

	<h2>Behaviour Policy</h2>	<p>Resilience Respect Responsibility</p>
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Overview

This policy is not a system to enforce rules but is a means to promote positive behaviours and good relationships, so that all of the North Clifton community can work together with the common purpose of helping everyone to learn and succeed in their education and every aspect of life. This behaviour policy is underpinned by the school's 3R's values of:

Respect
Resilience
Responsibility

These provide a basis for the expectations of children and are the fundamentals by which we work together in a supportive, aspirational, effective, and considerate way.

We are committed to creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same.

Legislation, statutory requirements and statutory guidance

This policy is based on legislation and advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- [Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff 2024](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024](#)
- [Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement 2023](#)
- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)
- [Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school](#)
- [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#)

- Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, which outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of its pupils
- Sections 88 to 94 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, which requires schools to regulate pupils' behaviour and publish a behaviour policy and written statement of behaviour principles, and gives schools the authority to confiscate pupils' property
- DfE guidance explaining that maintained schools must publish their behaviour policy online

Aims and objectives

1. 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's 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 in which everyone feels happy, safe and secure.
2. The school has a number of rules, but our behaviour policy is not primarily concerned with rule enforcement. 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.
3. The school expects every member of the school community to behave in a considerate way towards others by following the Home - School - Child Agreement.
4. We treat all children fairly and apply this behaviour policy in a consistent way.
5. This policy aims to help children grow in a safe and secure environment, and to become positive, responsible and increasingly independent members of the school community.
6. We understand the importance of a positive approach to all behaviours in school. The school rewards good behaviour, as it believes that this will develop an ethos of kindness and cooperation. This policy is designed to promote good behaviour and mutual respect for each other. We want children to develop a deep-rooted understanding for the importance and value of behaving well and to develop an internal motivation to behave responsibly and appropriately in any situation that they are faced with.
7. It is the responsibility of everyone in North Clifton to act pleasantly with courtesy and consideration to others in lessons, during break and lunch times and at all other times. It is the responsibility of all staff to positively enforce these core values at all times. These values underpin the Home - School - Child Agreement; with the children at the centre. All stakeholders are expected to re-submit this agreement on an annual basis.

North Clifton Expectations

For Pupils

Respect

- Respect – for yourself, others and the school environment
- Speak politely to everyone
- Carry out all instructions from any member of staff
- Recognise the right of others to learn
- Show pride in property and the environment
- Look after property that belongs to others
- Stay safe
- Be considerate of others' views, values and opinions
- Be ready to learn – at all times
- Come to school with a positive attitude to learning
- Attend school and lessons on time
- Wear the full school uniform with pride
- Have all the correct equipment ready; especially PE and Swimming kit.
- Take pride in your work, presenting it neatly

Responsibility

- Always work hard to be the best you can be
- Listen when staff, students or visitors are contributing
- Value and celebrate your successes and those of others
- Work hard towards your goals and aspirations
- Complete homework
- Take part in activities and the wider opportunities in school
- Act as an ambassador of North Clifton School at all times
- Tell a member of staff if you or another pupil need help or advice

For Parents and Carers

- The school collaborates actively with parents and carers, so that children receive consistent messages about how to behave at home and at school.
- We share the school's expectations in the Home - School - Child Agreement, and we expect all parents and carers to read them and support them.
- We expect parents and carers to support their child's learning, and to cooperate with the school, as set out in the Home - School - Child Agreement. We try to build a supportive dialogue between the home and the school, and we inform parents and carers immediately if we have concerns about their child's welfare or behaviour.

- If the school has to use reasonable sanctions to punish a child, we expect parents and carers to support the actions of the school. If parents and carers have any concerns about the way that their child has been treated, they should initially contact the class teacher. If the concern remains, they should contact the head teacher. If these discussions cannot resolve the problem, a formal grievance or appeal process can be implemented by the governing body.

