



Spring Bank Primary School

Behaviour Policy

Spring Bank Primary School is committed to creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same. As members of our community, we adhere to the values of being: 'Respectful, Resilient, Curious, Collaborative and Diligent'.

At Spring Bank, we aim to:

- Provide a safe, comfortable and caring environment where optimum learning takes place
- Provide clear guidance for children, staff and parents of expected levels of behaviour
- Use a consistent and calm approach
- Ensure all adults take responsibility for managing behaviour and follow-up incidents personally
- Ensure all adults use consistent language to promote positive behaviour
- Use restorative approaches

Purpose of the behaviour policy:

We aim to provide a consistent approach for all children, staff and parents where all involved parties have the same high expectations and are aware of both rewards and sanctions.

- Foster the belief that there are no poorly behaved children just 'poor choices'
- Encourage children to recognise that they can and should make 'good' choices
- Recognise individual behavioural norms and respond appropriately
- Promote self-esteem and self-discipline
- Teach appropriate behaviour through positive intervention

All staff must:

- Take time to welcome children at the start of the day
- Always pick up on children who are failing to meet expectations
- Always redirect children by referring to the school values.

The Headteacher and The Senior Leadership Team must:

- Be a visible presence around the school
- Regularly celebrate staff and children whose efforts go above and beyond expectations
- Encourage use of positive praise, phone calls/texts/notes home and certificates/stickers
- Ensure staff training needs are identified and met
- Use behaviour records to target and assess interventions
- Support teachers in managing children with more complex or challenging behaviours

Members of staff who manage behaviour well:

- Deliberately and persistently catch children doing the right thing and praise them in front of others
- Know their classes well and develop positive relationships with all children
- Relentlessly work to build mutual respect
- Remain calm and keep their emotion for when it is most appreciated by children
- Demonstrate unconditional care and compassion

Children want teachers to:

- Give them a 'fresh start' every lesson
- Help them learn and feel confident
- Be just and fair
- Have a sense of humour

Behaviour for Learning

Spring Bank Primary School's rules/values: 'Be Respectful, Be Resilient, Be Curious, Be Collaborative and Be Diligent'

We recognise that clear structure of predictable outcomes have the best impact on behaviour. Our principle sets out the rules, routines and visible consistencies that all children and staff follow. It is based on the work of Paul Dix and his book 'When the adults change, everything changes'. Good behaviour is recognised sincerely rather than just rewarded. Children are praised publicly and reminded in private.

"When people talk about behaviour, they obsessively search for the instant solution. Some peddle magic dust or 'behaviour systems' that glisten yet quickly fade. Others relentlessly scream for a bigger stick to beat children down with. Both extremes harbour an irresistible idea that there is a shortcut to changing behaviour. They sell the lie that you can provoke sustained behavioural change in others without doing much hard work yourself. The truth is that there is no alternative to the hard work: building relationships with those who would rather not, resetting expectations with those who trample them, being relentlessly positive and sustaining a poker face when confronted with challenging behaviour."

Paul Dix, Pivotal Education

The school has 4 simple rules/values '**Be Respectful, Be Resilient, Be Curious, Be Collaborative and Be Diligent**' which can be applied to a variety of situations and are taught and modelled explicitly.

Children with SEND

We also understand that for some children, a more bespoke model may need to be in place to meet their individual needs. In this case, these children will have bespoke positive behaviour plans which may include rewards to reinforce positive behaviour. Children on the SEND register may use Zones of Regulation as the main framework of their positive behaviour plans. This will have a greater emphasis and the implicit teaching of understanding emotions and how to regulate themselves based on their needs at any moment.

