



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

Behaviour Policy	
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Let Your Light Shine - Matthew 5:16

Through the Behaviour Management Policy, the school will promote and teach the values we learn based on the example of the Christian faith:

- Forgiveness
- Respect for self and others
- Reconciliation and redemption
- Truth and honesty
- Trust and fairness
- Tolerance and compassion
- Self-discipline
- Respect for property and the environment
- Politeness

Such values, in turn, promote not only the Christian ethos and aims of Middleforth Church of England Primary School, but assist in the preparation of the children for the responsibilities and duties of adult life.

Vision

As a caring, Christian community, we aspire to 'let our light shine'. We will open up the world to celebrate God's wonderful creation and foster a sense of awe and wonder.

We will nurture our God given talents to ensure that everyone reaches their full potential academically, socially and spiritually.

'Let your light shine Matthew 5.16'

Introduction

Children learn best when they are happy, secure and clear what is expected of them and when they are encouraged consistently to behave well. Middleforth C of E School is a caring Christian, community, whose values are built on a strong Christian ethos, mutual trust and respect for all. We seek to provide a caring and stable environment in which every member of the school community feels valued, respected and safe. Our school is a place which respects and cares for others and where each person is treated fairly and well. High standards of behaviour and manners are fostered, expected, encouraged and displayed by staff and pupils alike.

A child's behaviour is often a symptom of how they feel about themselves. A child who is unhappy or has low self-esteem is more likely to misbehave than a happy, well-adjusted child. Consequently, we have sought to establish a policy rooted in celebrating children's success and reinforcing good behaviour by a variety of positive means.

The ethos of the school, together with the planning of a broad and balanced curriculum, promotes the Christian values and attitudes necessary for individual children to contribute positively to their own personal development and that of the school. The success of this policy relies on a commitment from all staff, governors and others involved within the school.

The aims and expectations of this policy are founded in the school's Christian ethos that pervades all aspects of school life.

Aims

- To develop and establish mutual respect between all members of the school
- To allow everyone to work together in an effective and considerate way
- To help children develop academically, socially and spiritually in a safe and secure environment
- To promote self-discipline and respect for self, others and the world by teaching values and attitudes as well as knowledge and skills
- To recognise good behaviour, as school believes that this will develop an ethos of kindness, cooperation and respect.
- To have consistent expectations and guidance about routines and procedures.
- To enable children to understand the Christian message of love, through the first-hand experience of our actions and follow the examples of asking What Would Jesus Do? (WWJD)

Middleforth Golden Rules

- ✓ Be Ready
- ✓ Be Respectful
- ✓ Be Safe

These rules underpin our ethos in school and are an expectation for everyone in our school. They are clearly displayed throughout school.

Expectations at Middleforth Church of England Primary School

PUPIL EXPECTATIONS

Be ready

- Will arrive at school on time
- Will be organised and ready to begin work e.g. pencil, ruler etc
- Will utilise class time widely and complete my work
- Will take part in group discussions and projects
- Will be willing to become actively involved in all areas of school life

Be respectful

- Will respect the rights and property of others
- Will display appropriate self-control in and around school
- Will listen to others and show respect towards them
- Will value the physical environment of the school
- Will show kindness and respect for each other emotionally and physically
- Will act with dignity and self-respect

Be safe

Will use the correct entrances to enter and exit the school
Will dress appropriately for the weather and outdoor breaks
Will travel safely in and around school
Will talk to a trusted adult if I feel unsafe

STAFF EXPECTATIONS

All staff

Will refer to the rules, be ready, be respectful and be safe
Will model positive behaviours and foster strong relationships with children and their families
Will always be consistent when managing inappropriate behaviour
Will say a personal good morning to every child who walks through the classroom door
Will be calm
Will plan and deliver lessons that engage all learners
Will model and share good practice
Will raise every child's self-esteem and develop their full potential
Will recognise and celebrate that every child is an individual

Senior Leaders

Will be a visible presence around school
Will support all staff
Will celebrate staff and children's achievements

PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS

We will refer to the rules, be ready, be respectful and be safe
We expect that parents/carers will support the school's Behaviour Policy
We expect that parents/carers will support their child by agreeing to discuss any problems that arise
We expect that parents/carers will celebrate with us, their children's successes

OUR CURRICULUM

We will motivate, excite and challenge our children in a nurturing Christian environment.
We will promote a broad and balanced curriculum which meet the needs of all our children and help them to develop.
We will encourage children to explore and understand their faith
We will support children in becoming highly articulate and use rich vocabulary
We will inspire children to be independent, imaginative and resilient learners.

