

Wye Forest Federation

Redbrook Church of England Primary School

St Briavels Parochial Church of England Primary School



Behaviour Policy

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1. Vision

Love, Learn, Live

Love is at the centre of our federation with the importance of developing the whole child at the heart of all we do.

As a nurturing, inclusive community we enable and engage all to grow, flourish and succeed; discovering a love for one another, for learning and for life.

We seek to inspire ambition, courage and respect to give our children the skills they will need to live in a diverse and ever- changing world now and in the future.

1.1 Rationale

As a church federation, our Christian visions are at the heart of every aspect of school life. This is particularly embodied in our approach to promoting positive behaviour. At the Wye Forest Federation we see that good behaviour is vital to productive learning and the quality of life for everyone in our schools. This policy outlines the underlying philosophy, purpose, nature, organisation and management of pupil behaviour. It is a working document designed to enhance the development of positive relationships between children, adults working in school, parents, governors and other members of the wider school community.

1.2 The aims of the behaviour policy are:

- To foster a positive, caring, warm environment in which all children flourish and succeed in all areas of school life.
- To develop positive relationships between all children and adults based on mutual respect, and to create support between home and school.

- To raise awareness of desired standards of behaviour by highlighting and rewarding examples of good behaviour.
- To foster a caring, kind and calm environment in which each person responds sensitively to the needs of others.
- To allow all children to gain a 'lived' understanding of how our Christian vision feeds into positive, purposeful lives i.e by taking responsibility for learning and behaviour, being compassionate to others who may struggle or find themselves in difficult situations.
- To act as guidelines for all present and future members of teaching and non-teaching staff, parents and pupils, by setting out what we mean by good behaviour; and how we discourage inappropriate behaviour.

2. Legislation, statutory requirements and statutory guidance

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

- › · Education Act 1996
- › · Education Act 2002
- › · Education and Inspections Act 2006
- › · Health Act 2006
- › · The School Information (England) Regulations 2008
- › · Equality Act 2010
- › · Voyeurism (Offences) Act 2019
- › · DfE (2013) 'Use of reasonable force'
- › · DfE (2015) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'
- › · DfE (2018) 'Mental health and behaviour in schools'
- › · DfE (2022) 'Behaviour in schools: Advice for headteachers and school staff'
- › · DfE (2023) 'Keeping children safe in education 2023'
- › · DfE (2022) 'Searching, Screening and Confiscation: Advice for schools'
- › · DfE (2023) 'Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement'

It is also based on the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#).

3. The Benefits of Good Social and Learning Behaviours

We believe that when staff, pupils and parents value good social and learning behaviours, it enables the following to take place:

Children:

- Learn what good behaviour means
- Learn to care for one another

- Learn the value of friendship
- Develop self confidence
- Do as well as possible in their schoolwork

Staff:

- Teach effectively within a positive atmosphere
- Meet the needs of all pupils
- Make positive contacts with all parents
- Develop personally and professionally

Parents:

- Feel confident that their children are growing personally, socially and academically
- Know their children will receive support when they need it
- Feel welcome in school to discuss their children's progress in a positive atmosphere

3.1 What we mean by good behaviour

After discussion, we have agreed that good behaviour means that everyone in school is:

- Respectful, polite and friendly
- Safe, careful and kind
- Ready to work hard
- Helpful to others (inclusive)
- Encouraging and courageous

This behaviour is encouraged in every area of school activity and pupils are helped to recognise examples of good behaviour at all times.

If, however, any child finds these general aims difficult to understand, as many young children do, we will help them by making our expectations clearer, more specific and more suited to their individual needs. As a federation we will not tolerate violence or abusive behaviour towards any pupil or member of staff.

Our school rules relate at all times to our schools' expectations of behaviour. These central principles are displayed around school and should be referred to at all times in the school day.

We have summarised all of this into a code of behaviour. By following this code, we keep our schools happy and caring places to work and learn.



The Wye Forest Federation Behaviour Code



At St Briavels these are the ways we demonstrate our learning and social behaviours.



The Wye Forest Federation Behaviour Code



At Redbrook these are the ways we demonstrate our learning and social behaviours.

3.2 How We Encourage Good Social and Learning Behaviour

Everyone at the WFF has agreed to:

- Recognise and highlight good behaviour as it occurs
- Ensure that all children are behaving well
- Ensure that any criticism is constructive and focussed on the behaviour we wish to see
- Explain and demonstrate the behaviour we wish to see
- Encourage children to be responsible for their own behaviour
- Let parents know about their children's good behaviour
- Reward individual children and groups of children for behaving well

3.3 Rewards

We would much rather reward positive behaviour than punish negative behaviour.