Our Rules	Visible Consistencies	Over and Above Recognition
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be Respectful 2. Be Resilient 3. Be Curious 4. Be Collaborative 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daily meet and greet 2. Persistently catching children doing the right thing 3. Picking up on children who are failing to meet expectations 4. Praising in public (PIP), Reminding in private (RIP) 5. Consistent language 6. A genuine interest in children's wider life 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognition boards 2. Certificates 3. Stickers 4. Phone call/text home 5. Verbal praise 6. Notes home 7. SLT praise 8. Class Rewards 9. Show work to other adults 10. HT award

Rewarding behaviours

Individual rewards

All children in school are recognised for demonstrating the school values as well as being kind, caring, putting in effort and displaying positive behaviours. Children receive individual dojo points for these from all members of staff. In years 1-6, Dojos are reset every half term. In reception, Dojos are reset weekly, but the class teacher will accumulate them half termly for children to participate in rewards. Dojo points can't be taken away once they have been given. Children who reach the following totals will have rewards similar to the table below. These are reviewed termly with input from the school council:

<u>Dojo points</u>	<u>Reward</u>
20	Sticker
35	Rubber
50	Toy
75	Dougie walk

We hold weekly celebration assemblies to recognise children's efforts all around school. Families will be invited into school to celebrate this achievement.

As a school, we also recognise that some children display exemplary behaviours consistently. To ensure we recognise these children, on a termly basis, class teachers will choose some of these pupils to have a celebratory afternoon with either the headteacher or the deputy headteacher.

Whole class rewards

Each class has a 'Values Victory' board and this is displayed in the classroom. The children are rewarded as a class if they show some of the school values. This ensures that the school values are referred to daily by staff and children so that they become a key part of school life at Spring Bank. When each class has achieved 30 points they can choose a reward such as extra play time or an activity in class. The points then reset to zero and start again.

Language around Behaviour

At Spring Bank Primary, we understand that common and consistent use of language around behaviour is essential in creating clear boundaries to learn how to behave. Phrases such as 'kicked off' or 'screaming fit' are unhelpful in these instances and we should remain professional and calm at all times. Dysregulation is the term we use when children are having difficulties managing their emotions. Conversations should follow a script and behaviours should be discussed as the behaviours they are, and not be personal to the child.

Conversations around behaviour should be conducted, in the first instance, by the staff member taking the class/ group. Incidents are logged either on the behaviour tracker or on CPOMs depending on the severity.

Language used around behaviour - Gentle Approach, use child's name, child level, eye contact, deliver the message	
REMINDER	<p>I noticed you chose to (noticed behaviour) This is a REMINDER that we need to be (Respectful, Resilient, Curious, Collaborative) You now have the chance to make a better choice Thank you for listening</p> <p>Example - 'I notice that you're running. You are breaking our school rule of being safe. Please walk. Thank you for listening.'</p>
WARNING	<p>I noticed you chose to (noticed behaviour) This is the second time I have spoken to you. You need to speak to me for two minutes after the lesson.</p> <p>If you choose to break the rules again you will leave me no choice but to ask you to, (work at another table/work in another classroom / go to the quiet area etc) (learner's name), Do you remember when (model of previous good behaviour)? That is the behaviour I expect from you. Think carefully. I know that you can make good choices Thank you for listening / I'm glad we had this conversation</p> <p>Example - 'I have noticed you are not ready to do your work. You are breaking the school rule of being ready. You have now chosen to catch up with your work at playtime. Do you remember that yesterday you started your work straight away and got it finished? That is what I need to see today. Thank you for listening.'</p>
TIME OUT	<p>I noticed you chose to (noticed behaviour)</p> <p>You need to.....(Go to quiet area / Go to sit with other class / Go to another table etc) Playground: You need to(Stand by other staff member/ me / Sit on the picnic bench etc) I will speak to you in two minutes</p> <p>Example - 'I have noticed you chose to use rude words. You are breaking the school rule of being respectful. You have now chosen to go and sit in the quiet area. I will come and speak to you in two minutes. Thank you for listening.'</p> <p>*DO NOT describe the child's behaviour to other adults in front of the child*</p>

