

Oswald Road Primary School

Behaviour Policy

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Throughout this policy, wherever the word 'parent' is used, it refers to parents and carers. Wherever 'RR' is used it refers to Rights Respecting.

Also, throughout the policy there are 'Articles' added that relate to UNICEF's Convention on the Rights of the Child. As a school we are committed to our Rights Respecting work and policies we write are an important part of this. Article 42.

'Pupils have the right to come to school and focus on their studies free from disruption and the fear of bullying' (the White Paper 2010). Article 19.

"State Parties recognise the right of children to education" and "should take all appropriate measures to ensure that school discipline is administered in a manner consistent with the child's human dignity." Articles 28 and 29.

Our policy has also been informed by the Six Principles of Nurture:

- 1. Children's learning is understood developmentally
- 2. The classroom offers a safe base
- 3. The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing
- 4. Language is a vital means of communication
- 5. All behaviour is communication
- 6. The importance of transition in children's lives.

Behaviour expectations/rules

The school expects openness and honesty from everyone. We are a Rights Respecting school and as such we expect people to respect and value each other's views and opinions. Articles 12 and 13. Where these may differ, we work together to resolve differences calmly and constructively. Staff are 'duty bearers' of RR language and exemplary role models of behaviour and attitudes and effectively encourage children to demonstrate these.

Children, staff and parents all know the basic expectations of behaviour in and around school. They also know the consequences for following or not following these expectations. Every class has a RR charter displayed with relevant articles chosen by the class.

We use the language of rights and choice to encourage everyone to take responsibility for their own behaviour. Children choosing to behave in the expected way will be recognised with positive consequences. People struggling to make a good choice are supported with unobtrusive prompts.

People failing to make good behaviour choices are dealt with fairly and consistently. They are never embarrassed or humiliated. Article 37. Where pupils make mistakes in their choices, they are supported in finding ways to put things right and avoid repeating the behaviour in the future.

Everyone in our school community is responsible for managing behaviour. Everyone praises or supports good behaviour choices in communal areas. RR displays, in key areas of school, support the process of children thinking not only about their own Rights but the Rights of others and how we can respect everybody's Rights. All staff in school access these displays with children to celebrate Rights being respected or to discuss children's responsibilities. Rewards for appropriate behaviour are numerous.

Prompts for appropriate behaviour will be displayed when necessary in the form of visual reminders e.g. Active Listening.

We are aware that some of our parents/carers also are staff at our school. We ensure that we always give time to reflect on this and ensure any communication follows the procedures for all parents.

To write our Behaviour Policy, we took the following approach:

- 1) Collated teacher, TA and pupil voice on thoughts on our previous system: what was liked, what wasn't, what was and wasn't working.
- 2) Liaised closely with the Rights Respecting Ambassadors at all points.
- 3) Invited parental voice on thoughts on our previous system.
- 4) Information was used by a working party, who put together a first thoughts document on a new behaviour system
- 5) Worked as a teaching staff group, over several weeks, to unpick the first thoughts document. This then led to the policy.

Year 1 upwards

What is displayed in the classroom?

Key Stage Two: Two laminated posters – 'Rights Respecting' appearance. Starting point 'We are rights respecting' and 'We're reflecting on our Rights'

Key Stage One: Three laminated posters – 'Rights Respecting' appearance. Starting point 'I'm a Rights Respecter', 'Warning' and 'I've made a choice to not respect a Right' (wording to be decided)

Children's names will be on the 'I'm a Rights Respecter' at the beginning of each day.

KS2: There will be a verbal warning (1 chance) KS1: There will be a verbal warning (chance 1) before moving to 'warning' board (chance 2), which will be amber in colour

Each class will be given cards to use should they have a child who would benefit from seeing / feeling the warning issued (red and yellow laminated card). Teachers will also be given a red/yellow card for their lanyard, should this be helpful for any child in their class. These will be used at the teachers' discretion.

If the behaviour carries on, their names will be moved to 'We're reflecting on our Rights' which will mean Reflection Time.

We believe that each day is a new start and all children will always begin each day on Rights Respecting.

Raffle Tickets

The positive behaviour system will be around raffle tickets. All teachers will have books of raffle tickets and a box of small prizes. Children will be handed out raffle tickets for great effort, respecting Rights, working really hard, showing perseverance etc. It could also be used in the marking (eg – 1 RT). There will be a maximum of one raffle ticket given out at a time.

Children will put their name on the back of the raffle ticket and put it in the class raffle ticket container. The child would also put a tally on their House chart.

All raffle tickets will be put into a large bag / box at the end of each term. Three will be picked out. The two runners up will receive a half hour extra playtime, the winner will receive a £75 voucher for their class. This will be announced and rewarded in Child of Term assembly, with a big card 'cheque' awarded to the class. The tally points on the House Charts will be collected by the House Captains as normal and at the Child of the Term assembly, there will be the same celebration of which team has the most points / trophy with ribbons on.

