

RAYNHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Behaviour and Anti – Bullying Policy



BEHAVIOUR and ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Children have a right to a safe, sociable, predictable, orderly, non-threatening environment in which to work and play. Good behaviour is fostered in a variety of ways. Clear guidelines, reinforcement of positive aspects of children's behaviour and the children's own sense of self-worth will all contribute to their willingness to behave in an appropriate manner.

All adults, parents and members of the school staff have a responsibility towards the emotional and social development of all children.

We aim to:

HELP CHILDREN TO RESPECT ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT.

- 1) **Listen** to each other and be **sensitive** to each other's needs. (staff, parents and children)
- 2) **Co-operate** and learn to **take turns**.
- 3) Speak **politely** and **calmly** at all times.
- 4) Take **care** of our school by keeping it clean and tidy so that it is a welcoming place of which we can be proud.
- 5) Show **respect** for and value other children's property.
- 6) Take **pride** in and value their own and others' work.

HELP CHILDREN TO DEVELOP SELF CONTROL AND UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR BEHAVIOUR.

- 1) **Move gently and quietly** in the classroom and also in other parts of the school building.
- 2) **Manage tempers** and feelings of anger by talking to a friend or seeking the help of an adult.
- 3) Support children in the development of skills needed to deal with aggressors by **being powerful** without using violent or abusive retaliation- e.g. By teaching children to challenge 'aggressors' verbally by using language such as 'Do not do that, I don't like it' and likewise to **develop a respect for that challenge** from all children.

HELP CHILDREN TO BECOME INDEPENDENT AND ABLE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 1) **Involve** children in organisation of their own work within the classroom.
 - 2) **Involve** children in the planning and organisation of resources within the classroom.
 - 3) Ensure that children have a **clear understanding** of routines and procedures.
 - 4) Encourage children to **remind each other** of the agreed code of conduct.
e.g. You are supposed to walk on the stairs.
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STRATEGIES AND REWARDS TO SUPPORT POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR.

Use Positive Language

We will use positive reinforcement to promote and encourage good behaviour
e.g. "Thank you for walking."

Draw attention to achievements/Individual Responsibility

We will acknowledge children who are behaving well by drawing attention to their achievements. This will be done in a variety of ways depending on the age of the children. In the case of younger children, a smile or a clap might be appropriate. All children who are working well and behaving appropriately will be given plenty of praise and encouragement. Teachers send children to the Leadership Team with their work which reinforces our acknowledgement of their positive attitude to learning. Some classes have individual and table points. Some children have individual chart to support them in staying focused in class.

Whole Class responsibility/Reward

As well as individual responsibility, children are expected to take some collectively responsibility for the conduct of their class – in class, moving around the school and on external visits to museums etc. Marbles are awarded for this whole class responsibility as follows: at the end of the day teachers and children review the behaviour and achievements of the class throughout the day. 1 marble is rewarded for generally good behaviour with no or few incidents. 2 marbles for a calm, purposeful day with no incidents of inappropriate behaviour. 3 marbles for an exceptional day e.g. where class has a supply teacher and behave to the standard expected of them, a child or group supported a distressed child, or other exceptional events as determined and agreed by class. A discussion takes place to justify the allocation of 1, 2, or 3 marbles. Children are rewarded with an in-house creative activity as agreed by teacher and children. The reward must be of minimum cost.

Achievement Assemblies

We have developed some systems for acknowledging and sharing achievements. We have a weekly 'Well Done Assembly' for children throughout the school. The emphasis is always on children who have improved or sustained high standards of

learning, behaviour, and support for others. In Assembly we emphasise the words sharing, caring, and helping working together.

Sharing with parents

We feel it is important to share 'Good News' with parents so that children know that we do not only write to parents to tell them when things are going wrong. Teacher grams are available to be sent home to parents. Department leaders contact some parents each term if they need to share the good news.

STRATEGIES TO REDUCE NEGATIVE BEHAVIOUR.

