

Behaviour & Discipline Policy

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The staff at Bramley Sunnyside Infants see this policy as a positive, planned set of strategies to manage and be effective in creating a warm and caring learning environment, thus boosting the self-esteem of all who work in school, children and staff alike.

It is based on being consistent and being positive about behaviour but it is also flexible enough to recognise the professionalism of each member of staff and his/ her unique insight into the individual needs of each child in his/ her care. It is important that staff are able to work with the policy and yet are able to be flexible where some children are concerned.

Our behaviour policy is all about what we want to see happening and not about what we don't want to see happening. It will help staff to deal with children consistently and fairly and enhance the standards of good behaviour within school. It will also allow staff to fulfil their teaching role more positively and give children a better opportunity to take advantage of the curriculum we offer.

Aims

- To create an environment which encourages and reinforces good behaviour.
- To define acceptable standards of behaviour.
- To encourage consistency of response to both positive and negative behaviour.
- To promote self-esteem, self-discipline and positive relationships.
- To ensure that the school's expectations and strategies are widely known and understood.
- To encourage the involvement of both home and school in the implementation of this policy.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

In seeking to define acceptable standards of behaviour it is acknowledged that these are goals to be worked towards rather than expectations which are either fulfilled or not. Thus the school has a central role in the children's social and moral development just as it does in their academic development. Just as we measure academic achievement in terms of progress and development over time towards academic goals, we measure standards of behaviour in terms of the children's developing ability to conform to our behavioural goals.

The children bring to school a wide variety of behaviour patterns based on differences in home values, attitudes and parenting skills.

School Ethos

The adults encountered by the children at school have an important responsibility to model high standards of behaviour, both in their dealings with the children and with each other, as their example has an important influence on children and adults alike. As adults we should aim to:

- create a positive climate with realistic expectations;
- emphasise the importance of being valued as an individual within the group;
- promote, through example, honesty and courtesy;
- provide a caring and effective learning environment;
- encourage relationships based on kindness, respect and understanding of the needs of others;
- ensure fair treatment for all regardless of age, gender, race, culture, ability and disability;
- show appreciation of the efforts and contribution of all.

School Values

Our school values of Respect, Love, Teamwork, Perseverance, Challenge and independence all support our positive approach to behaviour management. Children are actively encouraged to celebrate their commitment to our school values by putting beads in a value jar. When the value jars are full, the children chose a reward for the whole school.

The Curriculum and Learning

We believe that an appropriately structured curriculum and effective learning contribute to good behaviour. Thorough planning for the needs of individual pupils, the active involvement of pupils in their own learning, and structured feed- back all help to avoid the alienation and disaffection which can lie at the root of poor behaviour. It follows that lessons should have clear objectives, understood by the children, and differentiated to meet the needs of children of different abilities. Marking and record keeping can be used both as a supportive activity, providing feed-back to the children on their progress and achievements, and as a signal that the children's efforts are valued and that progress matters.

Classroom Management

Classroom management and teaching methods have an important influence on children's behaviour. The classroom environment gives clear messages to the children about the extent to which they and their efforts are valued. Relationships between teacher and children, strategies for encouraging good behaviour, arrangements of furniture, access to resources and classroom displays all have a bearing on the way children behave.

Classrooms should be organised to develop independence and personal initiative.

Furniture should be arranged to provide an environment conducive to on-task behaviour.

Materials and resources should be organised according to our learning Environment Policy to aid accessibility and reduce uncertainty and disruption. Displays should help develop self-esteem through demonstrating the value of every individual's contribution, and overall the classroom should provide a welcoming environment.

Teaching methods should encourage enthusiasm and active participation for all. Lessons should aim to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding which will enable the children to work and play in co-operation with others. We believe in praising children in Public and reprimanding them in Private.

Assemblies

With a large number of young children together an agreed management of behaviour is essential

- Calming music will be played as the children are encouraged to enter/ leave silently. This music may be linked to a composer or worship songs the children are currently learning.
- Staff stand at the end of their line once children are seated to supervise class until assembly starts.
- Children for whom assembly is a challenge are to be placed at the end of seated lines next to a staff member for support
- Non verbal gestures are used to control behaviour wherever possible
- Assemblies will start and end promptly.
- Staff will model expected behaviour (any conversations will take place outside assembly)
- Members of the support staff will remain for the duration of assembly.