Managing Behaviour

High quality behaviour for learning is underpinned by positive relationships, lesson planning and positive recognition. Middleforth's Golden Rules, Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe must be displayed in each learning space and referred to in conversations around conduct by all staff.

Recognition and rewards for effort

How do we encourage good behaviour?

We will recognise and highlight good behaviour as it occurs linked to our Middleforth Golden Rules – Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe

We will ensure that all children are praised in public and reprimanded in private (PIP/RIP)

Will ensure that feedback is constructive

Stars of the week

Each week, staff nominate two children from each class who have shone brightly and this is shared with the school and parents in worship. These are in place to encourage all children to reach their full potential in terms of both behaviour and attainment.

Classroom Rewards

Although there are many whole school rewards in place, all of the classes have their own ways of rewarding and encouraging good behaviour. These are used as a way for children to earn either individual rewards or collective rewards for the whole class.

Headteacher Postcards

These are presented to children for examples of outstanding achievement, either academic or for an act of kindness to another person. These are rare awards and are sent directly to the children's home address.

House System

- Every child is a member of the schools four houses – Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald or Amber.
- Key stage 2 classes have a house captain for each house.
- The children earn points for their houses through the house points system and the house captains count up the total each week. The total number of points is announced each week in class and families are informed on the weekly newsletter.
- The House Award winners are announced either in class or in Celebration Assembly.
- At the end of each half term, in Celebration Assembly or in class the winning house announced by the Year 6 house captains.
- At the end of each term the winning house have a reward eg a non-uniform day.
- All staff are also members of houses.

Restorative Model

<p>1) Redirection & Reminder</p>	<p>Gentle encouragement, a 'nudge' in the right direction, small act of kindness A reminder of the expectations Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe delivered privately wherever possible. Repeat reminders if necessary. Deescalate and decelerate where reasonable and possible and take the initiative to keep things at this stage.</p>
<p>2) Caution</p>	<p>A clear verbal caution delivered privately wherever possible, making the learner aware of their behaviour and clearly outlining the consequences if they continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “stop, think, (insert name) make the right choice” • “think carefully about your next step”
<p>3) Last chance</p> <p>(5 minutes after class for restorative conversation and 5 minutes reflection time)</p>	<p>Give the learner a chance to reflect away from others. Speak to the learner privately and give them a final opportunity to engage. Offer a positive choice to do so.</p> <p><u>Use the 30 second scripted intervention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have noticed that you are... (having trouble getting started, wandering around etc.) right now. • At Middleforth, we... (refer to the 3 golden rules – be ready, be respectful and be safe) • Because of that you need to... (refer to action to support behaviour e.g. moving to another table, complete learning at another time) • See me for 5 minutes after class/during break • Do you remember yesterday/last week when you... (refer to previous positive behaviour)? • That is who I need to see today... • Thank you for listening... then give the child some ‘take up’ time and WALK AWAY. <p>If the warning is not followed and the behaviour continues this must be recorded on CPOMS as a negative behaviour. At this point the learner will be informed that they will have to miss ten minutes from the next break/lunch time in reflection time</p>
<p>4a) Time Out within class</p>	<p>At this point the child should be directed to use the 'Calm Space' within the classroom. Initially this will need to be supported by an adult until the children are used to the different 'zones of regulation' within it. This should promote self-regulation for the child and allow them to return to their work.</p> <p>If this point is reached during break or lunch times, the member</p>

