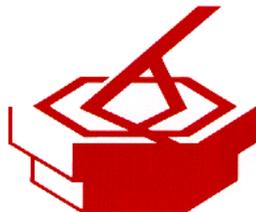


# **Balsall Common Primary School**



## **Policy for Promoting Positive Behaviour**

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At Balsall Common Primary School we maintain a positive atmosphere and promote a sense of community in which every child and adult is respected and valued. Behaviour is managed most successfully when the staff use positive strategies to reinforce appropriate behaviour and marginalize the behaviour that is inappropriate. As a school community we feel that encouragement always work better than punishment.

High expectations of behaviour develop respect, responsibility and relationships. Parameters of behaviour need to be discussed, agreed and set, thus ensuring the safety and well being of all. Within the structure of our school there exists the Reward Wallets (KS1), Merits system (KS2) Attitude Towards Learning Points (ATL), House Points (KS2), FLARE Time, the weekly ATL Trophy and attendance trophies linked to ATL points.

## **Our School Aims**

- All children should have a suitable working environment in which respect is shared by staff and pupils alike. We strongly discourage calling out and interrupting others. Children are praised for waiting in turn to speak and listening to others politely.
- The noise level in classrooms is appropriate to the task in hand. Pupils are not allowed to disrupt the work of others and any anti-social behaviour is dealt with promptly. This is reinforced by our Building Learning Power which promotes dealing positively with distractions.
- As an integral part of our Every Child Matters Agenda, pupils develop a strong awareness of their own safety and that of others and respect each others' personal space.
- From the very beginning of school life, pupils' independence and self-discipline are fostered through a safe, secure environment.
- All pupils understand they must share and cannot always be chosen for a particular event.
- Pupils develop an awareness of the world around them and learn the importance of tidying up after themselves. Classrooms are organised so that the youngest of our pupils are able to access equipment safely and also play their part in putting it away. Resources are clearly named and practical areas are organised in such a way that pupils can be independent.
- Pupils develop self control and learn about managing their emotions through our SEAL work. Children are given strategies to deal with aggression and to take responsibility for their actions.

- Our behavioural approach reinforces the need for politeness and kindness to all members of the school community. At Balsall Common Primary School, we expect all members of our school community to say please and thank you. Visitors are treated with respect and we also set the same expectations of behaviour during extra-curricular activities and school residential trips.

All members of our school community accept responsibility for maintaining excellent behaviour throughout the school. Expectations of behaviour and class rules are shared with all pupils at the beginning of each school year. These are revisited regularly during PSHE and Circle Time and assemblies. Rules for the classroom, playground and school are clear and succinct and should always be written in a positive way. These rules are discussed at length with the pupils and reasons are given for them, for example, everyone should walk to the left hand side of the corridor to avoid collisions!

Every class follows a set of Golden Rules or, for the older children, a Class Charter. Pupils work together at the beginning of the school year to discuss and write these rules and, because they have ownership of them, are usually very willing to adhere to them. Any disruptive pupils will be made fully aware of their transgressions and usually will be spoken to by the class teacher. However if the poor behaviour continues the pupils are very aware of the fair and consistent sanctions that will follow.

## **Rewards and Sanctions**

At Balsall Common Primary School we believe in praising and rewarding good behaviour in a variety of ways. Where every class teacher may have their individual ways of promoting good behaviour within their own classroom, as a school community we have agreed on the following generic rewards.

## **Attitude Towards Learning Points**

These are given out by staff to recognise excellent behaviour around the school. These are collected in each classroom and counted up by Year 6 pupils at the end of each week. The winning classes receive the Head's Class of the Week Certificate; the child in each key stage who earns the most amount of ATL points independently receives a cup which they keep for a week. All of these are announced in the weekly newsletter. The winning class for each term wins a special reward.

There is also a cup for each key stage for the highest class assembly which contributes to the number of ATL points a class can earn during the week.

### **Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1**

Good work or behaviour is rewarded by a voucher. When the children have obtained 10 vouchers these are then exchanged for a Gold Card which is presented in Friday's Celebration Assembly. The pupils keep their own wallet of vouchers and Gold Cards and enjoy counting and collecting them. Thirty vouchers are rewarded by a special certificate. Any extra special work or behaviour is also praised by the Phase Director, Assistant Head or Head and stickers are often used to reward this.

