

Bonner School Behaviour and Discipline Policy

1 Aims and expectations

- 1.1 We are very proud of the behaviour in our school.
- 1.2 It is a primary aim of our school that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. We are a caring community, whose values are built on mutual trust and respect for all. The school behaviour policy is therefore designed to support the way in which all members of the school can live and work together in a supportive way. It aims to promote an environment where everyone feels happy, safe and secure. One of the key principles of our policy is to “catch the children being good” - to acknowledge and promote positive behaviour.
- 1.2 The school follows a “Golden Rights” system and these are displayed around the school, the classrooms and the playground. It is a means of promoting good relationships, so that people can work together with the common purpose of helping everyone to learn. This policy supports the school community in aiming to allow everyone to work together in an effective and considerate way.
- 1.3 The school expects every member of the school community to behave in a considerate way towards others.
- 1.4 We treat all members of the school community fairly and apply this behaviour policy in a consistent way.
- 1.5 This policy aims to help children to grow in a safe and secure environment, and to become positive, responsible and increasingly independent members of the school community.
- 1.6 The school rewards good behaviour, through the automatic right to “Golden Time” each week. The school believes that this will develop an ethos of kindness and co-operation. This policy is designed to promote good behaviour, rather than merely deter anti-social behaviour.

2 Rewards and Sanctions

The children are expected to respect the “Golden Rights”:

Every child has the right to a good education (Article 28)

Every child has the right to be safe and healthy in body and mind (Article 19)

Every child has the right to be listened to (Article 12)

Every child has the right to their own thoughts, opinions and beliefs (Articles 14/30)

Every child has the right to be in a clean, safe environment (Article 24)

These are displayed around the school environment and are referred to when both praising positive behaviour and administering sanctions.

Procedures

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Each child begins the week with the right to 40 minutes "Golden Time". If he/she has not respected a Golden Right he or she is given a Red Slip, which indicates that 5 minutes of Golden Time is lost. Red Slips can be earned back if the child shows improvement in that area of behaviour. However, no matter if the child has lost more than 40 minutes it is vital that he/she has 5 minutes of their "Golden Time" as a means of encouraging them not to lose it the following week.

"Golden Time" is time-tabled weekly for 40 minutes in each key stage. The children have the right to choose and experience as many activities as they wish over a half term. The lists are distributed to the teachers as a register.

Children may be given a Red Slip without warning, for example for aggressive behaviour. However, the usual pattern is:

- Warning
- Red Slip
- Sent to another class for 10 minutes
- Sent to another class for the rest of the lesson

If a child breaks the Golden Right "*Every child has the right to be safe and healthy in body and mind*" this will be treated as a serious incident. Serious incidents may include fighting, leaving an area without adult knowledge or permission and acting in a deliberately unsafe manner. In the event of a serious incident, the following consequences will apply:

- Red Slip which cannot be earned back
- Child misses next playtime
- Parents informed
- Phase leader and headteacher informed and incident logged
- Additional consequences may apply for repeated or very serious incidents.

Some children may have an adapted behaviour plan to suit specific needs. This will be developed with and agreed by the child, phase leader, class teacher and parents.

We at Bonner treat all children fairly and apply this behaviour policy in a calm, consistent way.

- 2.1** We praise and reward children for good behaviour in a variety of other ways:
- Teachers congratulate and praise children;
 - Children earn "classroom treats"
 - Class Dojo points
 - We inform parents about positive behaviour
 - Certificates
 - Rewards, eg stickers etc to children either for consistent good work or behaviour, or to acknowledge outstanding effort or acts of kindness in school;
 - Classes have an opportunity to show work in whole school assembly and to lead an achievement assembly at least annually where they are able to show examples of their best work.

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- 2.2** The school acknowledges all the efforts and achievements of children, both in and out of school.
- 2.3** The school employs a number of sanctions, beyond the Golden Rights System, to enforce the school rules, and to ensure a safe and positive learning environment. We employ each sanction appropriately to each individual situation.
- We expect children to listen carefully to instructions in lessons. If they do not do so, we ask them either to move to a place nearer the teacher, or to sit on their own.
 - We expect children to try their best in all activities. If they do not do so, we may ask them to redo a task.
 - If a child is disruptive in class, the teacher reprimands him or her. If a child misbehaves repeatedly, we isolate the child from the rest of the class until s/he calms down, and is in a position to work sensibly again with others.
 - The safety of the children is paramount in all situations. If a child's behaviour endangers the safety of others, the class teacher stops the activity and prevents the child from taking part for the rest of that session.
 - If a child threatens, hurts or bullies another pupil, the class teacher records the incident and the consequences outlined above apply. If a child repeatedly acts in a way that disrupts or upsets others, the school contacts the child's parents and seeks an appointment in order to discuss the situation, with a view to improving the behaviour of the child.
- 2.4** The class teacher discusses the school rules and Golden Rights with each class. In this way, every child in the school knows the standard of behaviour that we expect in our school. If there are incidents of anti-social behaviour, the class teacher discusses these with the whole class during 'circle time' or class meetings.
- 2.5** 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 eradicate bullying, we do everything in our power to ensure that all children attend school free from fear.
- 2.6** All members of staff are aware of the regulations regarding the use of force by teachers, as set out in DfEE Circular 10/98, relating to section 550A of the Education Act 1996: *The Use of Force to Control or Restrain Pupils*. Teachers in our school do not hit, push or slap children. Staff only intervene physically to restrain children to prevent injury to a child, or if a child is in danger of hurting him/herself. The actions that we take are in line with government guidelines on the restraint of children.
- 3 The role of the class teacher**
- 3.1** It is the responsibility of the class or group teacher to ensure that the school rules are enforced in their class, and that their class behaves in a responsible manner during lesson time.