FOLLOW UP – REPAIR & RESTORE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What happened? (Neutral, dispassionate language.) 2. What were you feeling at the time? 3. What have you felt since? 4. How did this make people feel? 5. Who has been affected? What should we do to put things right? How can we do things differently?
<p>*Remember it's not the severity of the sanction, it's the certainty that this follow up will take place that is important.</p>	

Sanctions

Sanctions *should*

1. Make it clear that unacceptable behaviour affects others and is taken seriously
2. Not apply to a whole group for the activities of individuals.
3. Be consistently applied by all staff to help ensure that children and staff feel supported and secure

Sanctions need to be in proportion to the action

It should also be made very clear that it is the behaviour that is unacceptable, and any sanction should address this, not be made personal to the child.

Adult Strategies to Develop Excellent Behaviour

IDENTIFY the behaviour we expect

Explicitly TEACH behaviour

MODEL the behaviour we expect

PRACTISE behaviour

NOTICE excellent behaviour

CREATE conditions for excellent behaviour

Extreme Behaviours

Some children exhibit particular behaviours based on early childhood experiences and family circumstances. As a school, we recognise that their behaviour is their way of communicating their emotions. We also understand that for many children they need to feel a level of safety before they exhibit extreme behaviours. Where possible, we use our most skilful staff to build relationships with each individual child.

These children will have bespoke 'Positive Handling Plans' that can be found in *Appendix A*.

When dealing with an episode of extreme behaviour, a child may need to be restrained if they or another person is unsafe. This will only be used as a last resort and by trained staff only. *Appendix B*.

The school will record all serious behaviour incidents on CPOMS and any restraints using a Serious Incident Report (SIR form), which will also be logged onto CPOMS.

Exclusions will occur following extreme incidents at the discretion of the HT. A fixed-term exclusion will be enforced under these conditions:

- The child needs time to reflect on their behaviour
- To give the school time to create a plan which will support the child better
- The child being at home will have a positive impact on future behaviour

If these conditions are not met, other options may include a day of internal exclusion with a member of the SLT or Headteacher.

We understand that throughout this process, it is imperative that we explain what is happening and why it is happening to parents and arrange meetings to discuss.

Physical Attacks on Adults

At Spring Bank, we take incidents of violence toward staff very seriously. We also understand that staff are the adults in the situation and can use a 'common sense' approach to keep themselves and the child safe to manage the situation effectively. Staff can use 'reasonable measures' to protect themselves in accordance with our *Physical Intervention and Use of Reasonable Force Policy* and should call for support if needed. Only staff who have been trained in physical restraint should restrain a child.

All staff should report incidents directly to the Headteacher or Deputy and they should be recorded on CPOMS

And in the green behaviour log. We appreciate these incidents can cause distress for the adults involved, therefore all staff are entitled to take some time away from the classroom to recover their composure. In extreme cases, the member of staff may be allowed to go home by a member of SLT.

Whilst incidences of violence towards staff are wholly unacceptable, we must remember that we are a nurturing school that values each child under our care. It is important for us as adults to reflect on the situation and learn from our actions. Children who attack adults may do this for several reasons but as adults, we need to still show compassion and care for the child. Exclusion will only happen once we have explored several options and have created a plan around a child.

Permanent Exclusion or Out Of School Transfer

Exclusion is an extreme step and will only be taken in cases where:

- Long-term misbehaviour is not responding to the strategies and the safety and learning of others is being seriously hindered.
- The pupil will be considered to have Special Educational Needs and the procedures for meeting those needs are set out in our SEN policy
- The risk to staff and other children is too high
- The impact on staff, children and learning is too high

Permanent exclusion will be a last resort and the school will endeavour to work with the family to complete a managed transfer to a more suitable setting. In all instances, what is best for the child will be at the heart of all our decisions.

Beyond the School Gate

Whilst this behaviour policy refers mainly to the behaviours of pupils within school premises, the school reserves the right to implement sanctions beyond the school gate.