### **Key Stage 2**

Good work or behaviour is rewarded by a series of different coloured ribbons, awarded for attainment, attitude and effort. These are presented in celebration assemblies each half term.

Our school also presents the Helen Lewis Trophy and the School Council Friendship Cups every month to pupils who have shown exceptional kindness towards others. Pupils receive an illustrated certificate to keep for all time, and they are allowed to keep the trophy at home for a month. Parents are told in advance if their child has won so that they can attend the special celebrations assembly.

### **FLARE Time (Fun, Learning And Reward Education)**

At the start of each week, every child in the school is entitled to an hour of FLARE Time where they can enjoy a wide variety of fun activities such as sport, cooking or artwork. However this reward can be taken away from them, in blocks of time, if inappropriate behaviour is recorded in their classroom.

In every classroom there is a Zone Board displaying the pictures of each child in the class. All children start each new day in Green which means they are displaying the expected behaviour and will enjoy all of their FLARE Time. All staff are asked to follow the Rules, Praise and Ignore System. If a child displays inappropriate behaviour in the class, they will be issued with a warning, reminding them that he/she is expected to follow the rules just like everyone else and that failure to do so may result in moving to Yellow on the Zone Board. Their positive

behaviour can be overtly praised and if their behaviour continues to improve, they may be moved back to the Green area. However if unwanted behaviour persists, the child is then issued with a second warning and, if they fail to adjust their behaviour, will be moved to the Red area (see below). If unwanted behaviour still persists, a third warning is issued, telling children that if they continue to disrupt the learning of others they will have to work in another area.

When a child has been moved to the Red area of the Zone Board, this triggers a Red letter home **and a telephone call** to parents notifying that their child has been sent from the room and will miss so many minutes of FLARE Time. The member of staff taking away this time **MUST** be the person making the call. If it is not the classroom teacher, the teacher must make sure that the red letter comes back. The person issuing the red letter must check that the teacher has received it. The teacher **MUST** make sure that the pupil attends the head's office at the appointed time for FLARE Time Loss.

It is important for all staff to remember that children can move back up the Zone Board once positive behaviour is seen. They can also move upwards for excellent behaviour into the silver and gold sections of the Zone Board, which is explained below.

Classroom management must reflect the ethos of reward and encouragement. The Zone Board has Silver and Gold sections above the Green section. If pupils are particularly well behaved they move up the Zone Board into the Silver or Gold and receive credits for their superb behaviour. These credits will be in the form of Silver (2 ATLs) and Gold (5 ATLs) and will be added up for a reward at the end of each week. The Attitude Towards Learning Trophies are given out in Celebration Assemblies each Friday for LKS2 and UKS2.

With children who have learning difficulties or particular emotional and behavioural issues, the SENCo will also be involved in advising the class teacher, Phase Director and Leadership Team. It may be felt that the FLARE Time reward system is not suitable for certain children and IEPs will need to be drawn up to show alternative strategies being used. The involvement of outside agencies may then be considered, with parental agreement.

Our expectations for good behaviour also apply to lunchtimes and playtimes. In Key Stage 2, dinner supervisors have their own lunchtime ATL points which are given out for excellent behaviour.

The dinner supervisors also have their lunchtime sanctions of three warnings and they collect the names of any children who persistently display poor behaviour. Any children who receive three warnings during a lunchtime will be referred to the Senior Playworker and the same system for contacting parents and checking that letters have been received will apply as indicated above.

At all ages, pupils are aware that they hold responsibility for their own behaviour and should be able to exercise sensible management of this. One of the benefits of being a primary school is that good behaviour can be modelled for the younger pupils and we actively encourage our older pupils to take on responsibilities and extra duties in their last year with us. They take turns to assist the staff on the Key Stage 1 playground and form strong links with the younger children. They also participate in office duties, welcoming visitors to the school and answering the telephone. This is an excellent way of ensuring good interpersonal skills as they enter secondary education.