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- 3.2** The class teachers in our school have high expectations of the children in terms of behaviour, and they strive to ensure that all children work to the best of their ability.
- 3.3** The class teacher treats each child fairly and enforces the Golden Rights consistently. The teacher treats all children in their class with respect and understanding.
- 3.4** If a child misbehaves repeatedly in class, the class teacher keeps a record of all such incidents. In the first instance, the class teacher deals with incidents him/herself in the normal manner. However, if misbehaviour continues, the class teacher seeks help and advice from their phase leader and if necessary then the Associate Head or Head teacher.
- 3.5** The SENCO (Special Needs Coordinator) liaises with external agencies, as necessary, to support and guide the progress of each child. The SENCO may arrange for example for the class teacher to discuss the needs of a child with the education social worker or LEA behaviour support service.
- 3.6** The class teacher reports to parents about the progress of each child in their class, in line with the whole-school policy. The class teacher may also contact a parent if there are concerns about the behaviour or welfare of a child.

4 The role of the headteacher

- 4.1** It is the responsibility of the headteacher, under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, 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 headteacher to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all children in the school.
- 4.2** The headteacher supports the staff by implementing the policy, by setting the standards of behaviour, and by supporting staff in the implementation of the policy.
- 4.3** The headteacher keeps records of all reported serious incidents of misbehaviour.
- 4.4** The headteacher has the responsibility for giving fixed-term suspensions to individual children for serious acts of misbehaviour. For repeated or very serious acts of anti-social behaviour, the headteacher may permanently exclude a child. Both these actions are only taken after the school governors have been notified.

5 The role of parents

- 5.1** The school works collaboratively with parents, so children receive consistent messages about how to behave at home and at school.
- 5.2** We explain the school rules and make sure each new parent receives a copy of the school rules. If a child consistently misses "Golden Time" a letter will be sent home to inform the parent. If this continues a second letter will be sent to invite the parent to see the class teacher. In the case of continual anti-social behaviour a letter inviting the parent to a meeting with the Headteacher will be issued.

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5.3 We expect parents to support their child's learning, and to co-operate 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 immediately if we have concerns about their child's welfare or behaviour.

5.4 If the school has to use reasonable sanctions to punish a child, parents should support the actions of the school. If parents have any concern about the way that their child has been treated, they should initially contact the class teacher. If the concern remains, they should contact the school governors. If these discussions cannot resolve the problem, a formal grievance or appeal process can be implemented by following the steps laid out in the Complaints Policy.

6 The role of governors

6.1 The governing body has the responsibility of setting down these general guidelines on standards of discipline and behaviour, and of reviewing their effectiveness. The governors support the headteacher in carrying out these guidelines.

6.2 The headteacher has the day-to-day authority to implement the school behaviour and discipline policy.

7 Fixed-term and permanent exclusions

7.1 Only the headteacher (or the acting headteacher) has the power to exclude a pupil from school. The headteacher may exclude a pupil for one or more fixed periods, for up to 15 days in any one school year. The headteacher may also exclude a pupil permanently. It is also possible for the headteacher to convert a fixed-term exclusion into a permanent exclusion, if the circumstances warrant this.

7.2 If the headteacher excludes a pupil, s/he informs the parents immediately, giving reasons for the exclusion. At the same time, the headteacher makes it clear to the parents that they can, if they wish, appeal against the decision to the governing body. The school informs the parents how to make any such appeal.

7.3 The headteacher informs the LEA and the governing body about any permanent exclusion, and about any fixed-term exclusions beyond five days in any one term.

7.4 The governing body itself cannot either exclude a pupil or extend the exclusion period made by the headteacher.

7.5 The governing body has a discipline committee which is made up of between three and five members. This committee considers any exclusion appeals on behalf of the governors.

7.6 When an appeals panel meets to consider an exclusion, they consider the circumstances in which the pupil was excluded, consider any representation by parents and the LEA, and consider whether the pupil should be reinstated.

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7.7 If the governors' appeals panel decides that a pupil should be reinstated, the headteacher must comply with this ruling.

8 Monitoring

8.1 The headteacher monitors the effectiveness of this policy on a regular basis. S/he also reports to the governing body on the effectiveness of the policy and, if necessary, makes recommendations for further improvements.

8.2 The school keeps a variety of records of incidents of misbehaviour. The class teacher records minor classroom incidents. The headteacher records those incidents where a child is sent to him/her on account of bad behaviour. We also keep a record of any incidents that occur at break or lunchtimes through the use of blue slips.

8.3 The headteacher keeps a record of any pupil who is suspended for a fixed-term, or who is permanently excluded.

8.4 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.

9 Review

9.1 The governing body reviews this policy every two years. They 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.

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