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

1. The use of violence.
2. The use of abusive, racist or sexist language intended to upset someone.
3. Violent or abusive retaliation- Children will be taught to use a strong verbal message like ' Don't do it, I don't like it "and seek adult help.
4. Disruptive behaviour or negative responses to the achievement of others.
5. Bullying and the use of threat (actual or implied)
6. Uncooperative and defiant behaviour which makes it difficult for the teacher (or other adult) to carry out their duties effectively.

Violence

Any sort of violence is unacceptable at school. Children will be taught that pushing, hitting, slapping, spitting, kicking are wrong and likely to hurt someone. Staff will explain to children that it is impossible to see who started a fight and that to say he or she started it is not an acceptable excuse for the use of violence. Some children come to school having been told that if someone hits you hit them back. This completely contravenes our behaviour policy (See section Parents). Children often play fighting games or act out parts of violent TV programmes. These games often start as fun but end out of control and someone gets hurt. Children will be taught that 'play' and 'fighting' do not go together and play fighting is therefore not allowed at school.

Abusive Language

We recognise that name calling and the use of abusive language is just as hurtful to children as physical violence. Children will be taught that this is unacceptable behaviour.

Bullying

Bullying can be both verbal and physical. It leaves the victim feeling frightened, threatened and upset. It is usually more than an isolated incident but can be difficult to identify. Staff are aware that bullying can occur both in the classroom and the playground and will look for indications of bullying such as behavioural changes or unwillingness to go out into the playground. If staff notice incidents of bullying they will first comfort the victim and then refer the aggressor to the Behaviour Support leader (lunchtime) or Pastoral Officer who will investigate and refer it on to a senior member of staff, if necessary. A senior member of staff will always be informed even if incident/s successful dealt with by the Behaviour Support leader or Pastoral Officer

Bullying and violence are recorded in the Incident Book, which is kept in the Pastoral Officer's room

Time and attention will be focused on a positive dialogue with children. Many children behave badly because they want our attention or are experiencing difficulties at home or at school, therefore we will not reinforce negative behaviour by verbally reprimanding children. They are withdrawn, given time to calm down and then given the opportunity to talk, usual with the Pastoral Officer who feeds back to the class teacher and Senior Leaders Team as appropriate. The Pastoral Officer will also meet with parents to offer support and guidance. She will involve other services, if required. If the behaviour is re-occurring we put pre-emptive strategies in place.

Positive Handling

On very rare occasions, children may behave in a way which puts themselves or others in serious danger. In these instances staff may use 'reasonable force', in line with government guidelines, to protect all children. This may involve holding a child to keep his or her arms and/or legs still until she/he calms down and is safe.

Inappropriate behaviour linked to e-Safety

Children are expected to follow the rules when using the internet in school. It is our policy to have access to the web through supervised and monitored sessions to replicate their world outside of school. Children are taught how to use the internet safely both through e-safety lessons which are part of the computing curriculum, and through external training using CEOP trainers.

Children are allowed to bring their personal phones to school, however they are not allowed to use personal phones during school hours or have them in their bags, classroom or playground. Phones need to be handed into the office at the beginning of the school day and can be collected at the end of the school day. If children use their personal phones during school hours, they will be confiscated.

Inclusion Team

Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. Our staff, the SENDCO, Pastoral Officer, Learning Mentor and Senior Leaders work to ensure that all of our pupils feel valued and supported in order for them to achieve their individual goals and potential.

This approach allows the team to make reasonable adjustments where necessary to ensure all children can access the full curriculum and provide resources and activities to suit the needs of individual learners. They are given the opportunity to make use of the outdoor environment, inclusion suite or other areas in the school as needed.

Our inclusion suite provides a safe and calm environment for vulnerable children who find the lunch break difficult for a variety of reasons. The children are supervised, learning social skills, playing games, role-playing, take part in creative activities and have the opportunity to talk to an adult.