For the Class Teacher

- It is the responsibility of class teachers to ensure that the school rules are enforced in their classes, and that their classes behave in a responsible manner during lesson time.
- The class teachers in our school have high expectations of the children with regard to behaviour, and they strive to ensure that all children work to the best of their ability.
- The class teacher treats each child fairly, and enforces the classroom code consistently. The teachers treat all children in their classes with respect and understanding.
- 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 the Head Teacher.
- The class teacher will always try to investigate why negative behaviours may have occurred and develop an understanding of the individual and their personality traits.
- The class teacher reports to parents and carers 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, the Headteacher will be notified in these circumstances.

For the Headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for:

- Reviewing this policy in conjunction with the Governors
- Giving due consideration to the school's statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1)
- Approving this policy
- Ensuring that the school environment encourages positive behaviour
- Ensuring that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour
- Monitoring that the policy is implemented by staff consistently with all groups of pupils
- Ensuring that all staff understand the behavioural expectations and the importance of maintaining them
- Providing new staff with a clear induction into the school's behavioural culture to ensure they understand its rules and routines, and how best to support all pupils to participate fully

- Offering appropriate training in behaviour management, and the impact of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and mental health needs on behaviour, to any staff who require it, so they can fulfil their duties set out in this policy
- Ensuring this policy works alongside the safeguarding policy to offer pupils both sanctions and support when necessary
- Ensuring that the data from the behaviour log is reviewed regularly, to make sure that no groups of pupils are being disproportionately impacted by this policy

FOR GOVERNORS

- 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 head teacher in adhering to these guidelines.
- The Head Teacher has the day-to-day authority to implement the school's policy on behaviour and discipline, 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.

Rewards and Sanctions

We praise and reward children for good behaviour in a variety of ways:

- Teachers congratulate and praise children.
- Class Dojo is used to allocate points for positive behaviour, as well as academic achievements.
- At the end of each term children who have achieved a set number of class dojo points that term will receive a medal – a bronze, silver or gold medal and a certificate.
- Children can also choose to ‘spend’ their class dojo points for that term on a variety of rewards including an extended playtime, a games morning, a lucky dip, being the teacher and teaching a lesson and juice at lunchtime.
- Examples of particularly pleasing behaviour, good work and effort are rewarded in our ‘Celebration Assembly’ as well as celebrating the achievement of groups and individuals, both in and out of school.

The school always endeavours to promote positive behaviour; however, we do employ a number of sanctions to ensure a safe and positive learning environment. We employ each sanction appropriately to each individual situation. When a pupil’s behaviour falls below the standard that can reasonably be expected of them, staff will respond in order to restore a calm and safe learning environment, and to prevent recurrence of misbehaviour.

Staff will endeavour to create a predictable environment by always challenging behaviour that falls short of the standards, and by responding in a consistent, fair and proportionate manner, so pupils know with certainty that misbehaviour will always be addressed.

De-escalation techniques can be used to help prevent further behaviour issues arising, such as the use of pre-arranged scripts and phrases.

All pupils will be treated equitably under the policy, with any factors that contributed to the behavioural incident identified and considered.

When giving behaviour sanctions, staff will also consider what support could be offered to a pupil to help them to meet behaviour standards in the future.

The school may use one or more of the following sanctions in response to unacceptable behaviour:

Our graduated response is

- Name written on the board under sad face
- Class dojo point deducted
- Move place to work on their own
- Repeating work
- Leaving the class room/ time out
- Time out at playtime
- Reduced breaks
- Discussion with parents
- Head teacher involvement
- Recording incident

The class teacher discusses the school rules with each class. In addition to the school rules, each class also has its own classroom code or rules, which are discussed and agreed by the children and staff within each class. If there are incidents of poor behaviour, the class teacher discusses these with the whole class during circle time and within Class Assemblies.

Bullying

The school does not tolerate bullying of any kind within the school community. If we discover that an act of bullying or intimidation has taken place, we act immediately to stop any further occurrences of such behaviour and involve the necessary parties. While it is very difficult to eradicate bullying, we do everything in our power to ensure that all members of the school community are free from fear. See Anti Bullying Policy.