Rules and Procedures

Rules and procedures should be designed to make clear to the children how they can achieve acceptable standards of behaviour.

Rules and procedures should:

- be kept to a necessary minimum;
- be positively stated, telling the children what to do rather than what not to do;
- actively encourage everyone involved to take part in their development;
- have a clear rationale, made explicit to all;
- be consistently applied and enforced;
- promote the idea that every member of the school has responsibilities towards the whole.

Rewards

Our emphasis is on rewards to reinforce good behaviour, rather than on failures. We believe that rewards have a motivational role, helping children to see that good behaviour is valued. The commonest reward is praise, informal and formal, public and private, to individuals and groups. It is earned by the maintenance of good standards as well as by particularly noteworthy achievements. This is as true for adults as for children. Rates of praise for behaviour should be as high as for work.

Children work as a team in class each week to achieve their green treat reward. Every child will participate in green treat reward no one will be penalised. Green treat reward is achieved on a weekly basis with the class working on achieving a specific achievable reward.

Green treat rewards include the following:

- cookies & milk
- parachute games
- story outside
- playtime on the tyres
- just dance/ go noodle time
- colouring/drawing whilst listening to music

- construction & block play
- circle/ring games
- classroom games e.g. board games

Daily individual rewards include the following:

- A Smile
- Thumbs up sign
- High Five
- Verbal praise
- School value beads added to class jar
- Beads added to class Learning behaviour jar
- Stickers
- Praise pad / notes home
- Class dojo points
- Lesson stops to notice good behaviour
- Behaviour / 'Well Done' Song
- Text messages to parents
- Praise Pads - home
- Class 'Toy' that goes home
- Gold Book entries
- Whole Class Gold Awards
- Miller bear - RUFC

Sanctions

Although rewards are central to the encouragement of good behaviour, realistically there is a need for sanctions to register the disapproval of unacceptable behaviour and

to protect the security and stability of the school community. In an environment where respect is central, loss of respect, or disapproval, is a powerful punishment.

The use of punishment should be characterised by certain features:

- It must be clear why the sanction is being applied.
- It must be made clear what changes in behaviour are required to avoid future punishment.
- Group punishment should be avoided as they breed resentment.
- There should be a clear distinction between minor and major offences.
- It should be the behaviour rather than the person that is punished.

There are four school rules that every child is aware of:

- Follow instructions
- Be kind to everyone
- Look after everything at school
- Do your best

It is important that all the children have the opportunity and time to learn and discuss the rules, their rewards and consequences. This will be covered by each class at the beginning of each school year. This will involve the class in the following activities:

- Creating a class promise / agreement
- Deciding on weekly behaviour targets for the whole class when appropriate
- Deciding on an achievable reward

Throughout the year they can be reinforced during circle times, PHSE and through assemblies. In this way the children learn what is acceptable/ not acceptable, thus they will be able to make informed choices in relation to their own behaviour.

When anyone does misbehave, then s/he is making a choice to do so. Children can always choose to behave. Pupils have to know that good behaviour brings desirable consequences and negative behaviour can bring sanctions.

The general strategies are-

- To use clear positive language at all times

- To praise good behaviour regularly and treat minor disruptions as 'low key'
- To condemn the action and not the child
- To be consistent
- To reinforce our high expectations with frequent reminders