	of staff dealing with the incident should bring the child into their own class calm space and ring for support from SLT to supervise the child.
4b) Time Out in another class (If the above is unsuccessful)	At this point the learner will be referred internally to another room in the Key Stage for 10 minutes for the child to calm down, breath, look at the situation from a different perspective and compose themselves. All internal referrals must be recorded on CPOMS.
5) Repair (All incidents that reach step 4 will need to have stage 5)	Restorative Conversation 5 questions is usually enough from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happened? • What were you thinking at the time? • What have you thought since? • How did this make people feel? • Who has been affected? • How have they been affected? • What should we do to put things right? • How can we do things differently in the future? <p>Imposition given if needed (An imposition is additional work that must be completed that evening, countersigned by parent and returned first thing. This is to help the child to understand that there are consequences and the responsibility for making up time lost is with them not the teacher)</p>

Consequences	
Stage 1	If a child has two incidents in a week requiring reflection that are recorded on CPOMS the class teacher must inform parents.
Stage 2	If a child has three or more incidents in a week requiring reflection a meeting with SLT/pastoral team and parents/carers will be arranged. This must be recorded on CPOMS.
Stage 3	Children who receive more than 3 reflections in a week will have weekly monitoring meetings (during lunchtime) to discuss their behaviour with SLT/pastoral team.
Stage 4	A serious breach or a failure to improve may lead to a fixed term exclusion.

A serious breach is an incident that may lead to a fixed term exclusion. Alternatives to exclusion, where appropriate, include attending provision off-site at a local school. Appropriate support for pupils with Special Educational Needs will be provided. If

there are suspected learning difficulties then school will provide screening to ensure this is not impacting on behaviour.

Serious Incidents

If a child commits a serious incident then the stages outlined above may be bypassed with the Headteacher recommending a fixed term exclusion, or in very serious cases permanent exclusion. The following is a list of serious incidents that the school can act on, including exclusion. All serious incidents should be referred straight through to the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher and also recorded on CPOMS. The Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher will speak to the parents, with the child present in a meeting in school as soon as possible after the incident.

- Racist, sexist or homophobic remarks
- All forms of bullying
- Physical violence
- Verbal abuse
- Theft
- Wilful damage to property
- Continual disturbances in the classroom/areas of school
- Refusal to carry out appropriate tasks linked to the curriculum
- Running out of class or school without permission
- Sexualised behaviour including peer on peer abuse

School Support systems

As a fully inclusive school we recognise that for some children additional or different action may be necessary as a result of a special educational need and/or disability or emotional difficulties. This is in accordance with the SEN code of practice. We recognise that a child with social, emotional or behaviour difficulties may require something additional or different in the same way that we would make curriculum adaptations for a child with learning needs.

Where this is the case, a child will be identified on our school SEN register. An individual behaviour plan will be established in consultation with the class teacher and the parents. This will outline agreed targets and strategies as well as the ways in which we will support the child. When required advice from outside agencies will be sought in order to meet the needs of every child.

Exclusions

There are two kinds of exclusion:

1. fixed period - when a pupil is not allowed in school for a fixed amount of time (including exclusions over lunch time)

2. permanent - when a child is permanently barred from the school premises and their name removed from the school roll.

Alternative education arrangements and procedures for challenging the exclusion will depend on the type of exclusion.

The headteacher can take a decision to exclude a pupil:

In response to serious breaches of a school's behaviour policy, where allowing your child to remain in school would seriously harm the education and welfare of your child or others in the school.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/exclusions-from-school/>

Records of internal and external exclusions will be kept on CPOMs and recorded by the person who dealt with the incident.

Criminal law

It is important to bear in mind that some types of harassing or threatening behaviour or communications could be a criminal offence for example under the Protection from harassment Act 1997, the Malicious Communications Act 1988, the Communications Act 2003 and the Public Order act 1986. For example, under the Malicious Communications Act 1988 it is an offence for a person to send an electronic communication to another person with the intent to cause distress or anxiety or to send an electronic communication which conveys a message which is indecent or grossly offensive, a threat or information which is false and known or believed to be false by the sender. If school feel that an offence may have been committed they may elect to seek assistance from the Police but any reference to the police should only be undertaken with the agreement of the Headteacher.

