

## Behaviour Policy – Inc Exclusion Arrangements

September 2016

### A consistent approach to behaviour management

- This document sets out our approach to improving the **engagement** of children and their **progression** to ensure improved Learning and Teaching leading to the raising of standards.
- Learning and Teaching, Behaviour for Learning and Assessment for Learning are all encompassed under this framework.
- This policy will be reviewed and evaluated to ensure it remains effective in ensuring improved learning and teaching.
- The essential prerequisite for the success of this policy is a **consistent commitment** from **all staff** to operate within the agreed framework.
- **Consistency** is the key to the behaviour strategies being successful and this will be monitored on a regular basis by the Senior Leadership Team.

### The 2012 Teaching Standards set out the following expectations which will be monitored regularly

A teacher **must**:

#### Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils

- Establish a safe and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in mutual respect
- Set goals that stretch and challenge pupils of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions
- Demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of pupils.

#### Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment

- Have clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around the school, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy
- Have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly
- Manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils' needs in order to involve and motivate them

- Maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary.

## Academy Expectations and Rules

We have agreed three academy expectations that permeate the teaching and management of behaviour:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

## Class Rules

All teachers agree a set of classroom rules with the children that aim to provide a safe, welcoming atmosphere in which children can enjoy their learning. Once agreed, these rules can be used to modify group behaviour by setting targets that can be rewarded.

## Health and Safety Rules

We have various health and safety rules that are very important. These are also critical not only to the smooth running of the school but to developing the social skills of the children around school. These include the simple rules:

We walk around school

We hold the doors for others

We sit properly on chairs

We keep the school tidy

## Dining Room Rules

We find a place quickly and remain seated until the meal is finished

We follow hygiene rules

We practise good table manners

We clear away all waste

### Playground Rules

We stop when a whistle blows and do as we are asked

We walk in the quiet area

We use equipment safely

We walk into school quietly and calmly

### Expectations of the School Community

<b>Staff and EAB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To lead by example.</li> <li>➤ To be consistent in dealing with pupils, parents and adults in general.</li> <li>➤ To encourage the aims and values of the school, and local community, among the pupils.</li> <li>➤ To have high expectations of the pupils.</li> <li>➤ To meet the educational, social and behavioural needs of the pupils through an appropriate curriculum and individual support.</li> <li>➤ To encourage regular communication between home and school.</li> <li>➤ To respect pupils and be consistent</li> </ul>
<b>Children</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To respect, support and care for each other, both in school and the wider community.</li> <li>➤ To listen to others and respect their opinions.</li> <li>➤ To attend school regularly, on time, ready to learn and take part in school activities.</li> <li>➤ To take responsibility for their own actions and behaviour.</li> <li>➤ To follow the academy rules as instructed by all members of staff throughout the school day.</li> <li>➤ To be respectful of others, regardless of differences ;for example race, gender, religion, disability, sexualisation and age.</li> </ul>
<b>Parents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To be aware of, and support, the school's values and expectations.</li> <li>➤ To ensure that pupils come to school regularly, on time for the school day.</li> <li>➤ To take an active and supportive interest in their child's work and progress.</li> <li>➤ To respect, model and support the aims and values of the school</li> </ul>

### Positive Behaviour Strategies

At all times, we encourage the children to exhibit the kinds of behaviour that will help us to achieve our school aims. In fostering the ethos of our school, our policy is to reward children who do their best. This may be within their classwork, schoolwork or for displaying the characteristics that we are aiming to develop:

- high standards of work
- inquiry and endeavour
- independent learning
- commitment to activities beyond school
- responsibility, resilience, tolerance and respect
- playing an active role in the school community

The following strategies are used by staff at Strand Primary Academy to promote positive behaviour

- Recognise and highlight good behaviour as it occurs by giving verbal praise, stickers, dojo points etc
- Ensure all children are praised for behaving well
- Listen to children and value their ideas
- Set personal standards of behaviour and respect for other people
- Expectations clearly displayed – Rules, consequences and ‘Good to be Green’ chart displayed in the classroom etc
- Encourage children to be responsible for their behaviour
- Rules, rewards and consequences are applied consistently throughout the academy by all members of staff

## Rewards

We often recognise good behaviour through awarding privileges and rewards. This might include:

- Verbal praise
- Stickers / stamps/dojo points/class merits
- Class rewards
- Sent to another teacher / Principal with good work
- Principal’s reward sticker
- Star of Strand/Learning Hero
- Positive written feedback on work
- Weekly Celebration Assemblies
- Informing parents / carers via postcard, text, phone call or e-mail
- Certificates
- Prizes
- Good to be Green rewards

## Consequences

When dealing with poor behaviour choices we are conscious always to maintain a child's self-esteem and that it is the behaviour that is unacceptable never the child.

We use the Consequences system to ensure that positive classroom behaviour is promoted.

(See attached)

At any point, in the case of extreme behaviour that shows no sign of improvement, consequences may be escalated.

