

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



## Behaviour Policy.

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# Introduction

We believe that every member of our school community should feel valued, respected and treated as an individual, in accordance with our school mission statement which states:

***We hope to “Act justly, Love tenderly, Walk humbly with our God.”***

Our expectation is that the pupils and adults of St Joseph’s will display exceptional standards of behaviour and treat other people as they would wish to be treated themselves, in accordance with school rules.

Our school behaviour policy is designed to support the way in which all members of our school community can live and work together. It aims to promote an environment which helps pupils develop into confident, well-motivated and hardworking pupils who enjoy school and have a high self-esteem, and who go on to achieve their full potential. We endeavour to achieve this in many ways, but the most important include:

- being genuinely interested and concerned for all the pupils and staff in our school;
- recognising and praising the many positive qualities our pupils can show;
- holding the belief that a child’s self-image, can change in a positive way through seeing and feeling their successes;
- always being willing to take the time to help the pupils feel better about themselves and to listen seriously to any of their concerns.

Outstanding behaviour makes highly effective teaching and learning possible. Our academic and social standards cannot be maintained if they are impeded by inappropriate behaviour. We must have a consistent approach to behaviour throughout the school with parental cooperation and support.

Through the implementation of this policy we aim to help pupils grow in a safe and secure environment, and become positive, responsible and increasingly independent members of our school community.

The policy has been written in line with DfE guidance **Behaviour in Schools 2022**

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## Rewarding good behaviour

We reward good behaviour as we believe that this will develop an ethos of kindness and cooperation. Our approach is designed to promote good behaviour, rather than merely deter anti-social behaviour. We praise and reward pupils for good behaviour in a variety of ways.

- Positive verbal feedback
- Written feedback following a piece of work
- Pupils receiving reward postcards/certificates or reward stickers or stars
- House Points
- Awards during Celebration Assembly or Gold Book Assembly
  - Pupil of the Week
  - Kindness Award
  - Headteacher Award
  - Lunchtime ‘Happy Helper’
  - Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Award
  - Gold Book Award
- ‘Hot Chocolate & Cookies’ with the Headteacher

## School Values

Our school values were created by our School Council in June 2023. There are 11 values, with each month during school time being the 'Value to focus on' e.g. in September, we are showing kindness.

Month	Value	Meaning
September	Honesty	Honesty is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.
October	Respect	EYFS + KS1 - Respect is treating someone or something the way that you would want to be treated. KS2 - Respect is thinking and acting in a positive way about yourself, other people and the environment.
November	Collaboration	Collaboration is working together or alongside one another; listening to or sharing ideas; and respecting the opinions of others to achieve a common goal
December	Gratitude	Gratitude is being thankful.
January	Effort	Effort is doing the best you can.
February	Responsibility	Being responsible means you do the things you are expected to do and accept the consequences of your actions.
March	Curiosity	Curiosity is the desire to learn. It is an eagerness to explore, discover and figure things out.
April	Creativity	Creativity is using your imagination and exploring your own ideas to express something.
May	Resilience	Resilience is bouncing back from difficulties and keeping on going.
June & July	Kindness	Kindness is caring about other people and their feelings, helping people when they need you and doing something nice for someone else without expecting anything in return.

## House Groups

Each pupil is a member of a House Group, which meets on a monthly basis. Each meeting has a focus on the upcoming value i.e. the end of September meeting focuses on the October value. This means the children have a thorough understanding of the meaning of the value and what actions they can take to show it, both inside and outside school.

Pupils receive a coloured token (matching their house colour) as a reward for showing examples of school values. These are only given for clear actions, not just as an indiscriminate reward. 'Double house points' are given if someone shows the 'Value of the month' (gold tokens!) All members of staff (including admin, kitchen staff etc) have tokens that they give out. House Points are exchanged regularly towards donations to the House Group's chosen charity.

## **Roles, responsibilities and expectations**

### **Pupils**

We expect pupils to always try their best. We expect pupils to listen carefully to instructions in lessons. If they do not do so, we may ask them to move to a place nearer the teacher, or to sit on their own or away from certain groups of pupils for a set period of time.

We expect pupils to be kind to each other in what they say, how they act and in their all-round relationships with each other. This is a non-negotiable, as we are all members of St Joseph's community.

We give pupils opportunities to succeed through responsibility, such as being members of our school council, librarians, buddies, class responsibilities and others. The school has high expectations of all pupils in order to promote a safe, positive and productive learning environment.

### **Class teacher**

It is the responsibility of the class teacher to ensure that the school rules and guidelines are adhered to in their class, and that their class behaves in a responsible manner at all times.

The class teacher treats each pupil fairly and enforces the classroom rules consistently. The teacher treats all pupils in their class with respect and understanding, and models respectful relationships and conversations.

