

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

At Grimsdyke School we aim to promote positive behaviour, within a safe and caring environment which supports the emotional health and well-being of all members of our community. This will in turn provide an environment where learning develops based on the needs of the individual.

Behaviour at Grimsdyke School is based on a clear set of high expectations and the development of “charters”. All staff are required to support these expectations and “charters”. Expectations of behaviour are underpinned by the key vision of – All stakeholders acting respectfully with courtesy, consideration and good manners towards each other at all times.

As a Rights respecting school we provide experiences where children develop the skills to: (Articles 14, 15, 18, 28, 29, 30, 31)

- be effective and successful learners
- make and sustain friendships
- deal with and resolve conflict effectively and fairly
- solve problems with others or by themselves
- manage strong feelings such as frustration, anger and anxiety
- recover from setbacks and persist in the face of difficulties
- work and play co-operatively
- compete fairly and win and lose with dignity and respect for competitors
- recognise and stand up for their rights and the rights of others
- understand and value the differences between people, respecting the right of others to have beliefs and values different from their own

Rights and Responsibilities

Staff pupils and parents/carers have the right to be treated with respect and have the responsibility to behave respectfully to others.

All Staff should (Teaching Standard 7/ Teaching Assistant Competency 7):

- have clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around the school, in accordance with the school’s behaviour policy
- have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly
- manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils’ needs in order to involve and motivate them

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- maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary.

All pupils are expected to:

- behave respectfully to others
- be organised with the correct equipment/kit for lessons and activities
- complete home learning tasks to the best of their ability and on time
- behave in a manner that allows others to learn
- behave in a way which keeps themselves and others safe
- ask for help if they need it and tell a member of staff if they are worried or unhappy
- treat own, others and school property with respect
- follow agreed class and school charters

Parents/carers should: (RRSA Article 18)

- ensure that children attend school regularly
- ensure that children are punctual and ready to begin lessons on time and properly equipped
- support staff in implementation of all school policies
- ensure children attend school in good health, regularly and punctually.
- support the school's efforts to teach their child respect for others, their property and environment
- provide prompt explanations of all absences through a note or telephone call to the office
- be prepared to work in partnership with the school to support the school's behaviour policy
- keep the school aware of any concerns or problems which might affect the child's learning or behaviour
- be prepared to accept that their child's viewpoint may not always represent an entire incident or event.

Social and emotional skills are explicitly taught through PSHCE, Circle time and assemblies to ensure that all pupils are supported in knowing the school's expectations and which behaviours are appropriate.

MANAGING AND RECORDING BEHAVIOUR:

At Grimsdyke School we have a structured system to manage, record, reward and sanction pupils behaviour. This system is underpinned by the "class charter" which all of the students in the class are involved in developing and therefore must "buy in to". At the start of each school year, a copy of the class charter is sent home to parents so that can support their child in meeting these expectations.

All classrooms have their class charter along with a 'Merits and Commendations' chart prominently displayed and consistently adhered to by all staff and pupils. These charts take the form of a set of sections for recording progress through a

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graduated response to positive social and academic behaviour as well as information about the consequences of any inappropriate behaviour.

Teachers must keep a record of the certificates (e.g. bronze, silver, gold etc.) awarded to individual children and the dates they were achieved. Undesirable behaviour which leads to a child being spoken to or receiving a consequence action must be recorded in a "behaviour log". This log is updated at least weekly by the class teacher. The log will be monitored by members of the School Leadership Team on a regular basis.

PRAISE / REWARDS:

While reflecting on the opportunities for rewarding pupils for their behaviour and attitude to learning all staff must recognise the value and importance of positive reinforcement, even when dealing with negative behaviour. Often students who behave well are not recognised enough and more time is spent dealing with those that don't. By stressing positive behaviour staff will be reinforcing the expectations of all pupils.

1. Use of Merits and Commendations to reward positive behaviour.

The behaviour display within the classroom is used as a visual reminder / encouragement to the students to make positive choices around teamwork, citizenship and learning. These are recorded in individual merit cards to allow for easy monitoring of progress, thus easy monitoring and positive reinforcement of desired behaviours. Each layer achieved results in a reward certificate for the individual, this can be awarded at any specific assembly. Once one layer is achieved the child then progresses to the next and eventually they earn behaviour medal from the Head Teacher.

