

Behaviour for Learning Policy

Felpham Community College



The Governing Body of Felpham Community College adopted the Behaviour for Learning Policy for all staff on 25 May 2023.

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Provide a **consistent approach** to behaviour management
- **Define** what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying
- Outline **how students are expected to behave**
- Summarise the **roles and responsibilities** of different people in the school community with regards to behaviour management
- Outline our system of **rewards and sanctions**

2. Legislation and statutory requirements

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

- [Behaviour and discipline in schools](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation at school](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)
- [Supporting students with medical conditions at school](#)

It is also based on the [special educational needs and disability \(SEND\) code of practice](#).

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Section 175 of the [Education Act 2002](#), which outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of its students
- Sections 88-94 of the [Education and Inspections Act 2006](#), which require schools to regulate students' behaviour and publish a behaviour policy and written statement of behaviour principles, and give schools the authority to confiscate students' property

- [DfE guidance](#) explaining that maintained schools should publish their behaviour policy online

3. Definitions

The school aims to promote a positive environment in teaching areas and around the site, so that learning is effective and staff and students feel safe and respected. In order that students, staff, parents and governors are fully aware of the expected behaviours of students within lessons, around the school and off site we have defined some of the behaviours which we would consider to be unacceptable.

Misbehaviour is defined as:

- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes
- Not settling quickly into lessons
- Non-completion of classwork or homework
- Not being in the right place at the right time
- Poor attitude
- Incorrect uniform
- Incorrect use of a mobile phone (including taking photos or videos within school, but without the school's prior approval, or sharing them outside the school without the school's prior approval)
- Inappropriate comments of a sexual nature, sexual jokes and sending sexual images of yourself to others.

Serious misbehaviour is defined as:

- Repeated breaches of the school rules
- Persistent refusal to follow staff instructions
- Any form of bullying including the use of foul, abusive, contemptuous or course language.
- Unwanted sexual behaviour that causes humiliation, pain, fear or intimidation. This includes sending and receiving sexual images of others, that may or may not be known to you
- Illegal sexual behaviour
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Fighting
- Smoking/Vaping
- Any discriminatory behaviour particularly if based on age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.
- Making an allegation against a member of staff that is shown to be malicious
- Threats, threatening behaviour or physical assault
- Possession of any prohibited items. These are:
 - Knives or weapons
 - Alcohol
 - Illegal drugs
 - Stolen items
 - Vapes
 - Tobacco and cigarette papers
 - Fireworks
 - Sexual images

- Any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the students)

4. Bullying

Bullying is defined as the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

Bullying is, therefore:

- Deliberately hurtful
- Repeated, often over a period of time
- Difficult to defend against

Bullying can include:

Type of bullying	Definition
Emotional	Being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting
Physical	Hitting, kicking, pushing, taking another's belongings, any use of violence
Racial	Racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
Sexual	Explicit sexual remarks, display of sexual material, sexual gestures, unwanted physical attention, comments about sexual reputation or performance, or inappropriate touching
Direct or indirect verbal	Name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing
Cyber-bullying	Bullying that takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites

Details of our school's approach to preventing and addressing bullying are set out in our anti-bullying guidance which can be found on our website.

5. Roles and responsibilities

5.1 The governing body

The governing body is responsible for reviewing and approving the written statement of behaviour principles.

The governing body will also review this behaviour policy in conjunction with the headteacher and monitor the policy's effectiveness, holding the headteacher to account for its implementation.

5.2 The headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for reviewing this behaviour policy in conjunction with the governing body, giving due consideration to the school's statement of behaviour principles. The headteacher will also approve this policy.

The headteacher will ensure that the school environment encourages positive behaviour and that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour, and will monitor how staff implement this policy to ensure rewards and sanctions are applied consistently.

5.3 Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- Implementing the behaviour policy consistently
- Modelling positive behaviour
- Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular students
- Recording behaviour incidents

The senior leadership team will support staff in responding to behaviour incidents.