If a pupil misbehaves repeatedly, the teacher keeps a record of all such incidents on the CPOMS system. In the first instance, the class teacher deals with incidents. However, if misbehaviour continues, the class teacher may seek help and advice from the Deputy Head Teacher and will involve the parents/carers of the pupil. If this does not improve, the Headteacher becomes involved and a meeting will be arranged with parents/carers.

The class teacher may liaise with the Special Educational Needs Coordinator as well as external agencies when appropriate, as necessary, to support and guide pupils' behaviour.

The class teacher reports to parents/carers at termly meetings about the general progress and behaviour of each pupil in their class. The class teacher may also contact a parent/carer if there are more immediate concerns about the behaviour or welfare of a pupil.

All staff fully understand the behaviour management procedures (**Appendix 1**) that has been agreed in school

### **Teaching assistants, admin staff and lunchtime supervisors**

Our teaching assistants, admin staff and lunchtime supervisors are valuable members of staff who model and help to ensure that our behaviour policy is consistently applied, with the use of scripted narratives for consistency of language.

### **STJ Standard of Behaviour**

To ensure consistency from all members of staff, we use a set of narratives for behaviour, and these are used by all members of staff when talking to pupils about behaviour (**Appendix 2**). These narratives ensure that all pupils are dealt with consistently and understand the 'narrative' around behaviour.

### **Head Teacher**

It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher to implement the school behaviour policy consistently throughout the school and to report to governors, when requested, on the effectiveness of the policy. It is also the responsibility of the Head Teacher to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all pupils in the school. The Head Teacher supports the staff by implementing the policy, by modelling the standards of behaviour and by supporting staff in the implementation of the policy.

The Head Teacher has the responsibility for giving fixed-term suspensions to individual pupils for serious acts of misbehaviour, or when behaviour creates a risk around safeguarding pupils and/or staff. For repeated or very serious acts of antisocial behaviour, the Head Teacher may permanently exclude a pupil. Both these actions are only taken after the school governors have been notified.

## **Parents/Carers**

We expect parents/carers to support school in promoting a positive behaviour culture, and to cooperate with the school, as set out in the home-school agreement. We try to build a supportive dialogue between the home and the school and we inform parents/carers if misbehaviour becomes a concern.

The school works collaboratively with parents/carers so that pupils receive consistent messages about how to behave at home and at school. We have an open-door policy and actively encourage parents/carers to come into school to clarify any issues via an appointment through the school office, in line with our school communications policy. We also send out questionnaires to parents/carers to get their views on a variety of subjects.

We review and share the behaviour policy annually.

If the school has to use reasonable sanctions to punish a pupil, parents/carers should support the actions of the school. If parents/carers have any concern about the way that their child has been treated they should initially contact the class teacher in person or via the school office. If the concern remains, they should contact the Head Teacher via the school office. If these discussions cannot resolve the problem a formal grievance or appeal process can be implemented to the School Governors in accordance with our complaints policy.

We believe it is important to involve parents/carers as soon as possible when monitoring a pupil's behaviour. This may involve setting a good behaviour report or setting behavioural targets to enable good communication between home and school. An emphasis on positive achievements provides a platform from which further success can be made. A record of events and meetings are kept up to date in our behaviour monitoring system (CPOMS). Where behaviour continues to prove to be a 'stumbling block', the class teacher may liaise with the Special Educational Needs Coordinator and set targets as part of the child's action plan.

## **Governors**

The governors have the responsibility of setting down these general guidelines on standards of discipline and behaviour, and of reviewing their effectiveness. The governors support the Head Teacher in carrying out these guidelines.

The Head Teacher has the day-to-day authority to implement the school behaviour and discipline policy, but governors may give advice to the Head Teacher about particular disciplinary issues. The Head Teacher must take this into account when making decisions about matters of behaviour.

## **Fixed-term and permanent exclusions**

Only the Head Teacher (or the acting Head Teacher) has the power to exclude a pupil from school. The Head Teacher may exclude a pupil for one or more fixed periods up to the statutory amount. The Head Teacher may also exclude a pupil permanently. It is also possible for the Head Teacher to convert a fixed-term exclusion into a permanent exclusion, if the circumstances warrant this.

If the Head Teacher excludes a pupil, we inform the parents/carers immediately, giving reasons for the exclusion. At the same time, the Head Teacher makes it clear to the parents/carers that they can, if they wish, appeal against the decision to the relevant governing committee. The school informs the parents/carers how to make any such appeal.

The Head Teacher informs Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (BCCET), the Local Authority (LA) and the governing body about any permanent exclusion, and about any fixed-term exclusions beyond five days in any one term.