Our policy covers any inappropriate behaviour when children are:

- taking part in any school organised or school related activity
- travelling to or from school
- wearing school uniform
- in some way identifiable as a pupil from our school
- poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public
- could adversely affect the reputation of the school

In the incidences above, the Headteacher may notify the police of any actions taken against a pupil. If the behaviour is criminal or causes threat to a member of the public, the police will always be informed.

Out of School Behaviour

The school is committed to ensuring our pupils act as positive ambassadors for us. Taking the above into account, we expect the following:

- Good behaviour to and from school, on educational visits or during learning opportunities in other schools
- Positive behaviour which does not threaten the health, safety or welfare of our pupils, staff, volunteers or members of the public
- Reassurance to members of the public about school care and control over pupils in order to protect the reputation of the school
- Protection for individual staff and pupils from harmful conduct by pupils of the school when not on the school site.
- The same behaviour expectations for pupils on the school premises apply to off-site behaviour

Sanctions and Disciplinary Action – Off-Site Behaviour

Sanctions may be given for poor behaviour off the school premises which undermines any of the above expectations and regardless of whether or not it is an activity supervised directly by school staff. Sanctions may be in the form of withdrawal of privileges, fixed term exclusion or in very serious cases, permanent exclusion. In issuing sanctions, the following will be taken into account:

- The severity of the misbehaviour
- The extent to which the reputation of the school has been affected
- Whether pupils were directly identifiable as being a member of our school
- The extent to which the behaviour in question could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school and/or might pose a threat to another pupil or member of staff (e.g. bullying another pupil or insulting a member of staff).
- Whether the misbehaviour was whilst the pupil was taking part in learning opportunities in another school, participating in a sports event (and in any situation where the pupil is acting as an ambassador for the school) which might affect the chances or opportunities being offered to other pupils in the future

Application

This Behaviour Policy is for all of our school community. If it is to be effective, everyone must use it with confidence and consistency.

There may be occasions when adaptations may need to be applied e.g. swimming pool, science or technology lessons, but the same principles of promoting good behaviour through the policy will always apply.

Addendum

Behaviour Event *	Transfer Action/Consequence
<p>Level 1 – to include not following learning rules, calling out in lessons, talking when the teacher is teaching. Essentially these would be the basic minimum expectations for good learning behaviours.</p>	<p>Verbal reminder for low level behaviour incident and monitor for improvement.</p>
<p>Level 2 - Multiple verbal reminder for repeated level one examples.</p>	<p>Repeated misbehaviour so a consequence is applied.</p>
<p>Level 2 - Poor attitude or behaviour towards learning – not following instructions or class rules on two occasions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record on Behaviour Tracker as 'Level 2' • <u>Rec and KS1</u>
<p>Level 2 - Poor conduct in corridors – running, causing disruption to others by not moving quietly around school.</p>	<p>Child misses up to 5 minutes of playtime and a restorative conversation takes place with the teacher. Children showing understanding of their actions and willing to engage in restorative conversations will have their time missed reduced by half.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>KS2</u> <p>Child misses 10 minutes of playtime and a restorative conversation takes place with the teacher. Children showing understanding of their actions and willing to engage in restorative conversations will have their time missed reduced by 5 minutes.</p>
<p>Level 3 - Poor attitude or behaviour towards others – to include use of unkind, derogatory language towards another child, inappropriate physical contact without intent to harm. This would include play fighting and rough play after being told this is unsafe. These would be treated as isolated incidents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record on CPOMS as 'Level 3' • Child completes a reflection as a reference point, a record of the incident and to ensure key learning linked to rules/values has taken place. This should be restorative.
<p>Level 3 - Poor attitude or behaviour towards staff – to include blatant defiance towards any member of staff. Refusing to follow instructions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Rec and KS1</u> <p>10 minute reflection at a suitable time of the day, possible break/lunch times. Where possible, with the adult issuing the Level 3. Alert SLT or the learning mentor if this isn't</p>

