

Southam Primary School



Positive Behaviour Policy 2021

Chair of Governors signature

Headteacher's signature

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RATIONALE

Southam Primary School is an inclusive school that meets the needs of a range of children-this includes those with complex family backgrounds as well as those with a range of special needs. At Southam Primary School, we aim to be a school where children can feel safe as well as learn, be confident and happy. Some children need help to manage, understand and articulate their emotions. Children who find it most difficult to conform to 'good behaviour' need to be treated with respect and made to feel valued. Effective teaching and learning is dependent upon positive relationships between staff and pupils, as well as peer on peer relationships. It is essential that staff are consistent when enforcing the school rules with high expectations and will challenge unacceptable behaviour in a solution focused response. At Southam Primary School we have based our policy on an overwhelmingly positive approach towards managing behaviour. The policy is based on incentives, when required sanctions will be enforced.

The success of our policy will not be tested by the absence of problems but the way in which we deal with them.

The positive behaviour policy operates in conjunction with the following policies:

- Anti-Bullying
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Health and Safety
- Exclusions
- Teaching and Learning
- SEN and Inclusion

School Expectations/ Rules

The school rules clearly define the high standard of behaviour that we expect in school. They are referred to frequently and should encourage the children to be positive in all they do and should help to create a happy environment for pupils to work in.

Our school rules/ expectations are:

To be respectful

To be responsible

To be ready

Definitions of our Rules –

Respectful = self respect; respect for others; respect for property; respect for your community and society; respect for the rules

Responsible = responsible for own actions; reactions to the actions of others; attitude to school work and the environment; own property; property of others; choices; expectations and what you'll be asked to do; on and off school site

Ready – to forgive others; to listen; to learn; to support others; to help etc; to be better; to improve/ progress

Through these expectations we are able to:

- Provide a safe environment where learning is enjoyable.
- Offer an engaging and challenging curriculum
- Promote healthy, positive relationships with others in school and the community
- Help each individual to discover and develop new skills.
- Provide challenge and support to achieve high standards
- Encourage and support children to become well rounded, self- disciplined, respectful, moral and caring.
- Develop the mental wellbeing of children
- Celebrate our children

At Southam Primary School our emphasis is on positive behaviour and reinforcing this, rather than focusing on failures. These rewards are aimed to motivate and help children to make the right choices.

School Ethos

Positive behaviour is consistently reinforced. The school uses a restorative approach, linking in with the PSHE curriculum, where pupils explore self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation and empathy as well as social skills. Children are provided with consistent positive encouragement and recognition when they demonstrate positive behaviour. They are supported to make the right choice and learn how to problem solve.

The following roles and responsibilities will be implemented in support of the positive behaviour policy:

The Head teacher will:

- Implement the positive behaviour policy, reinforcing the need for consistency throughout the school
- Be ultimately responsible and accountable for behaviour throughout School
- Report to governors regarding the effectiveness of the policy
- Meet with parents/carers of challenging children with the involvement of our school SENCO and outside agencies if required
- Support staff when dealing with challenging behaviour
- Ensure the health and safety and welfare of all children and staff
- Praise and encourage positive behaviour with rewards and dedicated assembly

Staff will:

- Reward and praise positive behaviour
- Provide a well- balanced and creative curriculum
- Support children when dealing with their emotions and feelings using a restorative approach and elements of PSHE, including emotion coaching
- Plan engaging and well differentiated lessons to challenge and meet the needs of all children
- Make sure children are listened to and feel valued
- Be a positive role model
- Offer the children choices and the chance to make the right decision
- Support children with the language and vocabulary they need in order to socialise and develop interpersonal skills
- Inform parents/carers about the welfare and behaviour of their children
- Follow the behaviour policy consistently and report challenging behaviour following the correct procedure, recording incidents on CPOMS

Children and their families will:

- Follow the school rules
- Be positive role models
- Foster social relationships in the school community of mutual respect.
- Be responsible for own actions and their impact on others.
- Be ready to understand and respect the views and feelings of other's
- Show respect to all members of the school community
- Empathise with the feelings of others.
- Be fair
- Be willing to be reflective to change behaviours
- Learn to work cooperatively
- Demonstrate positive behaviour out of school as well as being responsible members of society.