Acknowledgement and celebration of these awards are placed in the school newsletter and shared with the Governing Body.

The Senior Leadership Team of the school monitor the progress of students through the different awards to ensure that it is being applied fairly and equitably. Students are able to feedback their reflections on the way the award are being implemented through the school steering group and their elected representatives.

2. General Rewards

- Pupils will receive verbal praise and feedback which must be clear and specific to the person receiving it.
- Achievement certificates will be awarded weekly to pupils from each class during assemblies.
- Individual pupils with outstanding attitude to behaviour and learning will be presented with the RRSA 'Student of the Week' certificate in Assembly
- At appropriate times during the term there will be opportunities to present pupils who demonstrate an excellent attitude to behaviour and learning with the 'Head Teacher's Leadership in Learning Award'.

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- Individual pupils and whole classes with an outstanding record of attendance and punctuality will receive certificates and awards in assembly.
- Teachers may also use their own systems for rewarding good behaviour and achievements such as 'Star of the Week', table points, stickers, marbles in a jar.
- House Points will be given to pupils for good work. These will be collected by prefects every week and the winning House will be announced in EYFS/KS1 and KS2 behaviour assemblies and receive the trophy.
- Merit and Commendation certificates are awarded at assemblies by progressively more senior staff.

3. Lunch Time Rewards

The Playground Charter devised by pupils, and based on the UNCRC Charter, promotes our core values of behaviour. This is prominently displayed in the playgrounds for both Key Stages. All pupils will work together to uphold each other's rights.

Good playground and lunchtime behaviour is rewarded by teaching assistants with Dinosaurs at EYFS/KS1 and Tokens at KS2. Pupils will be praised for good behaviour during lunch times and rewarded with tokens / dinosaurs individually. Reasons for receiving this must be made clear to the child.

These are collected in a jar in each classroom. Prefects will collect tokens / dinosaurs every week and the class with the most tokens will receive verbal recognition / congratulations and the lunch time trophy during Achievement Assembly. The class that has 'won' for that week can be rewarded by their class teacher with an additional treat in golden time. Reception students are also rewarded with stickers for behaviours that we want to establish as good lunchtime habits such as eating well, tidying up after themselves and not taking too long in the canteen.

4. Golden Time

Pupils who behave well and follow the school expectations and class charters will be regularly rewarded with Golden Time. This takes place on a Friday afternoon for no longer than 30 minutes, it is over to the class teacher as to when this starts. E.g. 2.30pm to leave time at the end of the afternoon for packing up, homework explanations etc. or 3pm when the students are fully prepared to go home. Staff are given the freedom to implement Golden Time as they see fit, this must be clarified with the class. An example of this could be the pupils starting the week with zero minutes and having to earn their time over the course of the week. Golden time activities are organised across a year group and in consultation with the students and should be appealing thus rewarding the students.

School expectations will be displayed in classrooms and around the school. At the beginning of each school year Classroom Charters will be developed in consultation with the pupils and must relate to their understanding of our work towards RRSA. All

adults and pupils must sign the copy displayed in the classroom. A copy of the class charter will be sent home each year.

PREFECTS / MONITORS

Y6 Prefects apply for their posts and are awarded a position based on their past behaviour and potential to develop as a leader within the school. They will be positive role models and assist with the smooth running of the school during the day by regularly and reliably performing duties. They will ensure that school rules are adhered to and promote and uphold appropriate behaviour around the school environment. Prefects will also act as mentors for younger pupils and offer help, support and advice. Prefects are trained and supported in this role by regular meetings with members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

PLAYGROUND PALS/ PLAY LEADERS

Y5 students have the opportunity to apply for the role of 'playground pal' or 'play leader'. Playground pals/ Play leaders support students in the EYFS/KS1 playground by organising games, modelling good interactions and acting as buddy for vulnerable students. Playground pals are trained and managed by the Lead Teaching Assistants with support from SLT.

SANCTIONS

As a rights respecting school all pupils at Grimsdyke are encouraged to reflect on their behaviour and the choices they should make.

We understand that all pupils may need support to behave appropriately at some point. Our approach is designed to ensure that needs and rights of all pupils are respected whilst providing motivation to reflect on or change behaviours that are a cause for concern.

