

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND SELF-ESTEEM POLICY



VANTAGE ACADEMY TRUST

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Responsibility: Directors

Approved by the Directors

Signature of Chair _____

*subject to any relevant changes in legislation or other appropriate guidelines



Behaviour Policy

Vision

We believe that all pupil at St James CE Primary School have a right to education, care, safety and an opportunity to develop and enjoy good relationships underpinned by our Christian vision, values and ethos. We also believe that all staff should have a right to teach and support pupil's education in a calm and purposeful atmosphere. We recognise that a clearly defined policy will assist in developing a positive, supportive atmosphere, conducive to successful learning.

It will encourage independence, self-reliance and ultimately self-discipline and a sense of responsibility.

Aims

- To foster high standards of behaviour through high expectations and positive role-models from Nursery to Year 6.
- To promote our Christian values through positive behaviour within school and the wider community
- To encourage good behaviour through the provision of a stimulating curriculum and well organised classroom management.
- To actively promote good behaviour through positive encouragement and rewards rather than negativity and punishment.
- To provide a simple and fair framework of expectations, which is understood by all and applied consistently by every member of staff.
- To promote self-respect and develop self-esteem through high expectation of standards of dress and cleanliness.
- To encourage pride in the school through respect for each other, respect for belongings and respect for the building and environment.
- To promote a partnership between teachers, parents and pupil to develop mutual respect and understanding.
- To promote a positive image of the school and develop a reputation for high standards of behaviour within the wider community.

Objectives

- To expect and demand high standards of behaviour at all times.
- To expect and demand politeness and good manners at all times.
- To teach pupil to listen when appropriate, not to interrupt others and to learn to take turns.
- To celebrate success, both social and academic.
- To encourage the acceptance of an increasing level of responsibility.
- To build and consolidate feelings of self-respect and self-esteem.
- To provide opportunities for pupil to work towards the goal of self-discipline.
- To promote good behaviour through our Christian vision, values and ethos.

Teaching and Learning

- All classrooms will be well managed and organised reflecting the high standards expected.
- All work provided will be relevant, appropriate and stimulating.
- All areas of school will be kept appropriately tidy, both by staff and pupil.
- All members of staff will expect high standards of behaviour from all pupil at all times.
- In conversation pupil will be expected to maintain eye contact with staff and to listen attentively, unless specific educational needs make this impossible.
- All members of the school community will be expected to observe common courtesies such as 'please', 'thank you', 'excuse me' etc.
- In teaching situations pupil will be expected to raise their hand before addressing a member of staff, where appropriate.
- Pupil will be given frequent opportunities to work co-operatively and collaboratively, learning to share and take turns.
- Class teachers have responsibility for individual pupil's behaviour within their classroom but must communicate any concerns to the Assistant Head teacher of that Key Stage so that strategies can be discussed and agreed before more formal steps are required. The SENCO will then be informed to discuss further needs of individual pupil.
- **The use of rewards will heavily outweigh the use of punishments**
- Punishment will involve the expression of disappointment, displeasure or surprise.
- Private rather than public reprimands will be made whenever possible.
- Humiliation will not be used.
- Criticism will focus on the behaviour NOT the child.
- Pupils MUST NOT be excluded from lessons as a punishment.
- Pupils MUST NOT be left unsupervised.
- Staff will not negotiate with pupil in matters of discipline. (individual views should be listened to but staff must not be drawn into arguments when investigating incidents)
- All pupil must be treated equally in matters of discipline.
- All pupil start afresh each day, except EY and pupil on IBPs who start fresh from lunch time
- Structured teaching of behaviour and self-esteem comes through our PSHE scheme. Each unit must be taught in full to ensure coverage of every aspect of behaviour throughout school.
- Every September the class teacher must discuss the class rules with their pupil. They must be displayed in the classroom all year and be based on the school Golden Rules.
- Class teachers are to use the Traffic Light System to manage behaviour in the classroom

Class Rules

1	Do be gentle.	Do not hurt anyone.	Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
2	Do be kind and helpful.	Do not hurt people's feelings.	EPHESIANS 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you
3	Do work hard.	Do not waste your or other people's time.	Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

4	Do look after property.	Do not waste or damage things.	Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
5	Do listen to people.	Do not interrupt.	Proverbs 1:5 let the wise listen and add to their learning
6	Do be honest.	Do not cover up the truth.	Genesis 42:31 But we said to him, 'We are honest men; we are not spies.