Strategies we will use include:

- **Headteacher Certificates** – Each week in celebration worship, children from each class are awarded Headteacher certificates linked to our termly worship theme which celebrate learning or social achievements.
- **External achievements** are celebrated each week during Celebration Worship. Pupils are encouraged to bring into school any certificates they have been awarded externally. They may, if they wish, have these presented during celebration worship.
- **Verbal praise and positive comments** about children's behaviour will be given readily. Class and supply teachers, TAs and MDSs are all encouraged to praise good behaviour and to give stamps and stickers as they feel appropriate.
- **Class Strategies** – Marbles in a jar – a collective reward system that is built up by collecting marbles in a jar for 'good behaviour'. Once the jar is full, the class can choose a collective reward. This will take place on a Friday afternoon.

The Executive Headteacher is there to help and support staff. She is only too happy to see children if staff feel they are worthy of praise. Staff should not hesitate to send for her or send a child to her office if they feel behaviour warrants SLT intervention.

4. Stopping Inappropriate Behaviour and Sanctions

Occasionally children may forget our aims for good behaviour and be inconsiderate towards others. We try to prevent this happening by:

- Reminding pupils of the federation's Code of Behaviour.
- Acknowledging good behaviour as it occurs.

Sometimes this may not be enough. We will intervene as soon as possible and to avoid confrontation, listen, establish the facts, judge only when certain and use punishments sparingly. We believe that removal of privileges is one of the most effective strategies.

The emphasis is on making children aware of why their behaviour has been inappropriate, its effect on others and to give children the chance to make amends. We emphasise that it is the behaviour that is unacceptable, not the child.

Classroom problems should be dealt with, wherever possible, within the classroom. If work is not acceptable it must be repeated; if time is wasted it must be made up out of breaks and if equipment is deliberately damaged, parents must be involved and where appropriate invited to replace it. Quiet, personal, explicit reprimands are preferred to general condemnation of whole groups.

We aim to discourage inappropriate or anti-social behaviour by:

- Discussion with individuals or groups in relation to problem situations.
- Moving the pupil within the class
- Separating the child from the class – by sending him/her to another class with work to be completed.
- Referring to a 'safe adult' or Headteacher – this may support with enabling the child to calm down or to have another perspective on the matter
- Removing privileges, for example playtime
- In heated or difficult situations, giving children some quiet time to calm down and then to talk through the problem with them
- Teachers contacting parents to discuss ways of helping the child to improve his/her behaviour
- Devising a 'positive behaviour plan' which will help the child to learn appropriate social behaviour in school. (This will always be done in conjunction with the Head/ SENCO, the child and the parents). The plan will then be reviewed and adapted as appropriate.

If a child displays continuous disruptive behaviour, we will work with parents to seek further help from local agencies, such as the child's GP, GFAPS, to assess the needs of the child.

If behaviour is constantly unacceptable, the Headteacher will warn parents in person where possible or in writing if not, of the possibility of exclusion. Further misconduct will result in fixed term exclusion. For any Exclusion the LA and DFE guidance will be followed.

These sanctions will only be used as a last resort before consideration of temporary or permanent exclusion.

4.1 Responding to off-site inappropriate behaviour

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).

4.2 Inappropriate behaviour Online

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.

4.3 Monitoring Inappropriate Behaviour and Sanctions

Staff will maintain a log on our safeguarding software CPOMs to track common disruptions and more serious incidents. This is for tracking purposes and internal use only.

Through internal monitoring we will identify any children with consistent negative behaviour and concerns will be assessed. We will speak to parents if such a pattern emerges. We will endeavour to understand any potential reasons for the behaviour such as an undiagnosed learning, communication or mental health need. If we feel children would benefit a multi-agency approach may be employed. However, the focus will remain on early identification and intervention.

Findings linked to this are reported to the Governing Board through the Executive Headteacher's written report.

4.4 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 on CPOMS and reported to parents

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.

4.5 Searches and Confiscation

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) is forbidden in school.

These include but are not limited to:

- Knives
- Drugs – including medicines that are not reported to the office or part of a child’s health care plan.
- Tobacco products including those linked to vaping
- Inappropriate images

Any such item found in a pupil’s possession as a result of a search will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to the pupil and parents will be contacted.

Searching a pupil

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 for which a search can be made.

Searches will only be carried out by a member of staff who has been authorised to do so by the executive headteacher, or by the executive headteacher themselves and there will always be another member of staff present as a witness to the search.

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 and remove your scarf”
- Explain how and where the search will be carried out
- Give the pupil the opportunity to ask questions
- Seek the pupil’s co-operation and consent

If the pupil refuses to agree to a search, the member of staff will contact the child’s parents immediately and ask them to attend school.

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

Outer clothing includes:

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

The authorised member of staff’s power to search outlined above does not enable them to conduct a strip search (removing more than the outer clothing) and strip searches on school premises shall only be carried out by police officers in accordance with the [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(PACE\) Code C](#).