SENDCO

The role of the SENDCO is to assist with the identification of children who may have Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND), and coordinate support for these children. This involves collaborating with parents, classroom staff and external sources (e.g. an Educational Psychologist or Speech Therapist) where necessary to ensure that individual needs are met. Children's needs are regularly reviewed to ensure that provision remains effective and appropriate for each individual. The SENDCO works closely with the Learning Mentor, Pastoral Officer and Senior Leadership Team to ensure appropriate support is provided.

Learning Mentor

The role of the Learning Mentor is to help and support vulnerable children and staff working with those children. Children are identified by the SENDCO, Safeguarding Officers, Learning Mentor and class teachers. Parent's permission is sought. Children's progress is reviewed termly. The Mentor meets regularly with parents and outside agencies and attend review meetings.

The Lead Child Protection/Pastoral Officer

The Officer works closely with the Senior Leadership Team to organise support 'around the family'. Should a child or parent/carer present with distressing situations she meets with the parents, contacts and liaises with a range of agencies (e.g. doctors, hospital, social services, CAMHs) to ensure that the families receive the appropriate levels of support and advise. This enables children to be less distressed in school and enhances their access to learning. This usually has an immediate positive impact on children's behaviour in the class and the playground.

The officer, in consultation with the Leadership Team, makes referrals to Social Services and attends all CP meetings, reporting back to the team as appropriate. The Deputy Headteacher (CP) also attends all major conferences.

In class

Children are given several opportunities to settle and focus on their learning. Teachers are encouraged to speak to children calmly and quietly even when the behaviour is extremely challenging. All staff are expected to speak in a quiet manner when working with children (no shouting). The four stage system is used across the school - Verbal warning, yellow card, 2nd yellow card and red card. This whole school approach results in a calm learning environment as children can see that it is fair and applies to all – everyone has an opportunity to redeem his/herself as they have 3 opportunities to think about their behaviour and learning. When a Red card is issued the child is sent to a partner class for the day (half a day at KS1) and parents/carers are informed at the end of the day by the class teacher or Assistant Headteacher.

Children are given age appropriate work and are given a seat within the partner class. Three red cards results in a meeting with parents. Warnings are never carried forward.

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**Behaviour criteria for a verbal warning,
yellow card and red card**

A Verbal Warning	First Yellow Card	Second Yellow Card	Red Card
		 	
Talking when the teacher is talking	Being deceitful		
Interrupting / calling out	Swearing		
Distracting others when the teacher is talking	Racist / Sexist name calling		
Failure to follow instructions	Fighting		
Not listening	Spitting		
Inappropriate body language	Deliberate disobedience		
Defacing others' / school's property	Stealing		
Walking around classroom	Bullying		
Not lining up correctly			
Being late for lessons at end of playtime or lunchtime			
Taking Stickers			
Wasting task time			
Breaking class rules			

There are a small number of children across the school for which the above process has no impact on their behaviour. These children are likely to be already identified through working with the Learning Mentor, Pastoral Officer and SENDCO. A Red card does not impact as a deterrent a small number of children, and therefore has no impact on their behaviour. Additional strategies need to be put in place for these children. Please discuss with AHTs, Pastoral Officer or appropriate Deputy Headteachers how to meet the needs of this small number of individuals.

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 of procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse against staff for more information on responding to allegations of abuse.

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

LUNCH TIME SUPERVISION

Senior Leaders and Teaching Assistants are responsible for the children during the lunch break along with the Learning Mentor who is also on lunch duty each day to support children with concerns about behaviour during lunchtimes. The Pastoral Officer and SENDCO are available in the Inclusion Suite to support children with wellbeing and social issues. The same code of conduct applies during the lunch break as at any other time. A Child may be excluded from school during the lunch break (very rarely) and these needs to be reported as fixed term exclusion. Children are expected to show respect to all staff at playtimes and dinner times. The Senior Member of staff on duty on the day will record incidences of unacceptable behaviour and these will be followed up immediately.