At Southam Primary School we will use a restorative approach to deal with challenging behaviour which will focus on repairing harm done to relationships and people at the centre of the focus. All children will be supported to explore incidents and reflect on responses to ensure the preservation of positive relationships.

The Governing Body will:

- Support with the implementation of the policy
- Provide advice to the head teacher regarding disciplinary issues and exclusions
- Review the effectiveness of the policy
- Understand that behaviour is a management issue

Key Points

- Teachers have a statutory authority to discipline pupils whose behaviour is unacceptable, who break the school rules or who fail to follow a reasonable instruction (section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006)
- The power to discipline also applies to all paid staff (unless the Head teacher says otherwise) with responsibility for pupils, such as teaching assistants.
- Teachers can discipline pupils at any time the pupil is in school or elsewhere under the charge of the teacher, including on school visits.
- Teachers can also discipline pupils for misbehaviour outside of school.
- Teachers can confiscate pupils' property.
- Teachers have a power to impose detention out of school hours.
- Head and governing bodies must ensure they have a strong behaviour policy to support staff in managing behaviour, including the use of rewards and sanctions.
- Governing bodies have a duty under section 175 of the Education Act 2002 requiring them to make arrangements to ensure that their functions are carried out with a view to safe guarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- Staff have a legal duty of care to protect all pupils and staff, which may mean a need to physically intervene (DFE – use of reasonable force July 2013)

(Taken from the DFE guidance – behaviour and discipline)

Confiscation of inappropriate items

What the law allows:

There are 2 sets of legal provision which allows staff to confiscate items from pupils:

1. The general power to discipline enables a member of staff to confiscate, retain or dispose of a pupil's property as a punishment and protects them from liability for damage to, or loss of, any confiscated items. The legislation does not describe what must be done with the confiscated item.

2. Power to search without consent for 'prohibited items' including:

- Knives and weapons

- Alcohol
- Stolen items
- Fireworks
- Pornographic images
- Illegal drugs
- Any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause injury or damage to property.
- Any item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for.

3. Weapons and knives and extreme or child pornography must always be handed over to the police.

Pupils conduct outside the school gates

What the law allows:

At Southam Primary School we have high expectations of the children's behaviour and would expect the children to behave appropriately on their way to and from school, and when wearing the school uniform. We would also expect them to behave appropriately when they are engaged in extended school activities which take place beyond the normal school day – e.g.: football matches. Section 85 (5) of the Education and Inspectors Act 2006 gives Head teachers a specific statutory power to regulate pupils behaviour in these circumstances ' to such an extent as reasonable'.

Subject to the positive behaviour policy, teachers may discipline pupils when:

- Taking part in any school organised or school related activity or
- Travelling to or from school or
- Wearing school uniform or
- In some other way identifiable as a pupil at the school.

Or misbehaviour at any time whether or not the conditions above apply that:

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school or
- Poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public or
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the school.

In all cases of misbehaviour the teacher can only discipline the pupil on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of that staff member.

Attendance on school trips is deemed to be a privilege and therefore any child who cannot display appropriate behaviour will not be accepted onto the school trip. This may also be due to health and safety of themselves and other children.

Use of reasonable force

The legal provision on school discipline also provide members of staff with the power to use reasonable force to prevent pupils from committing an offence, injuring themselves or others, or damaging property, and to maintain good order and discipline in the classrooms. Head teachers and authorised school staff may also use such force as is reasonable given the circumstances when conducting a search without consent for knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images or articles that could have been used to commit an offence or cause harm. If a member of staff has to physically hold a child the **positive handling policy** will be adhered to. Following the use of physical intervention, there will be a restorative discussion with any staff and pupils, parent/carers will also be invited to participate.