### **House Points**

As previously mentioned, our school has a house system which begins at the start of Key Stage 2. We have four houses, Normans, Vikings, Saxons, and Romans. Two Year 6 children are elected as Captains for their house. House points are counted up every week and once a month the results are read out in assembly. The winning team has their house colours marked on the House Trophy for the month. This is a very good opportunity for the children to work as a team and to encourage and promote good behaviour. The house system also plays an integral part of our Sports Days.

### **SEAL**

We now use our Seal work as an integral part of our PSHE provision for our pupils. SEAL stands for Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning and is taught in six half termly topics, through assemblies and curriculum time. This is a whole school approach by all the school community and has, we feel, had a major impact on the behaviour in our school. Each year group works on the same theme for every half term and follow the objectives. It is carefully and thoughtfully planned out and supports the positive behaviour of the majority of our pupils. However there are small group activities which can be used for the

more vulnerable members of our school community if it is felt necessary. There are also ideas for work which can be shared at home with parents.

## Roles

It is essential that all members of our community are aware of their roles in promoting and maintaining good behaviour.

- The role of the pupil.

Pupils are encouraged to manage their own behaviour and understand that there are right and wrong choices. It is extremely important to educate the whole child and by giving them responsibility and encouraging self-discipline, we are preparing them as citizens of tomorrow. Pupils should understand that disliking behaviour and attitudes is separate from disliking individuals and that the implementation of sanctions does not mean that the pupil is disliked, merely the behaviour. We encourage our pupils to take responsibility for their own learning and to discuss their targets and expectations with their teachers. We give older pupils the opportunities to act as good role models. Through an extensive extra-curricular timetable, we offer pupils the chance to further their particular hobbies and talents - thus focusing on the whole child, rather than purely academic success. Through SEAL the pupils have an understanding of their differences and similarities but most importantly their own self worth. They are encouraged to take an active part in our local community, visiting the elderly residents in care homes and distributing Harvest parcels for example. Many have an incredible awareness of their own good fortune compared to other children in different parts of the world and any charity events are always well supported and frequently initiated by the children themselves.

- The role of the teacher (and other adults in the classroom).

Our pupils have the right to expect a calm working environment in which to pursue their learning. Teachers need to promote good, respectful behaviour and deal firmly but fairly with any inappropriate behaviour. It is essential teachers get to know the children as individuals and to understand them well. It is their responsibility to maintain an organised and interesting environment where pupils are praised regularly for positive behaviour and

effort. Teachers also need to involve the pupils in setting targets and expectations for the class and for individuals. Teachers need to be aware of any particular problems which are happening outside school which may affect a child's behaviour.

- The role of the parent.

As we hold Healthy School status, we are constantly aware of our need to involve parents as often as possible. We are fully aware of the vital role they have in promoting good behaviour in our pupils. All parents must understand that a good attitude towards learning is essential if pupils are to reach their fullest potential. We always have an open door policy and parents are encouraged to come in and discuss any issues with the teaching staff. Parents are welcomed as additional helpers within the classroom and can often be seen helping groups of children. However we actively discourage parents helping in their own child's class as this can have a negative effect for both the parent and the child. Our parents need to support the school by encouraging pupils to develop attitudes of self respect, self discipline and honesty. They should encourage pupils to complete homework regularly and to take pride in their learning.

- The role of the Headteacher.

It is the role of the Headteacher to ensure the health and safety of every child in his care and to implement the school policy consistently. More serious misconduct may lead to short term exclusions and LA guidelines must be followed in these exceptional circumstances.

- The role of Governors.

The governors support the Headteacher in implementing the policy and being aware of its effectiveness.

## **Monitoring and Review**

This policy will be monitored on a regular basis by the Senior Management team. Discussions on behaviour should take place regularly at staff, TLR, Senior Team and Leadership meetings. New members of staff need to be made aware of this policy and its implications. Our

pupils' views need to be expressed through child focused discussions and School and Class Councils. Parental views can be obtained through consultation at parents' evenings and the annual parental survey. As a whole school community, we need to make sure we are all following a consistent approach to promoting positive behaviour within our school.

This policy has been reviewed in September 2016.

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