On a Friday at 3.15, it will be Celebration Time, when a raffle ticket is picked out, the prize is given and events of the week to celebrate are verbally shared.

Reflection Time

Reflection Time will be available daily and held in a set classroom (Reflection Room) for Years 4-6 (Mr Salisbury's classroom - 10.45 - 11) and Years 1-3 (Miss Dyson's classroom - 10.30 - 10.45). If a child has a Reflection Time, they will miss their full break – however they will of course be allowed to visit the toilet and eat their snack. Reflection Time will be staffed by SLT, Phase Lead, Kathryn Whalley Ben Halima or Paul Salisbury. A rota will be drawn up.

There will be a script for anyone leading Reflection Time (Appendix A) and then the children will fill in a reflection sheet, which they will bring with them. (Appendix B). These will be age appropriate.

On return from Reflection Time, the class teacher will ask for the receipt of attendance (the person in the room will have ready printed tickets to hand out). There will be a reflection time book where attendance is recorded and another way of keeping track of whether there have been three reflections within a half term (when further action would be needed). The member of staff on reflection duty, will pass the reflection sheets to the office, who will scan onto CPOMS and tag on 'reflection time' tab (no writing needed – just uploaded reflection). The office will email a standard 'no reply' email to parents to inform them of the detention.

The teacher will keep a register with any Reflection Times attended and then will be able to ensure systems are followed.

To note, the policy will be applied with discretion for children with specific needs.

Ongoing behaviour issues

Should a child find themselves in Reflection Time three times in a half term, then a meeting will be made with the class teacher and Mrs Whalley Ben Halima to speak with their parents.

If behaviour continues, the child will be put on report. Parents will be informed by Mrs Whalley Ben Halima. When on report, a child has a report card for a week and they have break and lunchtimes indoors. The report card is commented on throughout the day by their teacher and given to a member of SLT at the end of the day to sign. The report card is also shared with parents daily. If the child has a fully positive five days, then they come off report. If they don't, they stay on report for another week.

If behaviour continues after this, then a meeting would then be arranged with Mrs Howard and any other appropriate member of staff (eg pastoral, SENCo)

EYFS

In our Early Years classrooms, the behaviour system will have similarities to what is followed in the main school.

On each classroom wall, there are two owl posters (Rights Respecting and Reflecting). There is also a visual warning. Children's names will all start the day on the Rights Respecting Owl.

If a child is not respecting a right, they will firstly get a verbal warning. For some children, this verbal warning may also be accompanied by a visual symbol. If this continues, the child's name will be moved to the 'warning' poster.

If the child continues, then they will sit on the reflection chair within their classroom.

If there are continued situations, the child will be sent to another classroom to reflect. The teacher will inform the parent/carer when appropriate.

For any higher level behaviours, it will be at the class teacher's discretion as to when send the child to another class or to the Phase Lead. In these cases, the parent/carer will be informed.

There will also be the use of Dojos in EYFS in each classroom and there will be a Dojo star of the week.

Each class will award a child the Rights Respecting Star of the Week as per main school.

EYFS upwards

High level incidents

High level behaviour such as bullying, racism or assault will result in sanctions as per the Headteacher's discretion, such as report, internal exclusion and exclusion. At any point the Headteacher deems it necessary to jump to these, it is at her discretion following consultation and advice from other staff (and LA officers if appropriate).

Circumstances justifying physical intervention (see Positive Handling Policy)

Delegated and TEAM teach trained staff may use force as reasonable in the circumstances:

Where action is necessary in self-defence or because there is an imminent risk of injury.

Where a pupil is behaving in a way that is compromising the safety of other pupils or themselves.

Where there is a developing risk of injury, or significant damage to property.

Application of reasonable force depends on all the circumstances of the case. It will require judgement, skill and knowledge of non-harmful methods of control.

The use of force can be regarded as reasonable if:

- It is used for the minimum length of time to achieve its objective.
- It is used as a last resort
- The degree of force is the minimum necessary, and in proportion to the incident.
- It is proportionate and necessary

Reasonable force may involve:

- Physically interposing between pupils
- Blocking pupils path
- Leading a pupil by the hand or arm
- Moving a pupil away by placing a hand in the centre of the back

If it is felt that a child is in danger of ever needing physical intervention this will be done by key members of staff within Oswald Road that are Team Teach trained. A Personal Handling Plan (PHP) and risk assessment must be completed with the class teacher, Pastoral Lead and/or SENCO and shared with the Headteacher. The parents would work with the staff on this.

Bullying

Please see Anti-Bullying policy for information.

Absconders

If the pupil decides to abscond, staff should not engage in a chase. Staff must keep the pupil insight and follow the same procedures as for physical contact. If a pupil leaves the school grounds, the parents and police will be immediately informed.

Recording

All high level incidents and incidents where reasonable force has been used, must be recorded on CPOMs. All reflections completed in Reflection Time will also be uploaded to CPOMS and it will be recorded where parental meetings have occurred.