- Pupils will be warned verbally that their behaviour is a cause for concern.
- Pupils may be asked to discuss their choices or behaviour with an appropriate adult.
- If the behaviour warrants it then a child may be given time out in another classroom or in a quiet place at break times or lunchtimes.
- For more significant issues of transgression, pupils may be asked to miss some of their break, lunch or Golden Time to attend reflection time with Deputy Head or Head Teacher.

There may be times when a child's actions warrant immediate intervention by an adult. These will be when incident involve:

- Causing immediate danger, threat of injury to another child/ adult
- Exceptional rudeness
- Language, verbal or non-verbal that may be extremely offensive or damaging to the self-esteem of pupils or adults
- Serious disruption to learning

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In these cases the incidents will be investigated and appropriate sanctions agreed with a member of the middle or senior leadership team. Parents will be informed as soon as possible and the type of behaviour, its impact and any sanctions applied will be explained.

- **Use of “Phased Consequences”**

If a student is behaving in an inappropriate way or making choices which an adult can see is likely to lead to sanction at phase one – then a verbal warning must be given first.

All phased consequences given are to be recorded in the Class Behaviour Record with clear detail as to why it was given. This is viewed weekly by a member of staff who will follow up on repetitive behaviour when and where appropriate. Students who take heed of this warning and improve their behaviour will be praised for this response.

Phase 1 – any continuous instances of:

- unkind behaviour towards another child
- low level disruption in class
- lack of respect for school’s or others’ property

Consequence: discussion with class teacher and a reminder of behaviour expectations; 5 minute time-out if warranted

Phase 2 – any instances of:

- continuation of step 1 behaviour
- acts of physical aggression towards another child

Consequence: discussion with year group leader; 10 minute time-out or missed break/lunchtime/golden time; parents informed

Step 3 – any instances of:

- continuation of step 1 and 2 behaviour
- serious acts of aggression, verbal/physical abuse, disruption, theft, defiance
- wilful destruction of property

Consequence: Parent(s) informed via letter from phase leader; meeting with phase leader and class teacher; 30-60 minute time out of break/lunch/golden time.

Step 4 – any instances of:

- continuation of step 1, 2 and 3 behaviour
- racism
- bullying
- persistent defiance

Consequence: Parent(s) informed via letter from Deputy Headteacher; meeting with DHT; withdrawal from classroom/break/lunch/golden time (1-2 days)

Step 5 – any instances of:

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- Continuation of step 4 behaviour
- Serious harm caused to another student or to staff member

Consequence: Parent(s) informed via letter from Headteacher; meeting with HT; withdrawal from classroom/break/lunch/golden time (1-2 days); possible exclusion

Students who receive a phased consequence are made fully aware of the position that they are in. At this point, redemption is presented as an option to the student. The phase consequence should only remain in place for the remainder of the day an opportunity to start fresh must be presented the very next school day.

- **Dealing with unwanted behaviour before it happens**

In considering the of potential range unwanted behaviour there are a number of things members of staff can do to pre-empt and address this –

- *Anticipate the behaviour* – beware of the times, places and activities in which this may happen. Stress your expectations at this point. It is always easier to address unwanted behaviour if your expectations have been made clear first.
- *Use non-verbal signals first* – catch the students eye, walk close to them or involve them in your questioning to refocus them.
- *Keep calm* – use a calm but firm tone with the student first. Lose your temper and you will lose your respect.
- *Be fair* – Regardless of the student you must react to the behaviour in the same way with every child.
- *Be clear* – make it clear that unwanted behaviour is unacceptable and the reasons why.
- *Avoid empty threats* – Avoid threatening to do things for which you won't later implement e.g. the next person that talks will go straight to Mr Sutherland.
- *De-escalation is key* – use the structures in place carefully, if you escalate too quickly all emphasis will be lost and you will need to follow them same route again.
- *Foster positive relationships with children in your class* – make time, particularly early on in the year to establish trust and a rapport with your children through use of circle time, informal class discussions, playing games and establishing class reward/sanction procedures.

INCLUSION , EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY:

The school's behaviour management policy works for the vast majority of our pupils. However, there may be a pupil who does not respond to the usual rewards and sanctions. This child may have a learning disability or be displaying emotional and behaviour difficulties which may impact on his/her educational progress.

In these circumstances the school will implement individualised behaviour management strategies to ensure the safety of all concerned and the effective education of the student and their peers.

