



Behaviour Policy 2023-2024

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Rationale:

Good behaviour is central to all that we do in St Anne's Catholic Primary School. We believe it is important to promote a caring and supporting environment to enable all members of the school community to feel secure, respected and therefore, promote appropriate behaviour in others.

The development of personal qualities of social skills and the fostering of socially acceptable behaviour are an integral aspect of the school curriculum.

All members of staff will set high standards and learners will be given clear guidance about what is expected of them.

Policy:

This policy is one of a series that support the Behaviour Leadership in the school and must be considered along with the Home School Agreement, Bullying Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy, Display Policy, Feedback Policy and Child Protection documentation.

In St Anne's we believe it is vital to not only have age related expectations but also to ensure our expectations are rooted in a child's stage of development and their individual needs.

Consequently, rewards and sanctions must at times be tailored to individual need.

General Purpose:

We aim to: -

- Create an ethos where children are happy, secure, safe and therefore behave well.
- Ensure consistency of care that reflects our ethos.
- Treat all fairly and with consistency and to feel safe.
- Promote respect and good relationships.
- Have clear and high expectations and strategies to ensure that they are met
- Help children lead disciplined lives and to understand that good citizenship is based upon good behaviour.
- Build a strong school community which values individuality, kindness, care, good humour, self-control, obedience, reflection and empathy for others.
- Create a culture of respect, tolerance, acceptance & diversity.
- Within our school curriculum teach how to be safe and healthy and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way.

Broad Guidelines

1. The school rules (Code of Conduct), mission and aims will be known and promoted at all times by ALL staff and learners.
2. All will be taught to treat others well and their behaviour will reflect this.

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3. All staff will set and expect high standards of behaviour at all times in and around all areas of our school.
4. Children will be expected to understand the importance of being polite, respectful, well mannered, and obedient.
5. The rewards and sanctions will be used sensitively and sensibly by staff to encourage and promote good behaviour.
6. Each member of staff is responsible for the good behaviour of the children in their care.
7. When a member of staff needs support with a behavioural issue or problem they will discuss it with SLT who will agree an appropriate strategy of help and support. (e.g. Learning Mentor support).
8. SLT will involve parents/carers at an early stage where a learner is experiencing problems with behaviour.
9. The Head Teacher will involve outside agencies where it is appropriate, when there is a serious problem with a learner's behaviour.
10. In extreme cases a child's inappropriate behaviour or failure to respond to help, support and sanctions may result in the child being excluded from school by the Headteacher in accordance with the Local Authority Children's Service Exclusion and Suspension Guidelines. Fairness and justice will underpin this process at every stage and parents will be kept fully informed. The school will co-operate fully with other agencies to ensure continuity for the learner's education.

Appropriate behaviour is the responsibility of the individual. Our Code of Conduct has been developed through consultation with pupils and staff. We expect all members of St. Anne's to be ambassadors of our school's high expectations, both in and outside of our school setting. As such our school code of conduct is valued and provides the framework for our behaviour leadership. This is displayed in all classrooms.

Code of Conduct:

1. Be ready.
2. Be respectful.
3. Be safe.

Responsibilities:

Behaviour is the responsibility of **everyone** in St Anne's – pupils, staff and parents/carers. These responsibilities are spelled out in the **Home School Agreement (see Appendix 2)**

Behaviour Management

Praise is used to promote our expected standards of behaviour in and out of the classroom. 'Over and Above' behaviour is rewarded and praised following our reward system.

Rewards:

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At St. Anne's we reward behaviour that goes 'Over and Above' our high expectations for all children. This is based on individual's stage of development and age, considering children's special educational needs and some children's need for more frequent praise and regular rewards.

As a whole school we use the following Dojo system to reward 'Over and above' as a consistent approach which is simple and clear for all to understand.

Lunchtime staff will use stickers and these can be turned into dojos dependent on 'Over and above' expectation.

1 Dojo is given to reward this type of behaviour and collected through the digital Dojo online system.

Dojos are given and never taken away.

Children each have a Dojo avatar and collect dojos to reach a target when a reward is given.

Each class has a Dojo display as visual reminder of achievements and target.

On reaching targets for Bronze, Silver and Gold (25, 50, 100) a reward will be given and celebrated in class and at whole school assembly. Daily rewards can be given in class for daily praise/success.

A weekly award will be given to one child per class for effort at our Weekly Assembly following our 'Pupil of the Week (POW!)' Certificate.

Each half term a 'Golden Postcard' per class will be sent home to 1 or 2 children for exceptional effort and a high-profile reward given.

A weekly 'Golden' text will be sent to our weekly award winner's parent/carer to praise their efforts.