We approach every day as a new day. Children have the right to put previous problems behind them.

Where there are persistent repetitions of disruption a personalised home-school monitoring programme may be established. Parents will be involved in this process and school will regularly review progress and impact with parents.

In the event of a more serious incident e.g. assault on staff; damage to property the leadership team will make a decision about appropriate action.

#### Internal Isolation

This involves a child being isolated from their peers and may take place within their home academy or at a nearby academy.

#### **Fixed Term and Permanent Exclusions**

Exclusion is seen as a last resort after all other attempts to modify behaviour have failed. Exclusion serves several purposes, including:

- To maintain high standards of behaviour in school
- To ensure the safety and well-being of all staff and children.

Under exceptional circumstances, the Principal may issue a fixed term or permanent exclusion. It is also possible for the Principal to convert a fixed-term exclusion into a permanent exclusion, if the circumstances warrant this.

If the Principal excludes a child, they will inform the parents immediately, giving reasons for the exclusion. Parents will be informed that they can appeal against the decision to the governing body. The Principal will follow the LA guidelines and would inform the LA, and the EAB.

After an exclusion a reintegration meeting will take place with the pupil and parents, where a support plan will be agreed. We would expect to see an eradication of the problem behaviour at the point of the child returning to school. If not, the Principal will consider permanently excluding the child. Permanent exclusion is very rare and is for violence and behaviour which puts children and or staff at risk. The clerk to governors receives a copy of the exclusion letter and an official exclusion form is sent to the LA. The EAB will be informed annually of the number and types of exclusions.

## **Breaks and lunchtimes**

Teachers, lunchtime staff and support staff all do their best to ensure that breaks go smoothly and that children play happily together, and for the most part, lunchtimes and breaks are happy times at school, but we acknowledge that incidents occur at break times which are of a different nature to those happening in the classroom. In order to minimise inappropriate behaviour going to / returning from breaks and in the playground, we have decided on the following steps:

- Staff ensure that they are on the playground promptly when it is their duty
- Staff collect their class on time from the playground at the beginning of the day and at the end of playtime and lunchtime.
- Stair cases/cloakrooms should be supervised by an adult at the beginning of the day, at break times, lunchtime and home time (See lunchtime rewards and consequences).
- No children should be left unsupervised in the classrooms, corridors, hall or cloakrooms unless they are completing an allocated job.
- Lunchtime supervisors have a specific set of rules which should be applied to manage behaviour during lunchtime to minimise disruption to learning time at the beginning of the afternoon.

## **Bullying**

Bullying can take many forms including verbal abuse, exclusion from a group, threatening behaviour and physical violence. It is characterised by persistent and repeated incidents where one person targets another. Bullies are not always older or physically bigger than their victims but this is often the case.

At Strand Primary Academy no form of bullying is ever to be tolerated, whether children to children, adults to children or adults to adults.

We acknowledge that bullying may happen at any time, although staff may not be aware of it. We aim to make ourselves and children more aware of bullying by addressing the issue in assemblies and through the curriculum. Children are encouraged to confide in any member of staff, parents or friends

All incidents are treated seriously and the appropriate action taken to deal with the bully and help the victim.

The role of parents is important in reducing any incidents of bullying and they should watch out for signs of distress such as repeated illness, damaged clothing etc. Parents should always encourage their children to tell a member of staff.

The school has a clear Anti-Bullying Policy.

## **Racism**

At Strand Primary Academy our wish is to develop in every individual a sense of self worth and respect for others.

Racism is behaviour which upsets a person by making a connection with a person's ethnic group, skin colour, religious beliefs, language / dialect or cultural background or nationality in a negative way. It can take many forms including verbal abuse, threatening behaviour to the person or their property or exclusion from activities. We intend that all possible racial incidents are followed up immediately to ensure that it is obvious such behaviour is not condoned under any circumstances.

It may be dealt with in a number of ways depending on the seriousness of the incident and the understanding of the children involved. It may take the form of a discussion to improve understanding, the child may be punished, parents brought into school, or in very serious incidents a child may be excluded from school following appropriate investigations by the Headteacher.

We oppose all forms of racism by both adults and children, in the firm belief that everyone has the right to the best possible education through equal opportunity and access in a healthy, safe, caring and stimulating environment. Children will be encouraged to respond to racism appropriately.

## **Partnership with parents and other agencies**

It is very important that parents and school work together to support each other's efforts to achieve the same goal - that of improving behaviour. Most children behave well most of the time.

For this policy to be fully effective everyone who has care of our children has a responsibility to uphold good behaviour or carry out/support any solutions given.

Each person's responsibilities for promoting good behaviour is written in the Home School Agreement which is signed by new parents, children and the school. Parents will be contacted when behaviours are causing concern and will be involved with agreed behaviour plans. Parents/carers are encouraged to work closely with the academy who will provide support to parents where possible.

