

Green Meadow Primary School Behaviour Policy



Rights Respecting Schools' Article/s

A29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

Behaviour Policy

At Green Meadow Primary School, we acknowledge children's behaviour is central to the learning process and is an intrinsic element of our education. **As a school we recognise the importance of having clearly stated values and shared beliefs among all staff which underpin expected standards of behaviour and quality of relationships. This is promoted through our school rules and our school values.** All classrooms have their own class charters which are used to reinforce the school ethos.

We recognise the relationship between low levels of emotional literacy and poor behaviour. We therefore strongly believe in promoting self-esteem, self-discipline and a responsibility to others. The behavioural environment is key, and we are constantly working to improve the context in which our children learn. We seek to develop emotional intelligence as a key to helping our children become socially and educationally successful. Fundamental to our school's ethos is our commitment to supporting children to make the right choices and to encourage children to express their emotions appropriately. Without this crucial work, we believe that where poor behaviour is a barrier to learning, outcomes for our children will be of no lasting significance.

Links with other policies

The behaviour policy is linked with the following policies:

- * Anti-Bullying policy;
- * Exclusions policy;
- * Safeguarding policy;
- * Social media policy;
- * Single equalities policy;
- * SEN policy.

What the law says

The Head of School must set out measures in the behaviour policy which establish the standard of behaviour expected of pupils. These standards aim to:

- Promote good behaviour, self-discipline and respect
- Prevent bullying
- Ensure that pupils complete assigned learning

The Head Teacher is responsible for determining the school standards of behaviour and any discipline or sanctions when standards are not met. The behaviour policy is made available to view on the school website and parents are signposted to this when it is reviewed annually.

Teaching staff are permitted to confiscate, retain or dispose of a pupils' property as a consequence as long as it is reasonable in the circumstances. Pupils should not bring into school any items that can be a distraction to learning.

Senior Leaders in the school are permitted to search without consent if staff believe a child is in possession of a prohibited item and the child is refusing to comply. Examples of prohibited items are:

- knives and weapons;
- stolen items;
- alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs;
- fireworks;
- any article that has been or is likely to commit an offence. Cause personal injury or damage to property;
- any item banned by the school's rules.

Where a person is searching without consent, two adults will be present. Parents will be informed. Police will be informed where the item confiscated causes an offence.

Use of reasonable force

Some staff at Green Meadow Primary School have undertaken Team Teach training in order to have the option to employ positive handling strategies safely when needed. Reasonable force may be used to prevent pupils committing an offence, injuring themselves or others, or damaging school property.

This is very much a last resort and is only used once all other de-escalation techniques have been exhausted or when there is an immediate risk to a person or property, or they are causing significant disorder.

A record of all positive handling is completed by the staff member involved and kept by the Head of School.

Guiding Principles

This policy acknowledges the school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010, in particular with regard to safeguarding and in respect of pupils with SEN.

The following key aspects of school practice are taken into consideration in order to contribute to improving the quality of behaviour:

- a consistent approach to behaviour management;
- strong school leadership;
- classroom management;
- rewards and sanctions;
- behaviour strategies and the teaching of good behaviour;
- staff development and support;

- pupil support systems;
- liaison with parents and other agencies;
- managing pupil transition;
- organisation and facilities.

The Green Meadow Rules

Our school rules are clear and simple and can be applied to all behaviour. The rules focus on three words:

- Ready
- Respectful
- Safe

Our aim is to promote positive attitudes, respect and ownership of behaviour.

Staff use the rules to highlight the behaviour they want to see around school. We ask children, “Are you ready, are you being respectful, are you being safe?” Expectations are reinforced through assemblies and across the curriculum, in the way staff interact around school and the way they talk to pupils. There is a high a standard of behaviour expected of all pupils at all times.

All staff are expected to:

- treat children with respect;
- build positive relationships with children;
- use proximity praise;
- share the reasons why behaviour is positive and why it is negative;
- use public praise;
- use private sanction;
- use language associated with behaviour carefully, e.g. refer to reminders not warnings;
- relate all discussions about positive or negative behaviour choices to the three Green Meadow rules, Ready, Respectful, Safe;
- use positive body language;
- use positive language.

Recognition for positive behaviour choices

Each class uses a recognition board to focus on one goal for the day; for example, ‘quiet voices’; ‘putting hands up’; ‘listening and responding’. When the teacher sees the child displaying the desired behaviour, they move the child’s name card onto the board. The aim and expectation is that each child’s name will be displayed on the board by the end of the day. Once earned, the child’s name should not be removed during this day.

Good behaviour in school is rewarded by gold House Point tokens. Children are given a house at the start of each academic year and house points are awarded in class and around school for high standards of behaviour and attitude to learning. The house with the most points at the end of each half term receives an afternoon reward. In KS1 there are additional behaviour rewards in place including stickers.