We have rewards for attendance, behaviour at lunchtimes and stickers which also enhance our positive messages and reward individual and class efforts.

Managing Behaviour as a whole school:

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Reminders of the expected behaviours in school are given regularly through verbal and visual prompts. The use of exemplar behaviours to reinforce the desired outcomes is promoted.

We highlight the good and seek to reward children who go 'Over and Above' our expectations.

We pay attention to the stage of development and needs of children and reward individual 'over and above' expectations.

When usual positive assertiveness and discipline and general classroom organisation and management has not worked (e.g. non-verbal nod, eyeball, waiting in silence, highlighting the good/correct choices "Ok, now we are all ready to go!").

In EYFS/KS1/KS2

We also use a Traffic light system in class, with regards to warnings, all children start off in green and if given a warning move into amber/red. Children who remain in green are given Golden time on a Friday afternoon.

1. A non-verbal, verbal/visual warning is given to the child.

"Child A you know I want you to stop....
you know that is the wrong choice....
you know that is not acceptable....
now I am telling you/reminding you to stop."

2. If the child disrupts the learning environment again then they work in isolation in the classroom (timeout), a warning of the next step will be given and the child moves to amber.
3. If this behaviour continues – a reflective time out with an adult may be given or removal from class to another classroom/space with another adult.
4. Behaviour at this level is when a child is in crisis, so adults must use limited discussion/conversation to diffuse rather than escalate a situation.
5. If the child requires further support then a member of SLT will be contacted to support/escort them at the first appropriate time to another classroom. Class Teacher will inform parent/carer of this action.

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6. Payback (consequence of behaviour) will be given and parent/carer informed.

Our Learning Mentors work closely with individual children and families to support any behaviour concerns and address any barriers to learning.

Constant unacceptable behaviour – Parents/Carers will be invited to meet with Class Teacher and DHT/HT and a supportive/behaviour plan drawn up often/as appropriate the Learning Mentor/SENCO will be involved.

Extreme inappropriate behaviour

Some forms of behaviour will warrant sending to/for the Headteacher or Deputy Head Teacher immediately. These include:

- Verbal or non-verbal violence or aggression to others;
 - Complete refusal to co-operate;
 - Racism/prejudice;
 - Sexism and sexual harassment;
- These forms of behaviour will be recorded and dated by the Headteacher/Deputy Head Teacher, and parents/carers will be informed. Depending on the severity or number of occurrences, the head will decide on the sanction imposed. Parents/carers will be informed and involved. These could include:
 - Payback (consequence of behaviour)
 - Incident recorded and internal exclusion;
 - Incident recorded and reported to Local Authority: (Prejudices etc)
 - Registration on At Risk of Exclusion Register;
 - Educate/Teaching opportunities within the classroom;
 - Fixed term lunchtime exclusion (reported to Governors and LEA);
 - Fixed term exclusion between 1 and 45 days per year (reported to Governors and LEA);
 - Permanent exclusion (reported to Governors and LEA).

Some forms of behaviour carry a Serious Clause i.e. fighting in the building, verbal/non-verbal aggression towards an adult which results in immediate Fixed Term Exclusion. We follow Liverpool L.A. guidelines regarding 'At risk of' and exclusion protocols.

NB: After behaving inappropriately (particularly during recreation times and towards their peers) children are always given time, to reflect on their behaviour in sure knowledge, confidence and understanding that their suggestions of a solution to the problem will be listened to and considered.

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We encourage pupils to reflect on their behaviour and the impact of others- thinking of solutions following all unacceptable behaviour.

Sustaining our effective Policy:

Staff will:

- Ensure the Gospel values and our Mission is lived out
- Highlight and positively affirm all children at every opportunity around school.
- Ensure curriculum planning focuses on underpinning our values and high expectations along with the needs of all children are met and regularly reviewed.
- Lead by example and encourage this in pupils.
- Be watchful and observe social relationships between pupils in the class;
- Discuss with colleagues' potential problems, trigger factors and support mechanism;
- Consistently apply this policy
- Keep records of any bullying incidents and take appropriate action as outlined in Anti-bullying policy.
- Report all instances of racial harassment or any prejudice to Head Teacher.
- Report all instances of sexually inappropriate behaviour
- Be proactive in the implementation of less formal behaviour strategies and plans
- Keep records of all significant incidents that disrupt learning or are deemed unacceptable.

Individual class teachers will develop classroom management and behaviour management strategies to support their own class rules (drawn up in consultation with pupils).

If a teacher does implement a specific strategy for a child e.g. School/Home Report Card it is important that SLT are aware of this.

We work closely with parents and children to manage transition between years, key stages and school settings to support pupils with specific needs during these periods of change.