	<p>possible, as they may do the restoration. Children showing understanding of their actions and willing to engage in restorative conversations will have their time missed reduced by 5 minutes.</p> <p>Parents will be notified at the end of the school day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>KS2</u> 15 minute reflection at a suitable time of the day, possible break/lunch times. Where possible, with the adult issuing the Level 3. Alert SLT or the learning mentor if this isn't possible, as they may do the restoration. Children showing understanding of their actions and willing to engage in restorative conversations will have their time missed reduced by 5 minutes. <p>Parents will be notified at the end of the school day.</p>
<p>Level 4 – Use of any unkind, derogatory language towards staff or children including Homophobic/racist/sexist language</p>	<p>Record on CPOMS as 'Level 4' and refer to SLT immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child completes a reflection as a reference point, a record of the incident and to key learning linked to values has taken place. • <u>Rec and KS1</u> Child is removed from the class to complete work for one session of the day with a familiar adult.
<p>Level 4 - Sexualised behaviour, language, or gesturing</p>	
<p>Level 4 – Bullying is the repetitive hurting of one person by another, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face to face or through digital spaces.</p>	
<p>Level 4 - Damage to property, stealing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>KS2</u> Child is removed from the class for the remainder of the day to complete their work. Wherever possible, this is with a member of SLT or the learning mentor.
<p>Level 4 - Extreme behaviour – deliberate physical aggression, fighting, threatening, and intimidating behaviour towards others.</p>	<p>Depending on the severity, external suspension would be considered in extreme circumstances.</p> <p>Parents are notified and a meeting in school is arranged.</p>

Appendix A

Child's Name:		Date of Plan:		Review Date:	
What does the behaviour look like?					
Stage 1 Anxiety Behaviours		Stage 2 Defensive Behaviours		Stage 3 Crisis Behaviours	
What are common triggers?					
De-escalation skills					
Skill		try avoid		Notes	
Verbal advice and support					
Giving space					
Reassurance					
Controlled choices					
Humour					
Logical consequences					
Planned ignoring					
Time-out					
Removing audience					
Transfer adult					
Success reminded					
Supportive touch					
Listening					
Others					
Diversions and distractions					

Appendix B – Physical Intervention & Use of Reasonable Force Policy

Key Points

1. Definitions

Reasonable force' - actions involving a degree of physical contact with pupils; it can be used to prevent pupils from hurting themselves or others, damaging property, or causing disorder

'Force' can mean guiding a pupil to safety, breaking up a fight, or restraining a student to prevent violence or injury

'Reasonable in the circumstances' means using no more force than is needed

'Control' is either passive – e.g. standing between pupils, or active e.g. leading a pupil by the arm out of a classroom

'Restraint' means to hold back physically or to bring a pupil under control

0. The Legal Position

Who can use reasonable force?

All members of school staff have a legal power to use reasonable force, and it can apply to other adults, e.g. unpaid volunteers or parents accompanying children on a school trip.

Staff should use their professional judgement of each situation to make a decision to physically intervene or not.

Staff should avoid causing injury, pain or humiliation, but in some cases it may not be possible. Schools do not require parental consent to use force on a pupil.

0. When can physical force be used?

Schools can use reasonable force to:

Remove disruptive pupils if they have refused to follow an instruction to leave

Prevent a pupil:

- who disrupts a school event, trip or visit
- leaving the classroom where this would risk their safety or disrupt others
- from attacking someone
- Restrain a pupil at risk of harming themselves through physical outbursts

Schools cannot use force as a punishment – this is always unlawful

The school will record all serious behaviour incidents on CPOMS and any restraints using a Serious Incident Report (SIR form) and uploaded onto CPOMS.

**This Behaviour Policy was adopted by Spring Bank Primary School
on 26/06/2020**

Chair of Governors – Mr L Arnell		
Signature:		
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On behalf of SBPS Full Board

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