Pupil confidentiality

It is important to note that in any cases of altercations between pupils, pupil confidentiality will be upheld and parent/carers of each child will not receive any information about a child other than their own. In this instance parents should be reassured that the school's behaviour policy and procedures have been followed and implemented.

The following section of the policy is based on advice from Lancashire Education Authority.

Home school agreement

The school collaborates actively with parents and carers so that children receive consistent messages about how to behave at home and at school. A home school agreement is sent home and signed by the Headteacher, parent/carer and by the child as well. This outlines the responsibilities of the child, parent and the school.

Search and Screen

Schools in England have powers to search and screen pupils and confiscate prohibited items. The Department for Education released Departmental Advice called [“Searching, screening and confiscation”](#) in January 2018. This advice applies to all schools in England. If a child is believed to have a prohibited item in school staff have the right to ask the child’s permission to be searched. If permission is not given the Headteacher or a member of SLT has the right to search the pupil if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a prohibited item is in school.

Prohibited items include:

knives or weapons alcohol illegal drugs stolen items tobacco and cigarette papers fireworks pornographic images any article that a member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or injure a person or damage property

Reasonable Force

At Middleforth Church of England Primary School there is a behaviour programme designed to help staff to calm children and de-escalate difficult situations. It also trains staff to hold children safely if it becomes necessary. This would only be done for safety reasons and for the shortest time possible. Staff only intervene physically to restrain children in order to prevent injury to a child, or if a child is in danger of hurting him/herself or others. Should this occasion arise children and staff will be given time to reflect and find a different way to deal with difficult situations in the future. The actions that we take are in line with government guidelines on the restraint of children. Records are kept and parents or carers are informed. (Appendix 1 – links to the use of reasonable force government guidance)

Pupils’ conduct outside the school gates

Teachers have a statutory power to discipline pupils for misbehaving outside of the school premises. Section 89 (5) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 gives Head teachers a specific statutory power to regulate pupils’ behaviour in these circumstances ‘to such extent as is reasonable’.

Subject to the school’s behaviour policy, the teacher may discipline a pupil for any misbehaviour when the child is:

Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity or
Travelling to or from school or
Wearing school uniform or
In some other way identifiable as a pupil at the school

Or misbehaviour at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, that:
Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school or
Poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public or
Could adversely affect the reputation of the school

The role of the Headteacher

- To implement the Behaviour Management policy consistently through the school
- To support its implementation by all other relevant members of the school community
- To keep clear and complete records of all serious incidents and keep parents informed of such
- To take decisions about exclusions, if necessary, in compliance with the Local Authority guidelines and the schools exclusion policy
- To monitor regularly the effectiveness of the Behaviour Management Policy and report on this to the governing body when required
- To ensure the behaviour management policy is made available to all parents and carers through the school website.

The role of the Governing Body

- To support the school in fulfilling its duty of care to our pupils through the Behaviour Management Policy
- To support the headteacher in implementing this policy, and offer advice with regard to specific issues as needed
- To facilitate and promote the regular monitoring and review of this policy

Appendix 1 – Useful Links

1. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/use-of-reasonable-force-in-schools>
2. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/674416/Searching_screening_and_confiscation.pdf
3. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/641418/20170831_Exclusion_Stat_guidance_Web_version.pdf
4. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/835733/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2019.pdf
5. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/398815/SEND_Code_of_Practice_January_2015.pdf
6. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/488034/Behaviour_and_Discipline_in_Schools_-_A_guide_for_headteachers_and_School_Staff.pdf
7. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/571640/Getting_the_simple_things_right_Charlie_Taylor_s_behaviour_checklists.pdf

Legislative links

Education Act 1996

School Standards and Framework Act 1998

Education Act 2002

Education and Inspections Act 2006

School Information (England) Regulations 2008

Equality Act 2010

The Education (Independent School Standards) (Amended) (England) Regulations 2014

Education Act 2011

Schools (Specification and Disposal of Articles) Regulations 2012

The School Behaviour (Determination and Publicising of Measures in Academies)

Regulations 2012 Keeping children safe in Education 2021