Hot Chocolate Friday is used when children go consistently 'above and beyond' in their attitude and behaviour. Children can receive a Hot Chocolate Friday nomination from an adult which then goes into the Hot Chocolate Friday box. Each Friday eight names are pulled out at random to join the Hot Chocolate Friday group hosted by the Head Teacher or another member of the senior leadership team.

Mid-day supervisors are encouraged to award stickers and have red house point tokens to give out when they see children supporting the Green Meadow rules. Red tokens are awarded during unstructured times (playtime and lunch time). These are worth 2 points each.

Staff also agree a half-termly whole school focus on desirable behaviours to recognise around school, e.g. walking around school in silence, holding doors open for other, polite table manners. This is shared with pupils in the whole school assembly at the start of each half term. Purple tokens (worth 2 points each) are awarded in recognition for pupils displaying these behaviours.

If children demonstrate exceptional behaviour in class reward postcards are completed and handed to the office who will post them to the child's home address.

Managing poor behaviour choices

While sanctions are used, we recognise behaviour management is best promoted by positive behaviour reinforcement. We work carefully with a child experiencing difficulty, investing in their individual needs to find a solution.

Staff are encouraged to use scripts for dealing with behaviour incidents. These scripts are set out in the Paul Dix book, "When adults change, everything changes". The aim of the scripts is to reduce the time given over to discussions about behaviour and also to ensure responses are consistent across the school. Whole class reminders about behaviour are appropriate.

Blue cards are used as a system of recording behaviour. Please see the appendix-Behaviour Procedures Flow Chart.

Lunch time clubs operate to support identified children to manage their unstructured time during the lunch hour where they are supervised and supported by staff with the aim of re-integrating them back into playtimes with their peers.

Where learning is missed in class, as a result of poor choices, work can be sent home by teachers with a covering letter, also known as an 'Imposition Letter'.

Missing a curriculum Subject such as art, PE or Forest School due to poor behaviour choices is not permitted, unless there is an identified safety risk.

Where children complete a lunch time sanction reasonable time will be given for the child to eat, drink and use the toilet. See appendix, Behaviour Procedures Flow Chart for further details of length time children may be kept in.

Where a child fails to follow the behaviour standards, teachers are responsible for implementing consistent and proportionate sanctions (see appendix for examples of

sanctions used at Green Meadow Primary School). These sanctions should be implemented under the following conditions:

- Decided by a paid member of school staff or a member of staff authorised by the Head of School;
- Made on school premises or while the child is under the charge of a member of staff;
- Ensure that the child continues to access their rights and is in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

In a more extreme case, the school may use fixed term or permanent exclusion. This is only used once all other channels and strategies have been exhausted.

The SEAL Room

The SEAL room is used as an early intervention for children needing support with their behaviour choices. SEAL stands for Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning. Rather than acting as a reactive measure where children are sent to time out, the SEAL room is used to 'get in front' of behaviour, supporting each child to make good choices in their day. The SEAL room is not used as a sanction for poor behaviour choices. The SEAL room holds intervention groups for children and also supports parents with managing behaviour at home.

The SEAL room is used to help pupils to have a quiet space to re-engage with learning. However, the SEAL room at Green Meadow Primary School can be used in extreme cases for a child in crisis to be placed in an area away from other pupils for a limited period. Reasons for a child going to the SEAL room in this circumstance will be to prevent pupils committing an offence, injuring themselves or others, or damaging school property.

If a child in crisis is using the SEAL room, two adults will be present and where it is safe to do so, one will be with the child in the room, employing de-escalation techniques to calm the situation. If the adult needs to come out of the room for their own safety, both adults will stand at the door monitoring the child so that re-entry can be agreed. The aim is always to return the child to class as soon as it is judged by the staff that the child is ready.

When a child in crisis uses the SEAL room, their parents will be informed.

Teachers' responsibilities

Teachers have a responsibility to uphold the standards as set out by the Head of School. Teachers will support behaviour throughout the school regardless of their allocated year group.

All paid staff are responsible for promoting the school standards and agreed code of conduct.

Children need to be made aware that there are behaviour expectations both in and outside school and staff have a duty to uphold these expectations.

Safeguarding

As a school, we 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, staff will follow the school's safeguarding policy and will consider whether a multi-agency assessment is necessary.

Monitoring and Reporting Behaviour

All staff are responsible for reporting incidents of poor behaviour, including racist and homophobic incidents and use of bad language. E-safety concerns must also be logged. Behaviour must be recorded in a timely manner. Staff follow procedures and parents are notified if appropriate. Behaviour is recorded on blue cards (see appendix-Behaviour Procedures Flow Chart for clarification) and the school's electronic reporting system (CPOMs) as appropriate.

Parents are given regular reports of children's behaviour including at the end of the day, on Parents Evenings and via school reports. Parents are also informed via telephone in line with the Behaviour Procedures Flow chart. (see appendix)

The Head Teacher will provide a termly report to Governors which will detail the number of blue cards issued, number of homophobic, racial and e-safety incidents and details of any Fixed Term and Permanent exclusions.

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To be reviewed as required (at least once per year)