupil without consent for prohibited items except where the search is for an item banned by the school rules.

### **Educational Visits**

The school encourages all children to participate in educational visits and recognises their value. However, the school reserves the right to prevent a child from attending such a visit where it is considered that the health and safety and ultimate welfare of the child, other children, or staff is put at risk.

### **Allegations of abuse against staff**

Allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and schools will ensure we deal with allegations quickly in a fair and consistent way that provides effective protection for the child and supports the person who is the subject of the allegation. Every effort is made to maintain confidentiality and guard against unwanted publicity while an allegation is being investigated. Suspension will not be used as an automatic response when an allegation has been reported. Disciplinary action that will be taken against pupils who are found to have made malicious accusations against school staff.

### **Parents**

Parents have a clear role in making sure their child is well behaved at school. Parents are also under a legal duty to ensure that their child (aged 5-16) receives a suitable full-time education either at a school or by making other suitable arrangements.

### **Equal Opportunities**

The school expects every member of the school community to behave in a considerate way towards others. We treat all children fairly and apply this policy without prejudice in a consistent, non-judgemental way.

### **Monitoring**

Monitoring of behaviour informs the school and governors of the effectiveness of our policies. A pupil behaviour log is kept in each classroom and is used to record incidents of inappropriate behaviour. These are used to identify patterns in behaviour and highlight concerns over a longer period of time. More serious issues are brought to the head teacher. All discussions and meetings with parents are recorded on a 'Record of Discussion' form. Incidents of bullying and racism are reported termly to governors.

Appendix 1

## Behaviour Think Sheet

You have made choices that need you to 'stop and think' about.....

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

1) What was my behaviour?

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2) What were the reasons for my behaviour?

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3) How did my behaviour affect others?

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4) How could I improve my behaviour?

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5) Do I need to apologise to anyone? If so, who and why?

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# IMPROVING MY BEHAVIOUR

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1					
BREAK					
2					
LUNCH					
3					
4					
Comments					

KS2 -scores out of 5 for each session /5

KS1/EY- scores out of 5 or smiley faces



Agreed target:

Pupil \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Person with parental responsibility \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Teaching Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

## How did it go?

Child's comments:

Comments from person with parental responsibility:

Comments from staff:

## Appendix 3

## Behaviour Flow Chart