Malicious Allegations

At Southam Primary School allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and acted upon in a fair and consistent way in which both the child will be supported and the person who is the subject of the allegation. All allegations will be treated confidentially and every effort will be maintained to guard off any publicly while the allegation is investigated. Suspension would not be an automatic response to an allegation.

Communication and parental partnerships

Effective communication and positive parental partnerships are crucial in maintaining high standards of behaviour and consistency. If a child has behaviour which is causing a concern in school steps will be taken to discuss with parents/carers. The class teacher will have the initial responsibility for this.

Teachers will be responsible for reporting any early warning signs for behaviour and safety to the SENCO and Headteacher so strategies can be put in place and more formal steps can be taken.

The behaviour policy is shared with Parents/Carers. The Headteacher and SENCO will work together to support and encourage parents to share the same aims of the school in promoting good behaviour. They will explore extended services and agencies with parent/carers should there be a need for support within the home environment.

We recognise that for a small number of children the behaviour model will need adapting to their individual circumstances. Children who have experienced significant trauma, have attachment needs or ASD needs may need an approach which allows them to self regulate with the support of an adult before they are able to deal with consequences of their behaviour. These children will be recognised by the adults working with them and the appropriate approaches used.

The Head teacher will share positive stories about best and improving behaviours. She will work in an open and honest way with parents in order to achieve the aims of this policy

School/ Classroom rewards

Incentives

We have “whole school” incentives and rewards to recognise and celebrate good behaviour, good work, helpfulness to peers and adults.

Whole school incentives are:-

- Star of the week - one child is chosen from each class who has displayed excellent behaviour or attitude to learning. Each child receives a certificate in the celebration assembly.
- Celebration assembly- held every half term. Certificates are presented to children in recognition of their efforts and linked to school rules.
- Children receive Class Dojo points
- KS1/ Reception children receive Gold Stars and children are awarded certificates for each 10 Gold Stars that they achieve and these are awarded in weekly assemblies.

Behaviours and Sanctions

<u>Behaviour</u>	<u>Sanction</u>
<p>Step 1 Negative Behaviour Child day dreaming, looking around, talking (non-disruptive)</p> <p>Talking, distracting others, slow to complete work, arguing with peers, calling out</p>	<p>Non Verbal A look, standing near the child, reminder of class rules, praise children nearby.</p> <p>Verbal Request 'Name' your (describe action) please can you (desired behaviour). Praise a child with desired behaviour.</p>
<p>Step 2 Negative Behaviour Rudeness to staff, continual talking, refusal to follow instructions.</p>	<p>Verbal Warning 'Name' you have continued to (describe action) you now have to move to a different table (short period of time). If you choose to describe (desired behaviour) you can move back</p>
<p>Step 3 Negative Behaviour Rudeness to staff, throwing small equipment, continual talking, refusal to follow instructions. Disruption to learning.</p>	<p>Time out in class 'Name' you have continued to (action), you now need to think about making the right choice (desired behaviour) in time out. Praise another child with desired behaviour. Own table away from others –</p>
<p>Step 4 Negative Behaviour Use of inappropriate language, refusal to come in from playtime/lunchtime. Leaving the classroom</p>	<p>Sent to phase team leader (dependent on availability) or Headteacher 'Name' you need to go to time out with phase leader' Headteacher for action. Then you need to (Desired behaviour). If you continue to do action, then you will..... Phase leaders/ Headteacher to track the number of time outs a child has each half term- recorded on CPOMs. On the second time out the teacher will call parents</p>
<p>Step 5 Offence Continuation of level 2- 3 offences. Deliberate violence towards a child in the classroom, racist incidents, upturning furniture,</p>	<p>Sent to the Head teacher Possible sanctions: Time out for AM/PM Letter and phone call home Meeting with parents/ carers A behaviour record of the child will be made</p>
<p>Step 6 Offence Physical violence towards staff Leaving the school grounds Climbing on school property</p>	<p>Sent to the Head teacher The head will then decide possible sanction: Internal exclusion Fixed term exclusion Lunchtime exclusion Meeting with parents/ carers A behaviour record of the child will be made</p>