5.4 Parents

Parents are expected to:

- Support their child in adhering to the school behaviour expectations and code of conduct
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour
- Discuss any behavioural concerns with the class teacher, form tutor or year leader promptly

6. Student code of conduct

Students are expected to:

- Behave in an orderly and self-controlled way
- Show respect to members of staff and each other
- In class, make it possible for all students to learn
- Move quietly and safely around the school
- Treat the school buildings and school property with respect
- Wear the correct uniform at all times
- Accept sanctions when given
- Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school

7. Rewards and sanctions

The school aims to promote a culture of praise and encouragement in which all students can achieve. The school aims to have a staged response to poor behaviour and to use Restorative Justice approaches as appropriate. The Praise and Consequences system aims to record information about student behaviour and communicate both positive and negative interventions to parents.

7.1 List of rewards and sanctions

Positive behaviour will be rewarded with:

- Verbal praise
- Praise points
- Letters or phone calls home to parents

- Special responsibilities/privileges
- Prizes and certificates

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

- A verbal reprimand
- Sending the student out of the class to work in another classroom
- Expecting work to be completed at home, or at break or lunchtime
- Detention at break or lunchtime, or after school
- Referring the student to a senior member of staff
- Letters or phone calls home to parents
- Agreeing a behaviour contract
- Putting a student 'on report'
- Time in the Inclusion Room where classwork will be completed
- Alternative education and timings in the Learning Support Unit
- Fixed term and permanent exclusions

7.2 Off-site behaviour

Sanctions may be applied where a student has misbehaved off-site: when representing the school, such as on a school trip; travelling on the way to or from school; or any behaviour that brings the school into disrepute or has repercussions in school.

7.3 Malicious allegations

Where a student makes an accusation against a member of staff and that accusation is shown to have been malicious, the headteacher will discipline the student in accordance with this policy.

The headteacher will also consider the pastoral needs of staff accused of misconduct.

8. Behaviour management

8.1 Classroom management

Teaching and support staff are responsible for setting the tone and context for positive behaviour within the classroom.

They will:

- Create and maintain a stimulating environment that encourages students to be engaged
- Quickly establish a productive learning environment that maximises the available lesson time
- Display the Felpham Community School Charter and Praise and Consequence posters
- Develop a positive relationship with students, which may include:
 - Greeting students in the morning/at the start of lessons
 - Establishing clear routines
 - Communicating expectations of behaviour in ways other than verbally
 - Highlighting and promoting good behaviour
 - Concluding the day positively and starting the next day afresh
 - Having a plan for dealing with low-level disruption
 - Using positive reinforcement

8.2 Physical restraint

In some circumstances, staff may use reasonable force to restrain a student to prevent them:

- Causing disorder
- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property

Incidents of physical restraint 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

8.3 Confiscation

Any prohibited items (listed in section 3) found in a student's possession will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to students.

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

Right to search:

Searching and screening students is conducted in line with the DfE's [latest guidance on searching, screening and confiscation](#).

8.4 Student support

The school recognises its legal duty under the Equality Act 2010 to prevent students with a protected characteristic from being at a disadvantage. Consequently, our approach to challenging behaviour may be differentiated to cater to the needs of the student.

The school's special educational needs co-ordinator will evaluate a student 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 student, we will liaise with external agencies and plan support programmes for that child. We will work with parents to create the plan and review it on a regular basis.

9. Student transition from year 6

To ensure a smooth transition to the school, year 6 students have transition sessions with their new teacher(s). In addition, staff members hold transition meetings.

To ensure behaviour is continually monitored and the right support is in place, information related to student behaviour issues may be transferred to relevant staff at the start of the term or year. Information on behaviour issues may also be shared with new settings for those students transferring to or from other schools.

10. Training

New staff are provided with training on managing behaviour as part of their induction process.

Behaviour management also forms part of continuing professional development for all staff.

11. Monitoring arrangements

This behaviour policy will be reviewed by the headteacher and full governing body every year. At each review, the policy will be approved by the headteacher and chair of governors.

12. Links with other policies

This behaviour policy is linked to the following policies and guidance which can be found on the school website:

- Safeguarding policy
- Anti-bullying guidance
- Mobile phone policy
- Governors Behaviour Principles Written Statement