Reasonable force

Reasonable force covers a range of interventions that involve physical contact with pupils. All members of staff have a duty to use reasonable force, in the following circumstances, to prevent a pupil from:

- Causing disorder
- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property
- Committing an offence

- Incidents of reasonable force must:
- Always be used as a last resort
- Be applied using the minimum amount of force and for the minimum amount of time possible
- Be used in a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned
- Never be used as a form of punishment
- Be recorded and reported to parents/carers

When considering using reasonable force, staff should, in considering the risks, carefully recognise any specific vulnerabilities of the pupil, including SEND, mental health needs or medical conditions.

Confiscation, screening and searching

Searching, screening and confiscation is conducted in line with the DfE's latest guidance on searching, screening and confiscation.

Confiscation

Any prohibited items found in a pupil's possession as a result of a search will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to the pupil.

We will also confiscate any item that is harmful or detrimental to school discipline. These items will be returned to pupils after discussion with senior leaders and parents/carers, if appropriate.

Safeguarding

The school recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a pupil needs help or protection.

We will consider whether a pupil's misbehaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm.

Where this may be the case, we will follow our child protection and safeguarding policy, and consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information

Off-site misbehaviour

Sanctions may be applied where a pupil has misbehaved off-site when representing the school. This means misbehaviour when the pupil is:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity (e.g. school trips)
- Travelling to or from school
- Wearing school uniform

- In any other way identifiable as a pupil of our school

Sanctions may also be applied where a pupil has misbehaved off-site, at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, if the misbehaviour:

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

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member (e.g. on a school-organised trip).

Online misbehaviour

The school can issue behaviour sanctions to pupils for online misbehaviour when:

- It poses a threat or causes harm to another pupil
- It could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- It adversely affects the reputation of the school
- The pupil is identifiable as a member of the school
- There is evidence of bullying, including cyberbullying, harmful online challenges, hoaxes, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying through the use of social media platforms and networks

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member.

Suspension and permanent exclusions

We do not wish to exclude any child from school, but sometimes this may be necessary. The school has therefore adopted the most recent statutory guidance: 'Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement' September 2023.

Only the Head Teacher has the power to exclude a child from school. The Head Teacher may exclude a child for one or more fixed periods, for up to 45 days in any one school year. In extreme and exceptional circumstances, the Head Teacher may exclude a child permanently. It is also possible for the Head Teacher to convert a suspension exclusion into a permanent exclusion, if the circumstances warrant this.

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

The head teacher informs the LA and the governing body about any permanent exclusion, and about any suspensions beyond five days in any one term.

The governing body itself cannot either exclude a child or extend the exclusion period made by the Head Teacher.

The governing body will form a discipline committee when required. The committee is made up of between three and five members. This committee considers any exclusion appeals on behalf of the governors.

Responding to misbehaviour from pupils with SEND

Recognising the impact of SEND on behaviour

The school recognises that pupils' behaviour may be impacted by a special educational need or disability (SEND).

When incidents of misbehaviour arise, we will consider them in relation to a pupil's SEND, although we recognise that not every incident of misbehaviour will be connected to their SEND. Decisions on whether a pupil's SEND had an impact on an incident of misbehaviour will be made on a case-by-case basis.

When dealing with misbehaviour from pupils with SEND, especially where their SEND affects their behaviour, the school will balance their legal duties when making decisions about enforcing the behaviour policy. The legal duties include:

- Taking reasonable steps to avoid any substantial disadvantage to a disabled pupil being caused by the school's policies or practices ([Equality Act 2010](#))
- Using our best endeavours to meet the needs of pupils with SEND ([Children and Families Act 2014](#))
- If a pupil has an education, health and care (EHC) plan, the provisions set out in that plan must be secured and the school must co-operate with the local authority and other bodies

As part of meeting these duties, the school will anticipate, as far as possible, all likely triggers of misbehaviour, and put in place support to prevent these from occurring.