Searching pupils’ possessions

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

- Trays
- 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.

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
- If they believe that a search has revealed a safeguarding risk

All searches for prohibited items including incidents where no items were found, will be recorded in the school’s safeguarding system CPOMS.

Informing parents

Parents will always be informed of any search for a prohibited item. A member of staff will tell the parents 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

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

4.6 Bullying, including cyber-bullying, prejudice based and discriminatory bullying

We will not tolerate bullying in any form. With young children there must be a distinction between bullying and boisterous play. Boisterous play usually disappears, as children mature, become more self-controlled and learn social skills of negotiation and compromise. If bullying behaviour happens it will be treated seriously and the problem addressed as soon as possible. Parents of all children involved will be contacted in these circumstances.

For the purpose of this policy, “bullying” is defined as persistent behaviour by an individual or group with the intention of verbally, physically, or emotionally harming another person or group. Bullying is generally characterised by:

- **Repetition:** Incidents are not one-offs; they are frequent and happen over a period of time.
- **Intent:** The perpetrator(s) means to cause verbal, physical or emotional harm; it is not accidental.
- **Targeting:** Bullying is generally targeted at a specific individual or group.
- **Power imbalance:** Whether real or perceived, bullying is generally based on unequal power relations.

Protected characteristics under current (2019) hate crime legislation are named: disability; race; religion or belief; sexual orientation; and transgender identity. Gloucestershire also includes: age; gender (sex); and alternative subcultures, eg homeless.

Bullying can be:

Emotional	Being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting (e.g. hiding books, threatening gestures)
Physical	Pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any use of violence
Sexual	Unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments
Racist	Racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
Homophobic	Because of, or focussing on the issue of sexuality
Verbal	Name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing

Cyber All areas of internet, such as email & internet chat room misuse Mobile threats by text messaging & calls. Misuse of associated technology, i.e. camera & video facilities

Incidents involving bullying behaviour will be dealt with promptly, reported to senior staff, on CPOMS and to parents. Children are encouraged to tell immediately of any incidence of bullying or intimidation. The action taken will depend upon the severity and the frequency of the incidents. Children are encouraged to report bullying in any form with children throughout the school being given strategies to help. They must tell the 'bully' that they do not like what they are doing and say 'Stop it' in a loud voice. They must try ignoring it. If this fails, they must ask for help.

In very rare cases it may be necessary to exclude a pupil. Exclusion, either at lunchtime or for the whole school day, will only be considered after a serious act of aggression or misbehaviour and only after all other possible avenues have been explored. A warning letter will usually be given to parents first. Very careful arrangements will be made to ensure that any child returning to school after exclusion is helped to behave appropriately. – *see Anti Bullying and Hate Policy.*

4.7 Federation Commitments to prevent bullying:

The Wye Forest Federation Schools will:

- i. Ensure the Wye Forest Federation Curriculum enables all children to learn about all aspects of bullying, appropriate to their age and stage.
- ii. Organise the Federation community in order to minimise opportunities for bullying and hate incidents, e.g. provide increased supervision at play times.
- iii. Use any opportunity to discuss aspects of bullying and hate incidents, and the appropriate way to behave towards each other, e.g. in Collective Worship.
- iv. Encourage pupils to discuss how they get on with other people and to form positive attitudes towards other people. This includes a review of what friendship really is.
- v. Encourage pupils to treat everyone with respect.
- vi. Not use teaching materials or equipment which gives a bad or negative view of any group because of their ethnic origin, sex, etc.
- vii. Treat bullying and hate incidents as serious offences and take every possible action to eradicate it.
- viii. Work alongside other agencies concerned with the wellbeing and welfare of children, such as the NSPCC.

4.8 Racism, Hatred and Child on Child Abuse

We will not tolerate any form of racism or behaviours motivated by hatred, extremism or peer on peer abuse at our school. Any incident will be treated seriously and the action taken will depend upon the child's understanding of what they have said or done, depending on the circumstances this could include exclusion. All incidents of racism or behaviours

motivated by hatred, extremism or child on child abuse will be reported to senior staff, on CPOMs and to parents.

4.9 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 federation (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 federation 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.

5. Suspension and permanent exclusions

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.

6. Responding to Pupils with SEND

The Wye Forest Federation recognises that vulnerable pupils may require an approach that stands outside of this policy. Where we feel that an incident of behaviour is connected to a pupils SEND we will treat it with sensitivity and with careful consideration of the legal duties.

These include, taking reasonable steps to avoid causing any substantial disadvantage to a disabled pupil 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).

If a pupil has an education, health and care (EHC) plan, the provisions set out in that plan will be secured.

