Behaviour policy and statement of behaviour principles

Trinity CE Primary Academy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Provide a **consistent approach** to behaviour management

- **Define** what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying

- Outline **how pupils are expected to behave**

- Summarise the **roles and responsibilities** of different people in the school community with regards to behaviour management

- Outline our system of **rewards and sanctions**

2. Legislation and statutory requirements

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

- [Behaviour and discipline in schools](#)

- [Searching, screening and confiscation at school](#)

- [The Equality Act 2010](#)

- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)

- [Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school](#)

It is also based on the [special educational needs and disability (SEND) code of practice](#).

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Schedule 1 of the [Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014](#); paragraph 7 outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, paragraph 9 requires the school to have a written behaviour policy and paragraph 10 requires the school to have an anti-bullying strategy

- [DfE guidance](#) explaining that academies should publish their behaviour policy and anti-bullying strategy online

3. Definitions

At Trinity C E Primary Academy, we believe **All pupils and staff** have the right to feel happy, safe and included. Pupils and staff have the right to work in an environment without harassment, intimidation or fear.

Misbehaviour is defined as:

- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes

- Non-completion of classwork or homework

- Poor attitude

- Incorrect uniform

Serious misbehaviour is defined as:

- Repeated breaches of the school rules

- Any form of bullying

- Sexual assault, which is any unwanted sexual behaviour that causes humiliation, pain, fear or intimidation

- Vandalism

- Theft

- Fighting

- Smoking

- Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory behaviour

- Possession of any prohibited items. These are:

  o Knives or weapons

  o Alcohol

  o Illegal drugs

  o Stolen items

  o Tobacco and cigarette papers

  o Fireworks

  o Pornographic images

  o Any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil)

4. Bullying

Bullying is 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	Being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting
Physical	Hitting, kicking, pushing, taking another's belongings, any use of violence
Racial	Racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
Sexual	Explicit sexual remarks, display of sexual material, sexual gestures, unwanted physical attention, comments about sexual reputation or performance, 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 or gaming sites

Details of our school's approach to preventing and addressing bullying are set out in our anti-bullying strategy.

Aims of our Anti-bullying Policy:

- To express our belief that all pupils should be included fully in the life of the school.
- To provide a learning environment free from any threat or fear.
- To reduce and to eradicate wherever possible, instances in which pupils are made to feel frightened, excluded or unhappy.
- To respond effectively to all instances of bullying reported to us.
- To establish a means of dealing with bullying, and of providing support to pupils who have been bullied.
- To provide support for pupils who are accused of bullying, who may be experiencing problems of their own.
- To ensure that all pupils and staff are aware of the policy and that they fulfil their obligations to it.
- To meet any legal obligations which rest with the school

5. Roles and responsibilities

5.1 The Local Academy Committee

The Local Academy Committee is responsible for monitoring this behaviour policy's effectiveness and holding the headteacher to account for its implementation.

5.2 The Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for reviewing and approving this behaviour policy.

The Headteacher will ensure that the school environment encourages positive behaviour and that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour, and will monitor how staff implement this policy to ensure rewards and sanctions are applied consistently.

5.3 Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- Implementing the behaviour policy consistently

- Modelling positive behaviour

- Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular pupils

- Recording behaviour incidents (see appendix 3 for a behaviour log)

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

5.4 Parents

Parents are expected to:

- Support their child in adhering to the pupil code of conduct

- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour

- Discuss any behavioural concerns with the class teacher promptly

6. Pupil code of conduct

Pupils are expected to:

- Behave in an orderly and self-controlled way

- Show respect to members of staff and each other

- In class, make it possible for all pupils to learn

- Move quietly around the school

- Treat the school buildings and school property with respect

- Wear the correct uniform at all times

- Accept sanctions when given

- Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school

7. Rewards and sanctions

7.1 List of rewards and sanctions

Positive behaviour will be rewarded with:

- Praise
- Weekly and end of term Celebration Assemblies
- Special responsibilities/privileges

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

- A verbal reprimand
- Sending the pupil out of the class
- Expecting work to be completed at break or lunchtime
- Referring the pupil to a senior member of staff
- Letters or phone calls home to parents
- Agreeing a behaviour support plan
- A Behaviour Diary

We may use these in response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy. Pupils may be sent to isolation during lessons if they are disruptive, and they will be expected to complete the same work as they would in class. The pupil may also be expected to work within an area where a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Behaviour Support Team is working.

7.2 Off-site behaviour

Sanctions may be applied where a pupil has misbehaved off-site when representing the school, such as on a school trip or on the bus on the way to or from school.

7.3 Malicious allegations

Where a pupil makes an accusation against a member of staff and that accusation is shown to have been malicious, the Headteacher will discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

Please refer to our Safeguarding policy for more information on responding to allegations of abuse.

The Headteacher will also consider the pastoral needs of staff accused of misconduct.

8. Behaviour management

8.1 Classroom management

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

They will:

- Create and maintain a stimulating environment that encourages pupils to be engaged
- Display the pupil code of conduct or their own classroom rules
- Develop a positive relationship with pupils, which may include:
    - Greeting pupils in the morning/at the start of lessons
    - 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

8.2 Positive Care & Handling

In some circumstances, staff may use reasonable force to restrain a pupil to prevent them:

- Causing disorder
- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property

Incidents of physical restraint 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

8.3 Confiscation

Any prohibited items found in pupils' possession will be confiscated. ie. Items that are not age appropriate and deemed not to be safe. These items will not be returned to pupils.

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

Searching and screening pupils is conducted in line with the DfE's latest guidance on searching, screening and confiscation.

8.4 Pupil support

The school recognises its legal duty under the Equality Act 2010 to prevent pupils with a protected characteristic from being at a disadvantage. Consequently, our approach to challenging behaviour may be differentiated to cater to the needs of the pupil.

The school's special educational needs co-ordinator will 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 to create the plan and review it on a regular basis.

9. 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 related to pupil behaviour issues may be transferred to relevant staff at the start of the term or year. Information on behaviour issues may also be shared with new settings for those pupils transferring to other schools.

10. Training

Our staff are provided with training on managing behaviour, including appropriate use of restraint, as part of staff training and INSET.

Behaviour management will also form part of continuing professional development.

11. Monitoring arrangements

This behaviour policy will be reviewed by the Headteacher and the Local Academy Committee every 2 years. At each review, the policy will be approved by the Headteacher.

12. Links with other policies

This behaviour policy is linked to the following policies:

- Exclusion procedure – Wolverhampton City Council

- Safeguarding Policy

- Anti-Bullying Policy

- Positive Care & Handling