The governing body itself cannot either exclude a pupil or extend the exclusion period made by the Head Teacher. The governing body has a discipline committee. This committee considers any exclusion appeals on behalf of the governors.

When an appeal panel meets to consider exclusions, they consider the circumstances in which the pupil was excluded, consider any representation by parents/carers and the LA, and consider whether the pupil should be reinstated. If the governors' appeals panel decides that a pupil should be reinstated, the Head teacher must comply with this ruling.

When a pupil returns to school, following a fixed-term exclusion, they must do so accompanied by a parent/carer and engage in a reintegration meeting with a member of the Senior Leader Team. This must take place in all cases before the pupil is allowed to re-join normal classroom activities.

Further information regarding exclusions is available through the Dfe document **Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement Sept 2023**

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## **Break and Lunch times**

We aim to make our playground a stimulating area as this provides opportunities for creative play and lessens the likelihood of pupils becoming bored. Dedicated staff, along with all staff in their lunchtime role, are responsible for developing and playing games with the pupils in order to promote a playful atmosphere for both KS1 & KS2. All classes have their own games box, which they have responsibility over.

## **Bullying**

Pupils are actively encouraged to talk to an adult, such as their class teacher or our Child Wellbeing Lead, about being treated unfairly by other pupils. The school does not tolerate bullying of any kind. If we discover that an act of bullying or intimidation has taken place, we act immediately to stop any further occurrences of such behaviour.

While it is very difficult to fully eradicate bullying, we do everything in our power to ensure that all pupils attend school free from fear. Our anti-bullying policy outlines our approach. The school employs a number of sanctions to enforce our school rules, and to ensure a safe and positive learning environment. We use each sanction appropriately to each individual situation.

Our Anti Bullying policy is available on our school website.

## **Use of reasonable force**

At St Joseph's, we follow the most up to date guidance in the event of having to use reasonable force to restrain a pupil:

**DFE Use of reasonable force advice for headteachers, staff and governing bodies July 2013**

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All members of staff are trained in Positive Handling restraint techniques to ensure pupils and staff are safe at all times. Any Positive Handling is recorded via CPOMS.

## **Power to search pupils**

The Headteacher and Governing Body follow the most up to date Government advice on searching pupils: DFE Searching, screening and confiscation Advice for headteachers, school staff and governing bodies July 2022

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## **Monitoring**

The Head Teacher monitors the effectiveness of this policy on a regular basis. They also report to the governing body on the effectiveness of the policy and, if necessary, make recommendations for further improvements.

The school keeps a variety of records of incidents of misbehaviour. The class teacher records incidents on CPOMS (action taken is also recorded). The Deputy Head/Head Teacher records those incidents where a pupil is sent to him/her on account of poor behaviour. We also keep a record of any incidents that occur at break or lunchtimes: lunchtime supervisors give written details on a form which is transferred to CPOMS by admin.

The Head Teacher keeps a record of any pupil who is suspended for a fixed-term, or who is permanently excluded. It is the responsibility of the governing body to monitor the rate of suspensions and exclusions, and to ensure that the school policy is administered fairly and consistently.

## **Review**

The governing body reviews this policy annually. The governors may, however, review the policy earlier than this, if the government introduces new regulations, or if the governing body receives recommendations on how the policy might be improved.

## Appendix 1: Behaviour Management Procedures

**Outstanding** behaviour results in **outstanding** learning. Every pupil deserves the right to high quality teaching to enable them to achieve their potential. To achieve this, every class will follow the same rewards and sanctions procedure to ensure clarity and consistency for all.

### REWARD PROCESS

We have a range of positive behaviour systems which operate simultaneously.

#### **Good to be Green**

- There will be a display in each classroom which outlines this system - a three coloured behaviour display. How this is displayed is up to the class teacher
- Every pupil begins each day in the **Green zone** (new day, new start!). Each pupil stays in this zone if they do everything that is expected of them.
- In addition, a 'sparkling star' is achievable for pupils who show consistently good behaviour.

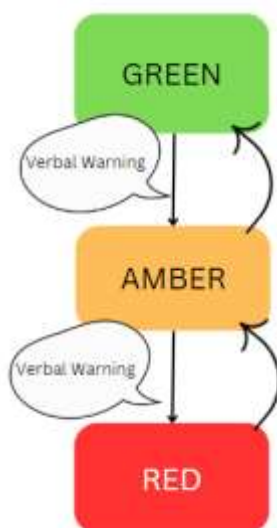


### SANCTION PROCESS

There are sometimes pupils who display behaviour that is inappropriate, such as disrupting lessons, hurting another child (physically or verbally), spoiling other pupils' playtime and lack of respect. The following is to act as a deterrent.