All classes must display the school Code of Conduct and refer to this regularly.

In relation to incidences of a reported incident of sexual inappropriate behaviour we will balance the importance of safeguarding other pupils with the need to support, educate and protect the alleged perpetrator we will consider:-

- The age and developmental stage of the alleged perpetrator(s)
- The nature and frequency of the alleged incidents(s)

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- How to balance the sanction alongside education and safeguarding support in conjunction with our Child Protection Policy and LCC Guidance (if, necessary, these should take place at the same time).

N.B. It is not the child we don't like it is his/her behaviour.

When questioning children, it is essential to pay attention to varying stages of development and levels of attainment in order to be fair and equitable.

Pay Back

Payback takes place in a classroom/by SLT and is recorded.

Time is taken from the child (Lunch or playtime).

Time is used to reflect upon their behaviour, its impact on themselves, others, adults and children, the working environment and the school.

Time is used to help children reconcile with themselves, relationships and behaviour.

Time is used to reach a solution to the problem.

Task set will be decided by the Deputy Head Teacher and dependent on the "incident".

A reflection sheet/activity is completed to focus on impact of behaviour/solutions/next steps (Appendix 3).

Payback is conducted by Deputy Headteacher or another member of Leadership Team.

Payback is conducted as close to 'incident as possible'.

Payback is recorded and parent/carers informed by letter, the Behaviour book is kept in Head Teacher's Room.

If a child is on Payback more than twice in a half term then DHT/HT will meet parents/carers and if necessary/appropriate a behaviour plan will be implemented with the Deputy Head Teacher involvement.

At Risk of Exclusion will be considered

Incidents of Payback is monitored termly and reported to the Full Governing Body.

SLT will remind the child of Payback and the need for 1st lunch (kitchen also). Child/ren will then be expected to meet SLT at Deputy Head Teacher room/corridor.

If a teacher deems it necessary to keep children in at break/lunch times, then the teacher must supervise this in their class room and inform SLT of this.

When/Why does Payback take place

1. Inappropriate behaviour in class leading to referral to Leadership Team.
2. Name occurring in Playground Incident Book more than twice in one week (DHT to monitor Playground Incident Book).
 - Playground Incident Book to be kept in DHT Room.

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- Incidents will be entered at end of lunch/playtimes. (i.e. Timeout by an adult/ railing.)
- 3. Behaviour resulting in immediate removal from class, yard or learning environment i.e. Aggressive language and behaviour, fighting on yard.

Individual Positive Behaviour Strategies

Individual positive behaviour strategies can be very formal as deemed necessary after discussion and consultation with SLT.SENCO/DHT who will support the implementation of these.

However, informal positive behaviour charts (linked to the interest of the child) are extremely effective in supporting staff, parent/carers and children with behaviour management.

They are not an onerous task

They should be as simple/detailed as deemed necessary by amount of support needed.

They should be SMART like all targets and children involved from the start.

They should involve teacher, LSA, parent/carer and child and if necessary/appropriate Learning Mentor/SENCO (if they are part of the support).

They are powerful and can bring about change very quickly.

NB: We pay close attention to: -

- Individual Stage of development.
- Individual expectations.

and subsequently as with all our planning and provision **STAFF FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED TO DIFFERENTIATE EXPECTATIONS IN BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT REWARD AND SANCTION**

Safer Handling

There are circumstances when it is appropriate for staff in schools and colleges to use reasonable force to safeguard children

and young people. The term 'reasonable force' covers the broad range of actions used by staff that involve a degree of physical

contact to control or restrain children. This can range from guiding a child to safety by the arm, to more extreme circumstances such as breaking up a fight or where a young person needs to be

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restrained to prevent violence or injury. 'Reasonable' in these circumstances means 'using no more force than is needed'. The use of force may involve either passive physical contact, such as standing between pupils or blocking a pupil's path, or active physical contact such as leading a pupil by the arm out of the classroom.

E-Safety

Internet safety is of paramount importance at St. Anne's. Pupils are taught, through their lessons, how to keep themselves safe when using the internet. Guidance and links are also on our school website. However, if an E-safety incident occurs, staff should fill in the E-safety incident log on CPOMS.

Legal rights of the school to search

Searching Pupils and/or their Possessions:

When information has been received or there is a well-founded belief that inappropriate material has been brought into school, the school may carry out searches of pupils and/or their possessions. Only the Head teacher and authorised members of staff may conduct a without consent search of a pupil and/or their possessions. The school does not conduct intimate searches and only outer clothing will be required to be removed. The consent of the pupil will usually be obtained before conducting a search unless the Head teacher and authorised members of staff reasonably suspects that an item has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or cause personal injury or damage to property. All personal searches will be conducted by a member of staff of the same gender as the pupil and in the presence of another member of staff. A search may also be conducted off school premises where the pupil is in the lawful control of the school. Items which may be searched for include any banned item* and any other item identified as such by law. Parents will be informed of any search conducted of their pupil and/or their pupil's possessions.