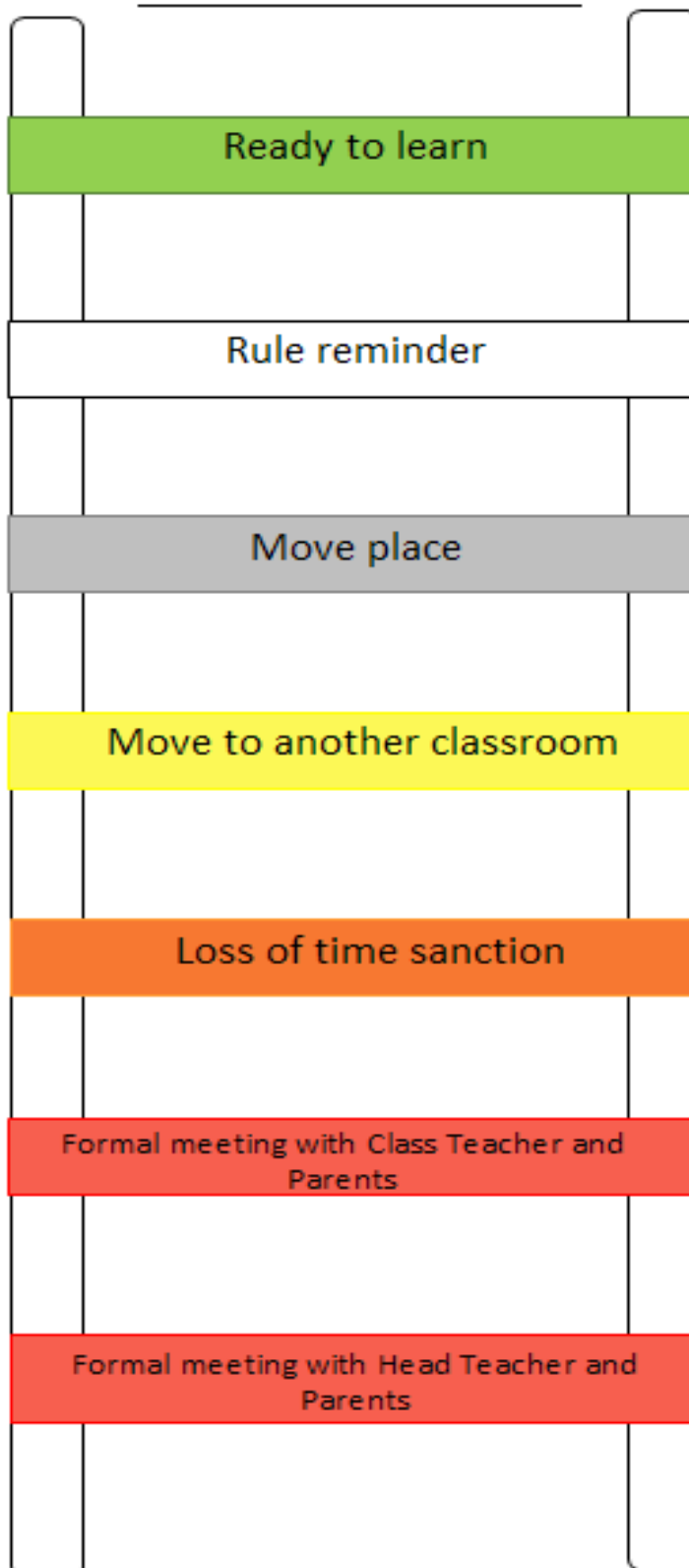
RULES - Pupils are involved at the start of each new year in devising a whole class agreement / promise regarding expected behaviour of learners in the classroom (adults and children)

Recording of Behaviour Incidents - any significant behaviour incidents will be reported where the child reaches the yellow stage on our behaviour ladder will be recorded on the child's CPOMS record in order to track frequency of incidents and impact of both sanctions and support for the child.

Where a child reaches the yellow stage of our behaviour ladder or behaviour of a significant nature, these incidents will be shared with a parent. Expectations of children's behaviour as shown on the behaviour ladders are displayed in each classroom and are the same for ALL classes. The table below sets out the stages and sanctions which we intend to enforce at Bramley Sunnyside Infant School. Our home/school agreement forms the basis of our partnership with parents which we hope will ensure a lasting and clearly defined code of rights and responsibilities.

The following sanctions appear as a consequence ladder in 'child speak' in each classroom. The behaviour ladder was devised in conjunction with Parents' feedback and Pupil voice.

Behaviour Ladder



It's good to be green!