Any preventative measures will consider the specific circumstances and requirements of the pupil concerned. For example:

- Short, planned movement breaks for a pupil with SEND who finds it difficult to sit long
- Adjusting seating plans to allow a pupil with visual or hearing impairment to sit in the sight of the teacher
- Adjusting uniform requirements for a pupil with sensory issues or who have severe eczema
- Training for staff in understanding conditions such as autism

Adapting sanctions for pupils with SEND

When considering a behavioural sanction for a pupil with SEND, the school will consider:

- Was the pupil unable to understand the rule or instruction?
- Was the pupil unable to act differently at the time as a result of their SEND?
- Is the pupil likely to behave aggressively due to their particular SEND?

If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes', it may be unlawful for the school to sanction the pupil for the behaviour.

The school will then assess if it is appropriate to use a sanction and if so, whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made to the sanction.

Considering whether a pupil displaying challenging behaviour may have unidentified SEND

The school's special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) may evaluate a pupil who exhibits challenging behaviour to determine whether they have any underlying needs that are not currently being met.

Where necessary, support and advice will also be sought from specialist teachers, an educational psychologist, medical practitioners and/or others, to identify or support specific needs.

When acute needs are identified in a pupil, we will liaise with external agencies and plan support programmes for that child. We will work with parents/carers to create the plan and review it on a regular basis.

Pupils with an education, health and care (EHC) plan

The provisions set out in the EHC plan must be secured and the school will co-operate with the local authority and other bodies.

If the school has a concern about the behaviour of a pupil with an EHC plan, it will contact the local authority to discuss the matter. If appropriate, the school may request an emergency review of the EHC plan.

Pupil transition

Inducting incoming pupils

The school will support incoming pupils to meet behaviour standards by offering an induction process to familiarise them with the behaviour policy and the wider school culture.

Preparing outgoing pupils for transition

To ensure a smooth transition to the next year, pupils have transition sessions with their new teacher(s).

To ensure behaviour is continually monitored and the right support is in place, information relating to pupil behaviour issues may be transferred to relevant staff at the start of the term or year.

Monitoring and evaluating behaviour

The school will collect data on the following:

- Behavioural incidents, including removal from the classroom

- Attendance, permanent exclusions and suspensions
- Use of pupil support units, off-site directions and managed moves
- Incidents of searching, and confiscation
- Perceptions and experiences of the school behaviour culture for staff, pupils, governors and other stakeholders (via anonymous surveys)
- The data will be analysed every term by the Headteacher.
- The data will be analysed from a variety of perspectives including:
 - At school level
 - By age group
 - At the level of individual members of staff
 - By time of day/week/term
 - By protected characteristic

The school will use the results of this analysis to make sure it is meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010. If any trends or disparities between groups of pupils are identified by this analysis, the school will review its policies to tackle them.

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 head teacher keeps a record of any child 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. The governing body will pay particular attention to matters of racial equality; it will seek to ensure that the school abides by the non-statutory guidance *The Duty to Promote Race Equality: A Guide for Schools*, and that no child is treated unfairly because of race or ethnic background.

The governing body reviews this policy every two years. 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: Written statement of behaviour principles

- Every pupil understands they have the right to feel safe, valued and respected, and to be able to learn free from the disruption of others
- All pupils, staff and visitors are free from any form of discrimination
- Staff and volunteers set an excellent example to pupils at all times
- Rewards, sanctions and reasonable force are used consistently by staff, in line with the behaviour policy
- The behaviour policy is understood by pupils and staff
- The exclusions policy explains that exclusions will only be used as a last resort, and outlines the processes involved in suspensions and exclusions
- Pupils are helped to take responsibility for their actions
- Families are involved in the handling of behaviour incidents to foster good relationships between the school and pupils' home life
- The governing board also emphasises that violence or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated in any circumstances.

This written statement of behaviour principles is reviewed and approved by the full Governing Body alongside the approval of the policy.