Lunchtime

The Senior Lunchtime Organiser (SLO) will act as Behaviour Lead (and will be based on the main playground for the majority of lunchtime).

There is a four-step system for lunchtime:

- 1) Informal warning (yellow card)
- 2) Verbal warning (red card)
- 3) Written down via SLO (see below)
- 4) Teacher to decide on whether to record on CPOMS / if Reflection Time is needed (see below)

If any of the Lunchtime Team feel they need any support dealing with an issue, they would ask the SLO for support. The SLO and the team would ensure the informal warning (yellow card) then verbal warning (red card) system is being followed and also use other strategies such as:

- Guide the children to resolution
- Separating the children
- Asking the children what solutions they can think of (RR language used)
- Asking the children how they think they can resolve it (RR language used)
- If on a verbal warning, explain if there is any further behaviour they may miss a playtime

The SLO would note down on a sheet (Appendix C) if there had been any issues and she would also collect any issues any of the LOs have faced. This would only be the sorts of incidents that would be reported back to a class teacher and after two warnings have been given (unless a higher level incident – discretion in these cases would be used to jump straight to being noted down).

The SLO would pass the sheet to the class teacher at the end of lunch and the class teacher would then use their professional judgement on whether Reflection Time was needed. The teacher would then add to CPOMS if necessary and note if a Reflection Time has been given.

If the class teacher is unsure of whether to issue the child with Reflection Time, they would ask Strategic Behaviour Lead for her advice.

Lunchtime certificates will be handed out in class during the Celebration Time at 3.15pm.

The Lunchtime Team may also hand out 'raffle ticket certificates', which would mean the child received a raffle ticket when they go back to class and can also take the certificate home.

Rights Respecting Buddies

A group of children will be trained by Mrs Whalley Ben Halima to work as 'Rights Respecting Buddies' at lunchtimes. They will wear blue caps and will support any low level incidents. They could lead a 'Buddies Surgery' and be used for 'Time Out with the Rights Buddies' (based in Owl Garden).

Assemblies

There will be the launch of the 'Rights Respecting Assembly'

There will be:

- Rights Respecting Star of the Week teachers will be asked to talk about their Star of the Week and the child will come to the front
- Mathletes Children's names to be called and to stand up where they are
- Times Tables Rock Stars times tables competitions
- Attendance Trophy

Each week will be a different House Week and the Captains will support running the assembly. They will lead the part where they say: "Miss... Who is your Rights Respecting Star of the Week" and hand out the certificates.

Music will be played as the children walk in.

There will also be a Child of the Term Rights Respecting Assembly.

There will be:

Rights Respecting Child of the Term

Unveiling of class winner of the term and unveiling of the big cheque

House Points trophy

Appendix A

Script for Reflection Time

I am disappointed to see that you are in Reflection Time, as this means you have not respected a Right.

Please sit down, there is to be no talking and you are to fill in your reflection sheet thoughtfully.

If you end up in Reflection Time three times this half term, then your parents will be asked to come in for a meeting.

You can eat your snack and I will ask you if you need to go to the toilet when you have started filling in your sheet.

I look forward to you respecting the Rights in future and earning raffle tickets for good behaviour, not seeing you in Reflection Time again.

Appendix B – Separate document

Appendix C



Lunchtime Incident

Name:

Class:

Right not respected:

Clear account of incident:



Appendix D

EYFS Behaviour System Inappropriate Behaviour and Consequences

Low-Level (examples) behaviour	Consequences
 Not being in the right place at the right time Not doing good listening Not following instructions Arguing with a decision made 	Warning 3 Minutes on the Reflection Chair 5 Minutes on the Reflection Chair
 Not keeping your hands and feet to yourself Running in class Not taking care of our things Littering Not trying your best Not sharing 	7 Minutes on the Reflection Chair
Medium-Level (examples) behaviour	Consequences (Log on CPOMS)
 Persistent/extreme low level behaviour Disrespectful attitude to adults Throwing objects 	5 Minutes on the Reflection Chair in another classroom
 Play fighting and wrestling Dishonesty Not taking care of school property or 	7 Minutes on the Reflection Chair in another classroom
 taking it home Unsafe behaviour Swearing and inappropriate words Refusing to accept consequences 	9 Minutes on the Reflection Chair in another classroom
 Threatening/intimidating behaviour Not following the lunchtime rules 	Meeting with Phase Leader
High-Level (examples) behaviour	Consequences (Log on CPOMS)
 Persistent/extreme medium level behaviour Fighting 	All at DHT and HT's discretion
 Racism/discriminatory comments Assault and physical aggression 	Extended reflection with AHT
 Bullying Leaving/attempting to leave school 	On report to DHT/HT
 Vandalism Directed and aimed swearing 	Loss of privileges
Spitting	Internal exclusion
 Stealing Placing other children/or yourself in 	Exclusion
danger	Police Involvement