*The following are banned items: illegal substances, weapons, cigarettes, vapes and smoking apparel.

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In determining this Behaviour Policy, the Headteacher has (along with staff and Governors) taken steps to ensure adherence to Section 89 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

The Headteacher has established and maintains this policy with a view to: -

- promoting among pupils, self-discipline and proper regard for authority.
- encouraging good behaviour and respect for others, preventing all forms of bullying among pupils.
- securing that pupils complete any tasks reasonably assigned to them and
- otherwise regulating the conduct of pupils.

Monitoring, Review and Evaluation:

This policy will be monitored by the Senior Leadership Team annually to check effectiveness and to ensure that it is current and relevant.

Policy and practice are monitored and evaluated both informally and formally.

Appendix 1

St Anne's Code of Conduct



Be ready.



Be respectful.



Be safe.

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Appendix 2

**St Anne's Catholic Primary
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Home – School Agreement 2023-2024

As a School....

We acknowledge our responsibility to support parents/carers in their task of nurturing their children within a Christian community.

Therefore we agree to:

- Provide a friendly welcome to your child and a secure, happy, stimulating, learning environment where the Catholic faith leads our way.
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum which challenges your child to reach their potential and fulfils the requirements of the National Curriculum.
- Encourage your child to show friendship and respect for others and to abide by the school behaviour policy, ensuring a safe, caring environment for all.
- Challenge your child to strive for the highest standards of personal, social and intellectual development.
- Help children to care for each other and to look after themselves, our school community and the school environment.
- Allow children safe and secure use of the Internet through a combination of site filtering, supervision and by fostering a responsible attitude in all pupils, in partnership with parents/carers.
- Provide you with information about your child's progress and provide you with opportunities to talk to teachers.
- Set, mark and monitor homework suitable to your child's needs.
- Inform you of any concerns regarding your child's behaviour, work or health.
- Keep you well informed of school events through regular newsletters.
- Cater for learning to continue in the event of a local lockdown or periods of self-isolation through the Google Classroom platform or the offer of paper packs.

Signed:
Headteacher

As a Parent/Carer....

I/We acknowledge as parents we are the primary educators of our children and have an important role to play in supporting our children's learning and agree to support the Christian values of the school community

Therefore I/we agree to:

- Ensure that my child attends school punctually every day during term time, unless there is a good reason for absence (e.g. illness).
- Notify the school by letter or telephone in the event of absence.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines on learning, behaviour and uniform.
- Inform the school of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour.
- Keep us informed of where to contact you in case of emergency.
- Provide the necessary equipment, including school uniform, PE kit and swimming kit.
- Support my child's learning at school and at home through reading and other homework activities.
- Support school in the teaching of safe and secure Internet use at home.
- Attend parent/teacher meetings to discuss your child's progress.
- Encourage my child to show kindness in keeping to the school's Code of Conduct & Mission Statement.
- Help children to care for each other and to look after themselves, our school community and the school environment.
- Support home learning in the event of a local lockdown or period of self-isolation by accessing Google Classroom or collecting a paper pack of work.

Signed.....
Parent/Carer

As a Pupil....

I know the different and unique talents which God has given me and I promise to use them wisely.

Therefore I agree to:

- Attend school regularly and on time.
- Follow the school's Code of Conduct and Mission Statement.
- Do all classwork and homework as well as I can, asking questions when I don't understand.
- Use the Internet safely as I have been taught in class.
- Wear the school uniform and bring all the equipment I need each day including P.E. and swimming kits and reading book.
- Learn something new in each lesson, always do my best and be the best I can be.
- Try to think for myself and take responsibility for my actions.
- Be kind, helpful and forgiving.
- Do some homework every weekday. N.B. Reading is homework.
- Be respectful and tolerant towards others and behave in a safe and responsible way.
- Support the Christian values of the school community.
- Care for myself and others and look after our school community and the school environment.
- "Always give it 1, 2,3."
- Try my best to complete any work that my teacher sets on Google Classrooms or paper packs during periods of local lockdowns or self-isolation.

Appendix 3: Reflection sheet

Behaviour Reflections

Name: -----
Date: -----

Reasons for my behaviour

Consequences of my behaviour

How do I feel?

How has my behaviour affected others?

Other consequence(s)

Description of my behaviour

Plan for improvement -----

Pupil -----
Parent -----
Teacher -----