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT TO BE USED AS SANCTIONS

- Writing (unless a child chooses to write an apology in place of a verbal one.)
- Made to stand outside the classroom. If there is need to remove a child from a classroom they should be sent to another classroom with appropriate work.
- SHOUTING- a staff member should only shout when danger is imminent

Minor incidents on the playground are to be dealt with by the staff on duty.

- Child holds staff members hand for five minutes
- Child is taken indoors for a five minute cooling off period
- Child undertakes a community task with the member of staff on sanction duty e.g. tidying a shelf or helping member of staff

More serious incidents/ accidents- staff on duty send another child to staff room with 'Red Card' message. This indicates that further assistance is required on playground

Communication and Parental Partnership

We give high priority to clear communication within the school and to a positive partnership with parents since these are crucial in promoting and maintaining high standards of behaviour.

Where the behaviour of a child is giving cause for concern it is important that all those working with the child in school are aware of those concerns, and of the steps which are being taken in response. The key professional in this process of communication is the class teacher who has the initial responsibility for the child's welfare. Early warning of concerns should be communicated to the Head teacher so that strategies can be discussed and agreed before more formal steps are required.

A positive partnership with parents is crucial to building trust and developing a common approach to behaviour expectations and strategies for dealing with problems. Parental participation in many aspects of school life is encouraged. This participation assists the development of positive relationships in which parents are more likely to be responsive if the school requires their support in dealing with difficult issues of unacceptable behaviour.

The school will communicate policy and expectations to parents. Where behaviour is causing concern parents will be informed at an early stage, and given an opportunity to

discuss the situation. Parental support will be sought in devising a plan of action within this policy, and further disciplinary action will be discussed with the parents.

BRAMLEY SUNNYSIDE INFANT SCHOOL

Home/School Agreement

The School – the head teacher and staff value your support and will take all reasonable steps to:

- ❖ Care for your child's safety & happiness;
- ❖ Be open & welcoming at all times & offer opportunities for you to be involved in the daily life of the School;
- ❖ Encourage your child to do his/her best at all times;
- ❖ Encourage your child to take care of the surroundings & other people;
- ❖ Ensure that your child's potential is realised as a valued member of the School community;
- ❖ Aim for high standards of work & behaviour through building good relationships & developing a sense of responsibility;
- ❖ Provide a balanced curriculum to meet the individual needs of your child;
- ❖ Inform you of your child's progress at regular meetings;
- ❖ Contact you if there is a problem as soon as possible or practical.

Home- we would like our children to be happy and successful at school and will make every effort to:

- ❖ See that my child comes to School regularly, on time, appropriately dressed
- ❖ Inform the school office on the morning of any day's absence, giving a reason for the absence.
- ❖ Support the School's policies & guidelines for behaviour
- ❖ Make sure my child has their book bag every day
- ❖ Support my child in homework and other opportunities for home learning
- ❖ Keep my contact details up to date
- ❖ Value my child's education and attend parents evenings and meetings/discussions about my child's progress/ development
- ❖ Get to know about my child's life at school

Together we will:

- ❖ Address any special educational needs
- ❖ Encourage our children to help, respect, support & praise each other
- ❖ Help our children to achieve their best, to persevere with tasks, take a pride in their work & become an independent learner

Headteacher's signature.....

Parent/Guardian's signature.....

Child's Name Date.....

Our School Rules



- Follow instructions
- Be kind to everyone
- Look after everything at school
- Do your best

Our School Values

- ★ Respect
- ★ Love
- ★ Perseverance
- ★ Teamwork
- ★ Challenge
- ★ Independence

Bramley Sunnyside Infant School Aims

We want our pupils to **SHINE!**

Happy to learn,
be enquiring,
imaginative
and creative.

Individuals,
be themselves
and respect
others for
who they are.

Nurtured by
new experiences,
to embrace and
learn through them
with confidence.

Safe in
their environment
secure in the
knowledge that
they are special.

Excellence,
to reach their
full potential
and prepare for
life long learning.



Our vision ...

At Bramley Sunnyside Infant School we like to see children come to school in the morning with a smile on their face. We want them to have an enjoyable day, learning through exciting, stimulating activities, and leave school in the evening being proud of the day's achievements.