

# **Behaviour Principles Written Statement of Laughton All Saints C of E Primary School**



In our Church of England school we are tolerant of others and promote respect for the dignity and worth of each individual. We aim to nurture caring and self-regulating citizens.

We help each child to fulfil their potential physically, academically, socially, morally and spiritually, without fear of discrimination.

## **Statement of Behaviour Principles**

The Department for Education requires governing bodies of maintained schools to publish a statement of behaviour principles for their school. The Governing Board therefore has a duty to produce, and review, a written statement of general principles to guide the Headteacher in determining measures to promote good behaviour and discipline amongst pupils. The document Behaviour and Discipline in Schools Guidance for Governing Bodies (DFE – July 2013) has been used as a reference in producing this Statement of Behaviour Principles. Laughton All Saints C of E School is an inclusive school. We are committed to promoting respect, fairness and social inclusion and these are the principles underlying the Behaviour Policy; we uphold care for all our neighbours and ourselves. We are committed to improving outcomes for our children and staff and to promoting good relations across the whole school community.

### **Right to feel safe at all times**

All young people, staff and other members of the school community have the right to feel safe at all times whilst in school. We expect all members of the school community to behave responsibly and to treat each other with respect. They should be aware that bullying or harassment of any description is unacceptable even if it occurs outside normal school hours.

### **High standards of behaviour**

- The Governors believe that high standards of behaviour are essential to a school's success.
- The Governors believe that good teaching and learning encourage good behaviour and that in turn, good behaviour encourages and enables effective learning.
- The Governors believe that children have the right to learn and to achieve their potential and staff have the right to teach.
- The Governors also believe that when high standards of behaviour are expected during the school day, this can have a positive effect on the life of its young people outside school in encouraging them to become successful members of the wider community.

### **Inclusivity and Equality**

- We are an inclusive school. We believe in equality and in valuing the individual. We believe all members of the school community should be free from discrimination, harassment and bullying and we will not tolerate them in any form. Measures to

counteract bullying and discrimination will be consistently applied and monitored for their effectiveness.

- The school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010 and which are described in the School's Equality and Diversity Policy will be further reinforced through the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policies and will seek to safeguard vulnerable pupils. We recognise some pupils may need additional support to meet behaviour expectations.

### **School Rules**

- The Governors expect the school rules to be easily understood by all and to be kept to a minimum.
- The Governors expect the staff to support the school rules and to apply them consistently and fairly at all times.

### **Rewards**

- The Governors believe positive behaviours should be praised to encourage good behaviour in the classroom and elsewhere in the school.
- The Governors expect any rewards system should be consistently applied and where possible measurable. It must be regularly monitored for consistency, fair application and effectiveness.

### **Sanctions**

- Any sanctions for unacceptable/poor behaviour should be known and understood by all staff, other adults with authority for behaviour, pupils and parents/carers including extended provision.
- It is important that sanctions are monitored for their proper use, consistency and effective impact.

### **Home/School Agreement**

- The Home/School Agreement will be a way of communicating our approach so that parents/carers can be encouraged to support their child, just as the pupils should be helped to understand their responsibilities during their time at school, in the wider community and in preparation for their life after school.
- The responsibilities of children, parents/carers and all school staff with respect to their and their children's behaviour should be outlined in the Home School Agreement which children, parents/carers and teachers must be asked to sign when a pupil joins the school.

### **The use of Reasonable Force**

- The Governors expect the Whole School Behaviour Policy/ Positive Handling & Intervention Policy to clearly outline the circumstances where staff may use reasonable force and other physical contact. At all times the use of force should be a last resort but governors agree it may be used in the following circumstances (see Section 93 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006)
  - in self-defence or when safety is an issue

- where there is a risk of significant damage to property
- if there were a need to search a pupil for weapons / stolen property
- The Governors expect that authorised staff are appropriately trained in the use of positive handling and restraint and that all staff are given advice on de-escalation and behaviour management techniques.
- There is a statutory duty to record and report all significant incidents including all use of force. Where a risk has been identified, an individual pupil may have a Behaviour Management Plan if appropriate which could specify a particular physical intervention technique for the pupil concerned.

**The power to discipline for behaviour outside the school gates**

The Governors expect staff to respond to non-criminal poor behaviour and bullying which occurs anywhere off the school premises and which is witnessed by a member of staff or reported to the school. The Policy should include the school’s response to any bad behaviour when the child is:

- taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity, wearing school uniform, or identifiable as a pupil at the school

Even if the conditions above do not apply, the Policy must take account of misbehaviour at any time which:

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

**Pastoral Care for School Staff**

The Governors would not expect a member of staff who has been accused of misconduct to be suspended automatically pending an investigation. The Governors would, however, expect the Headteacher to draw upon the advice set out in the DfE’s guidance document ‘ Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against Teachers and Other Staff ‘ when setting out the pastoral support staff can expect to receive if they are accused of misusing their powers.

Approved by the Board of Governors on 5 January 2017.

Reviewed Spring 2020

Signed on behalf of the Board of Governors by

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Chair /Vice chair