Lunch time can be a very difficult time for some children. As already stated we will inform parents if a child's behaviour is unacceptable. Children may be taken out of the playground for a time and work with the Pastoral Officer on activities at lunchtime if the behaviour persists. A child may be excluded from school during the lunch break. Parents will be informed in writing if there is a possibility that their child will be excluded from school during the lunch break. This is a very rare event. Very often at this stage if parents and staff work together the exclusion will not be necessary. Parents will be given written notice about lunchtime exclusion and the exclusion will be for one week in the first instance.

EXCLUSIONS

FIXED TERM EXCLUSION

In extreme circumstances a decision may be made to exclude a child from school. Fixed term exclusion will be for no more than five days. The Head Teacher would inform the parents of the exclusion and their right to make representations to the Governing Body. If parents are concerned about the outcomes of their representation to the Governing Body, there is recourse to an Ombudsman. All information and meetings will be recorded and stored on Scholarpack.

Parents of an excluded child will be asked to attend a meeting **before** the child returns to school. All parties will need to agree on a plan of action which will help the child to deal with his/ her behavioural difficulties. The plan of action will be recorded and a date will be set for a review meeting. Other professionals will be invited to the meeting if appropriate. (Social Worker, Educational Psychologist)

PERMANENT EXCLUSION

The Head Teacher can exclude a child from school permanently if in her judgement **the pupils return to school would seriously prejudice the education of other pupils or would place the safety of the pupils and / or staff at risk.**

As in the case of fixed term exclusion the parents will be informed in writing and advised of their right to make representations to the Governing Body and the Ombudsman.

A meeting will be held to discuss the exclusion. The Head Teacher will write a report which clearly states the reason for the exclusion and the events which led up to the exclusion. The following people will attend the meeting; the Head Teacher, the child's parents, an officer representative of the LEA and three governors. The governors will have been identified as governors who are prepared to be an Exclusion Panel. The child is also invited, although this is not usually appropriate at Primary School level.

The Head Teacher's report is sent to all members of the panel as well as to the parents and LEA. The meeting is formal in nature and a minute will be taken of the decision reached and the reason for the decision. If the governors and the LEA agree to the exclusion the parents have the right to appeal. The parents have fourteen days in which to lodge an appeal with the Borough Secretary and Solicitor. The appeal is heard by an independent panel and their decision is binding. Has this changed

Supporting Wellbeing Emotional Resilience and Readiness Learning (SWERRL)

Any form of exclusion is extremely rare, thanks to the partnership between the school, and other agencies; in particular the SWERRL, who is extremely supportive and offer a range of strategies and hands-on support.

GUIDELINES FOR STAFF.

STAGE 1

- Attempt to modify behaviour by using positive strategies listed.
- Use sanctions as listed. Colleagues support each other
- Try to communicate with the parents on an informal basis.
- If behaviour does not improve go to stage 2.

STAGE 2

- Discuss child with Deputy Headteachers, Assistant Headteacher (AHT) for your phase or Pastoral Officer. A Senior Leader will contact parents and invite them to a meeting.
- Meeting to discuss issues that may be impacting on a child's experiences/behaviour.
- Fill in **Record of Concern and upload to Scholarpack**. Arrange to meet the parents in one month's time (or less)
- It might be appropriate at this time to start a WEEKLY RECORD OF BEHAVIOUR and a GOOD BEHAVIOUR REWARD CHART

- Pastoral Officer or AHT to inform relevant Deputy Headteacher of outcomes of meetings
- If behaviour does not improve go to stage 3

STAGE 3

- To be used if all other methods have been tried **or** if there has been a **very serious** incident of inappropriate behaviour.
- Pastoral Officer or AHT to inform Headteacher or Deputy Headteachers of persistence of challenging behaviours.
- Phone call, followed by a letter to be written to the parents asking them to attend a meeting as soon as possible.
- It may be appropriate at this stage to start a DAILY RECORD OF BEHAVIOUR. The Daily Record identifies times, patterns of behaviours (positive and negative) so that a more detailed analysis can be made of possible triggers.
- Child may be placed on High Profile programme and SWERRL involved for guidance/ additional strategies.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We feel that it is very important to work closely with parents. Parents are invited into school to, concerts and other special occasions to share their children's achievements. Parents are encouraged to take part in the reading partnership by writing regularly in the Home/ School notebook. Some parents help in the classroom.