The federation follows the graduated pathway of SEND support. Through this pathway we ensure that children, their families, the school and professional services work together to predict behaviour triggers and to put in place personalised measures to enable SEND pupils to understand and follow our behaviour code. All children within our SEND register have a personalised plan that identifies how we plan to meet their needs and those pupils identified as vulnerable have a profile to assist adults in making appropriate adaptations.

7. Parental Involvement

We like to work in a very close partnership with parents and we will, wherever possible, encourage positive parental involvement. With their support and understanding we will seek to encourage consistency and high standards of behaviour at home and at school.

We will always contact parents when:

- a pattern of disruptive behaviour has been identified by the class teacher
- a child is at risk of exclusion due to disruptive or inappropriate behaviour
- out of school behaviour is unacceptable, including where inappropriate online behaviour has been identified
- reasonable force has had to be used
- a search has been undertaken
- a child refuses a search to be undertaken
- bullying has been identified
- racism, hatred or child on child abuse has been identified
- a child makes an allegation against a member of staff

We will offer support to parents as far as possible when an individual child is causing concern and parents can contact the school to discuss their child's behaviour – they should not feel that they must wait until the school contacts them.

Parents can help by:

- Encouraging children to realise the importance of the school and taking an interest in their work and behaviour and meeting teachers regularly, so that they know how their child is progressing.
- Assisting with activities where appropriate.
- Positively endorsing our aims, especially the Christian vision and the Code of Behaviour and talking about this with their children to help maintain high standards of behaviour at school and at home.
- Discussing any problems promptly with school (with the class teacher in the first instance).
- Supporting the efforts of their children when they receive rewards. If parents add their praise and rewards to those of the school, the effect will be even stronger.

8. Implementation

In order to best ensure the success of this policy the following implementation plan has been drawn up:

- All new staff will have this policy communicated to them and particular attention drawn to this implementation plan.
- All staff are provided with regular training on managing behaviour, including the needs of pupils at the school, the proper use of restraint, how SEND and mental health needs impact behaviour. Behaviour management can also form part of CPD.
- During the first week of every term, pupils will be reminded of the school's expectations and how this impacts on the Code of Behaviour in their classroom.
- The Christian Vision and Code of Behaviour are to be prominently displayed on classroom walls.
- Specific and separate attention must be drawn to the statement on bullying in an appropriate way.
- The Christian Vision and Code of Behaviour or elements of it should be included in the curriculum where relevant.
- The section on monitoring and review procedures must be adhered to.

9. Summary of Responsibilities

The WFF Governing Board responsibilities are:

- 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

The Executive Headteacher's responsibilities are:

- Reviewing this policy in conjunction with the WFF Governing Board
- Giving due consideration to the federation's statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1)
- Approving this policy
- Ensuring that the school environments encourage 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 13.1)

Staff responsibilities are:

- To treat all children fairly and with respect.
- To raise children's self-esteem and develop their full potential.
- To provide a challenging, interesting and relevant curriculum.
- To create a safe and pleasant environment, physically and emotionally.
- To use rules and sanctions clearly and consistently.
- To be a good role model.
- To form a good relationship with parents so that all children can see that the key adults in their lives share a common aim.
- To recognise that each child is an individual and to be aware of their individual needs.
- To offer a framework for social education.
- To develop learning behaviours in all children.
- To inform senior staff of behaviour that causes particular concern.
- To report behaviour incidences on CPOMs promptly and any follow up work that has been undertaken.
- To inform parents when a behaviour incident has occurred - this will always happen when an incident is reported to senior staff and recorded on CPOMs.

Children's responsibilities are:

- To work to the best of their abilities and allow others to do the same.
- To treat other people with respect.
- To listen to and act upon the instructions of the school staff.
- To take care of property and the environment in and out of school.

- To co-operate with other children and adults.

Parents' responsibilities are:

- To make children aware of appropriate behaviour in all situations including outside of school.
- To encourage independence and self-discipline
- To show an interest in all that their child does in school.
- To foster good relationships with the school.
- To support the school in the implementation of this policy.
- To be aware of the school rules and expectations.
- To offer a framework for social education.

10. Monitoring and Review Procedures

To ensure the relevance and success of this policy it is imperative that regular reviews take place as follows:

1. At the start of the year check that the Christian Visions and the Code of Behaviour has been explained to all the pupils.
2. Review the pupils' actual behaviour via staff discussion and pupil feedback.
3. At morning meetings there is always an agenda item for pastoral issues. This includes any incidence to do with unacceptable behaviour.
4. Review the whole policy every year. This Policy should be read in conjunction with the school's Safeguarding Policy, Anti-Bullying and Hate, SEND, First Aid, Health and Safety and RSE Policies

11. Links to other policies

- Anti-bullying and Hate Policy
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy
- Complaints Procedures Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy
- Suspension and Exclusion Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Drug and Alcohol 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 exclusions 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 are involved in 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.