#### **STAGE 1 – Good to be Green**

- Every pupil begins each day in the **Green zone** (new day, new start!). Each pupil stays in this zone if they do everything that is expected of them.
- Where a pupil displays inappropriate behaviour, they will receive a verbal warning. A further example of misbehaviour means they will be moved to the **Amber zone**. Once a pupil has moved into this zone they can move out, and back to green, if their behaviour improves and pupils recognise that their behaviour has not been in line with expectations.



- A further warning can be given, but where behaviour doesn't improve, or for more serious inappropriate behaviour, a pupil will be moved into the **Red zone** where immediate sanctions will be put in place. A record of this will be noted on CPOMS by the person giving the Red warning.
- If a pupil rectifies their behaviour in line with our expectations, they may be moved back to the amber zone, or even into green. The original sanction for Red, however, will still be in place and noted on CPOMS. Parents will be informed of this behaviour on the same day.
- Pupils will miss their next lunchtime at the back of the hall in '**Sorry Club**' with a note completed by the class teacher/ member of staff who distributes the sanction. The note will indicate details of the unwanted

behaviours. A member of SLT will always be present in the hall at lunchtime, and will monitor the pupil. The pupil will spend a proportion of their lunch time supervised and be given the opportunity to reflect upon their actions. During this time, pupils must complete a form which has questions relating to their behaviour and how to change this etc, or for younger pupils, they will write a letter/card apologising for their behaviour. **NB: This will not be used for completing work or missed homework. Finishing work is the responsibility of the class teacher.**



## **STAGE 2 – further sanctions**

Where unwanted behaviours are identified on a more regular basis, additional sanctions will be utilised:

- **'Sorry Club'** for a set number of days **above** the initial time for entering the **Red zone**.
- **Behaviour monitoring report**. A pupil will be placed upon report. At this time the parents/carers of the pupil will be informed of this decision and invited into school to meet with the class teacher and Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher to discuss and help to improve their pupil's behaviour.
- A pupil will only come off report when it is **agreed by ALL PARTIES** that their behaviour has improved enough to warrant it. This is to be reviewed weekly in the SLT meeting and will be shared at a meeting with parents/carers.

**A behaviour report will track a pupil's behaviour. If it does not improve then one of the following can be imposed:**

- A decision could be made by the SLT that the pupil will miss an activity they are motivated by i.e. if they have been selected for a sports team or school trip. The class teacher can recommend to the SLT that this action might be used.
- Internal exclusion with another class. The pupil would be dropped off and collected from the school entrance.
- Fixed term exclusion – work provided by the school to be completed during exclusion
- Permanent exclusion

**In virtually all cases, any of the above can take place if the pupil is on report, however extreme behaviour could result in such sanctions being used without a pupil reaching the report stage.**

## **GREEN TREAT - End of each half term**

- At the end of each half term, classes or Year groups will have the opportunity to treat all pupils who have been in **GREEN** for the entirety to a fun activity on the Friday afternoon.
- Pupils who have been placed in **RED** during the half term on **more** than two occasions will miss a proportion of the half termly green treat (unless they can show a significant improvement in their attitude and the SLT agree).



Pupils in Y2-Y6 (and in exceptional circumstances pupils in Y1) who are to miss the treat will be sent to the library to reflect on the reason(s) that they are missing this treat.

## Appendix 2 – Staff behaviour narratives

### **STJ – Staff narratives**



#### **Beginning of the lesson**

"Good Morning / afternoon, please go and get everything you need then stand behind your chair ready for prayers.  
Thank you for being ready ...  
Sit down in silence."

### **STJ – Staff narratives**



#### **Asking for silence/ attention**

"Show me 5!"

### **STJ – Staff narratives**



#### **STJ standard expectations**

"Can we look at the STJ expectations together?"

"Are you set for the standard? They're set for success!"

### **STJ – Staff narratives**



#### **Behaviour mistakes**

"Are you meeting our STJ behaviour standards?"

"We keep our hands/feet to ourselves at St Joseph's."

### **STJ – Staff narratives**



#### **End of lesson – give 5 min warning**

"The lesson is finished. Equipment and resources away in silence. Stand behind your chair to show me you are ready/ show me you are ready to move on."

### **STJ – Staff narratives**



#### **STJ moving around school**

"(Name), stop there. I have noticed you are not moving around school as we would expect."

"We walk indoors at St Joseph's"

"We are quiet in the corridors at St Joseph's"

### **STJ – Staff narratives**



#### **Lining up – LSA/Playtimes**

"Can we line up in silence please."

"Which class is smart, ready for a head start?"

### **STJ – Staff narratives**



#### **STJ behaviour in dinner hall**

"Show me 5!"

"Are you meeting our STJ behaviour standards?"

"You may talk quietly to your friends."