We hold 'Parent Consultation' days. Sometimes staff or parents may need to meet at other times and we urge parents and staff to contact each other if there are any concerns. The best time for staff and parents to meet is at the end of the school day; however, it is necessary to make an appointment as staff sometimes have to attend meetings at 3.30 pm. Parents and staff are encouraged to communicate in writing rather than by telephone and if arrangements have been made on the telephone they should be followed up with a written confirmation. If a teacher would like to talk to a parent he/ she will ask the office to arrange the meeting.

We recognise that we need to be consistent with children. Children need to know that we are being 'fair'. However it is also important to recognise that there could be extenuating circumstances that affect a child's behaviour; e.g. a death in the family, separation of parents, a child witnessing an act of violence, a child subject to some form of abuse. Parents/ carers are urged to inform the Head Teacher if they know of anything which may be having a detrimental effect on a child's behaviour. This information will be treated as private and confidential. The Pastoral Officer will contact the family to offer support

We need parent's full co-operation if our behaviour policy is to be effective
It is essential that parents support us in the '**No hitting back policy**'.

Parents and carers have a very strong influence on children. Should an incident occur in school parents are encouraged to come to the office and not approach the other child or parent directly, either in the playground or visiting them at home.

In a busy school misunderstandings do sometimes occur. If a parent or carer is unhappy about anything that has happened on the school premises they are asked to speak to the Headteacher or if she is not available to one of the Deputy Headteachers, a senior member of staff or Pastoral Officer.

If a child continues to be a cause for concern after informal consultations have taken place, parents will be invited to a meeting where a 'Record of Concern' will be completed. At this stage it is essential that we have parents' full cooperation and that they attend **all** the meetings.

In certain circumstances where a child has been involved in a serious incident of inappropriate behaviour the Head Teacher will contact the parents immediately and ask them to come to the school to discuss the matter with her. If possible, the child will be involved in the discussions.

If a child's behaviour is not modified and continues to be unacceptable the ultimate sanction will be to exclude them from school.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL.

The first method of communication between home and school should always be informal. The parent or teacher may request a meeting.

Letter to Parents.

A letter will be sent to parents if a child has been involved in unacceptable behaviour. However, parents respond well to a phone call and request for a face-to-face meeting.

Weekly Report

This method will be used if initial communication between home and school has failed to lead to an improvement in behaviour or the behaviour of a child has suddenly deteriorated

A meeting will be called between the class teacher, Deputy Headteacher, Pastoral Officer and/or Headteacher and the parent and the special needs co-ordinator will be informed. The child's difficulties will be discussed at the meeting and the child will be involved if possible. 'The Record of Concern' will be completed.

The child will be asked to see the Pastoral Officer or Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher at the end of the week to continue to monitor the child's behaviour.

GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

Explain to children that our rules are made in order to **protect** children and make school a safe and happy environment.

Use praise and positive language when speaking to your child.

Please support us in our 'No Hitting Back Policy'

Don't send children to school **too early** in the morning. They should not be in the playground before 8.30 am. Three members of staff are in the playground from 8.30. If you need your child to come to school earlier, please talk to the admin staff about them attending breakfast club.

Check that your child does not have sweets or money or toys in his/ her pockets.

Tell a member of staff if your child is experiencing any problems at school.

Never take matters into your own hands. If you feel that something serious has happened in school please ask to speak to the Head Teacher, Deputy Headteachers, AHT for your child's year group or Pastoral Officer.

Attend all meetings and keep all appointments which are made for you to discuss your child.

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

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