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The making of a 'contract' by negotiation is sometimes appropriate when the behaviour of a specific child has reached a level where formal, regular contact between the school, parents and the pupil is necessary. The behaviour contract is created in such a way that it focuses on specific behavioural problems and offers ways in which the child can learn to manage their behaviour without losing integrity. It may include accrued benefits for achieving the stated goals. The pupil must fully participate in the negotiation - this offers him/her responsibility and can lead to a heightened sense of self confidence and awareness.

A Pastoral Support Plan (PSP) may need to be created for such a child, incorporating small, achievable targets for improving behaviour. Such plans would be drawn up in consultation with the student, parents, Inclusion Manager, teaching staff, teaching assistants and members of SLT (as appropriate). Support and advice could also be sought from agencies linked to the school. This plan would have similar status to a SEN School Support Plan and a set date for review included in the plan.

Where a student presents with behaviours which could pose a safety risk to students or staff, then an action plan for managing their episodes of behaviour will be drawn up by the Inclusion Manager in consultation with staff and parents as appropriate. This plan will include triggers for the behaviour, de-escalation strategies and clear guidance to staff about how to react. Where appropriate, at this stage, a Positive Handling Plan may also be drawn up in consultation with parents to facilitate appropriate support for a child who may need to be physically supported, held or restrained.

Where a student is presenting with social, emotional and mental health needs that are leading to unacceptable behaviour, staff will be asked to keep an individualised record using the ABC format – antecedent, behaviour and consequence. This can then be shared when support is sought from outside agencies.

Grimsdyke has links with a number of agencies which can provide support to the school in implementing its behaviour policy, particularly if any difficulties are encountered:

- Educational Psychologist - available for general advice on behaviour management programmes as well as assessment of pupils.
- Education Welfare Officer (E.W.O.) - home/school links with issues such as attendance etc.
- Children's Centre- referrals can be made following parental agreement.
- The Helix/ Kids Can Achieve – which can be a source of advice and provision for students needing education out of the school context for a period of time.
- ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) Advisory Teacher Service – for specialist advice in meeting the behaviour needs of students with autism.
- Organisations providing mental health support for children including Harrow Horizons, CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services)
- Therapeutic services e.g. music therapy
- Links to voluntary sector services for specific challenges e.g. Harrow Bereavement Care

The school also signposts families to support through the Harrow Local Offer and the Harrow FIS (Family Information Service).

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In some circumstances, it may be necessary to implement a period of withdrawal from usual classroom or school activity in order to ensure the safety of students, provide a cooling off period or to support a student in developing an understanding of the consequences of their actions. In response to a serious incident, or a period of prolonged difficulty, this may be formalised into an internal exclusion where the student has provision made for them at school but they are separated from their peers for a fixed term. Where this is necessary, parents will be informed by the Head Teacher. The Exclusion Policy will be followed should there be a need for a student to be excluded from the school for a fixed term or permanently.

The school will monitor the implementation of the behaviour policy with regard to the impact on students with special educational needs. The provisions for personalisation should ensure that the policy is not leading to unintended consequences which hinder the effective education of any individual or group.

Code of Conduct (Article 28, 29)

At Grimsdyke we aim to develop responsible and caring leaders and learners by encouraging them to respect the rights of others and taking account of their own behaviour in upholding these rights.

The following code of conduct records the behaviours that will make our school a safe and pleasant working environment for everyone:

- Walk sensibly and quietly around the school
- Keep to the left in corridors and on the staircases
- Hold doors open and allow adults to pass in front of you
- Speak quietly at all times inside the school building
- Be quiet going to and from assembly and whilst in the hall
- Put all litter in the rubbish bins and keep walls and furniture unmarked
- Stand silently when a bell is rung in the playground
- Line up smartly and silently to show that you are ready for learning
- Never bring chewing gum into school
- Wear school uniform at all times
- Avoid jewellery of non-religious significance
- Keep to the path when entering and leaving school
- Never leave the school grounds during the school day without the permission of the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher

KEY DOCUMENTS TO FURTHER SUPPORT THIS POLICY

- Guidelines for Golden / Reflection Time
- Exclusion Policy
- Anti Bullying Policy
- Physical restraint policy
- Behaviour Policy Appendix for Covid19

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