For pupils who display continuous disruptive behaviour and for whom the school systems do not appear to be effective, support will be sought from outside agencies with a multi-disciplinary assessment carried out if necessary

### **Pupil support systems**

- For pupils who are having persistent behaviour difficulties the school will provide targeted pastoral support or mentoring by adults or peers such as 1:1 support, circle of friends, playground buddies etc.
- All staff working with pupils with target sheets and behaviour contracts will be informed of this in order to give a consistent approach throughout the school day.

### **Staff development and support**

- Regular meetings are held to discuss behaviours and look at ways of supporting individual children and staff.
- All staff have copies of this policy in order that behaviour management is consistent throughout the school. Staff having difficulties with an individual, class or group should speak to the SENCO, or any member of the SLT.
- Staff needing help with behaviour management will be supported through appropriate CPD.

### **Managing pupil transition**

- Prior to moving class, staff meet to discuss individual children and strategies used to de-escalate behaviours and re-engage children.

- Children's behaviour records are passed onto the next teacher through the inclusion file which also includes records of strategies used.

### **Pupil's conduct out of school**

- The school will investigate any reported incidents of bullying, including cyber bullying that involve our pupils or behaviour that could adversely affect the reputation of the school.
- Depending on the outcome, school behaviour systems may be put in place where appropriate including discussion with the parents.
- These will be recorded on the school incident recording forms which record outcomes and actions.
- Members of staff are not expected to deal with incidents outside of school that might put themselves in danger, however all staff have a duty of care. Staff will have to use their judgement about whether or not to involve themselves in incidents outside of school. It may be more appropriate to call outside agencies such as the police.

### **Monitoring and Review**

This Behaviour Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis and behaviour issues will be monitored by the Principal, on a weekly basis, and through staff meetings.

This document is freely available to the school community and will be posted on the school website with a hard copy available at Reception.

Review date: December 2017

Signed.....

Chair of EAB

Date.....

	Possible rewards
Following the school rules.  Displaying positive learning behaviours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Verbal praise</li> <li>✓ Stickers / stamps/dojo points/class merits</li> <li>✓ Class rewards</li> <li>✓ Sent to another teacher / Principal with good work</li> <li>✓ Principal's reward sticker</li> <li>✓ Star of Strand/Learning Hero</li> <li>✓ Positive written feedback on work</li> <li>✓ Weekly Celebration Assemblies</li> <li>✓ Informing parents / carers via postcard, text, phone call or e-mail</li> <li>✓ Certificates</li> <li>✓ Prizes</li> <li>✓ Good to be Green rewards</li> </ul>
	Possible Consequences
<b>Warning</b> Rule reminder	A warning can be given for low level behaviours such as swinging on chair, shouting out, talking when not appropriate, and distracting others. State what is happening and give rule reminder.
<b>C1 -</b>	The pupils' name will be recorded at this point. Remind pupil why they are now on a C1 and ask to choose to correct their behaviour.
<b>C2-</b>	C2 ticked by name.
<b>C3-</b>	C3 ticked by name. Remind the pupil it is their choice to break the school rules and the rule they are breaking. Offer them solutions on how they can alter their behaviour. Ask the pupil to take 5 minutes out to think about their behaviour.
<b>C4-</b>	At this point the pupil must leave the classroom and go to partner class for the rest of the session. Pupils going to a partner class should take work with them and it should be completed quietly in the partner classroom and not disrupt the learning of this class- if they do they will be issued with a C5. A C4 will also lead to detention.
<b>C5-</b>	Given for unacceptable behaviours such as; walking out of class, refusing to follow a reasonable instruction , swearing, hurting another child, threatening behaviour , destructive and/or unsafe behaviour. Pupil will work for a half day on their own in an area appropriate to the age of the child and the design of the academy. The pupil will be issued with a breaktime/ lunchtime detention. Unable to attend after school club
<b>C6-</b>	Progression to a C6 may result in exclusion; this will be issued for extreme behaviours such as: Physical violence against another pupil or adult, including threatened. Health and safety issues such as frequent non-compliance, refusal to follow behaviour policy.

From C4- Class teacher to record on incident log, pupil to complete reflection, class teacher to inform parent. Keep a copy for class record, pass a copy to Principal.

*At any point for extreme behaviour or behaviour that does not show signs of improving under the current sanction this may be escalated*

Sanctions to be put in place as appropriate:

- Letter home to parents
- Children excluded from 'Good to be Green' Rewards if more than 3 C2s or 1 C4 is issued within a half term
- Report card to monitor behaviour over a set period of time
- Meeting with parents with a member of the SLT
- Meeting with external agencies
- Lessons in isolation away from the class, the pupil will earn back the right to go back into class. In very extreme circumstances this could be in increments of 30 minutes per day.
- Isolation /exclusion at lunchtimes
- Behaviour contract
- Behaviour management plan
- Parent asked to come into school to support in class
- Seclusion at partner academy
- Part time timetable
- Fixed term exclusion
- BAC Referral
- Managed move to another school temporary or permanent.
- Permanent exclusion