Traffic Light System

Every classroom should have a traffic light system on display. If pupil are displaying low level behaviours warnings and sanctions will be given. Pupil will be moved from green to amber to red for continued low level disruption. Warnings will be given to all pupils before their name gets moved. Pupils have the opportunity to change their behaviour and move back up the traffic light system. If a child moves to red then the class teacher will deal with these behaviours in class and parents will be spoken to by the end of the day. Teachers will monitor pupils who end up on red. Pupils who end up on red consistently (5 times or more) will then need to have sanction time.

Our school reward system

St James CE Primary School uses the ClassDojo system as rewards. This is an on-line system that can be used through class PCs or tablets. Pupil can receive ClassDojo points for:

- Good behaviour
- Positive manners
- Good learning
- Effort
- Helpfulness
- Being kind and thoughtful to others
- Good work
- Excellent sitting

Each child can work towards bronze, silver and gold certificates. Once a pupil has enough bronze stickers they go to the Principals office and get a bronze shield and a prize. Shields and prizes are to be given by the Principal only. Once pupils have achieved bronze they move on to silver and then gold.

As well as Dojo points it will be expected that staff reinforce all good behaviour with positive praise where ever possible. Such as:

- Verbal and tangible rewards e.g. praise, written comments, stickers on sweatshirts.
- Special mentions in class – public praise in front of peers.
- Displaying pupil's work.
- Showing pupil's work to parents, other teachers and the Head teacher.
- Giving pupils classroom responsibilities.
- Valuing pupil's opinions through circle time and allowing pupil the opportunity to praise each other

Sanctions

At St James all pupils are expected to behave in a positive way. However at times pupil may make wrong choices and sanctions are needed. In the use of sanctions, pupils learn from experience to expect fair and consistently applied punishments which differentiate between serious and minor offences. Sanctions are applied consistently by all staff, but with the provision for flexibility to take account of individual circumstances. We have an agreed system of sanctions to register disapproval of unacceptable behaviour.

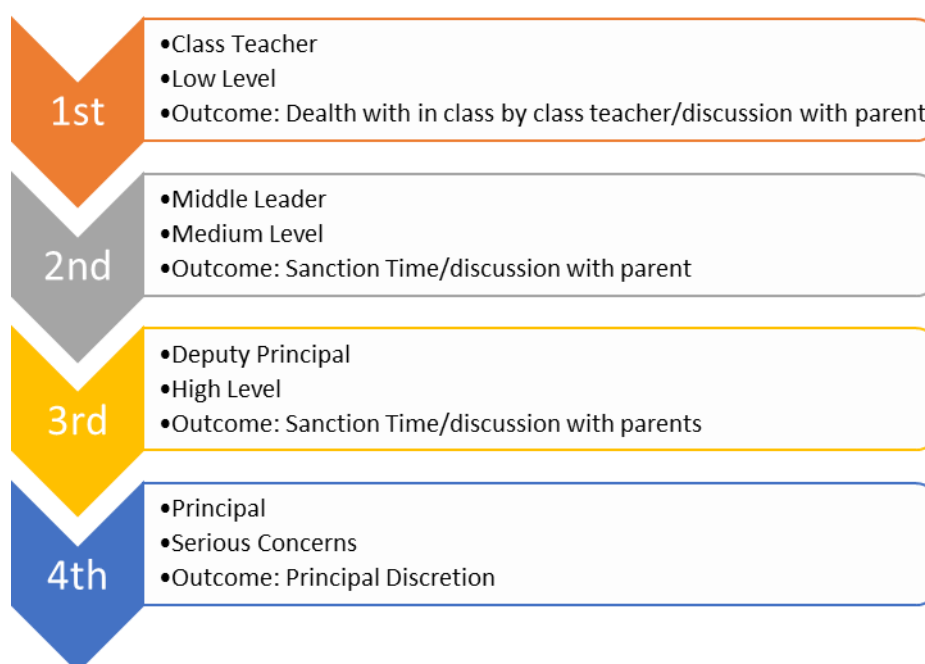
Sanction Time

Sanction time occurs during Play time. Pupils who attend sanction time will miss 5 minutes of their play during break time. Sanction duty will be the responsibility of SLT and Middle Leaders, and will be set on a rota. Pupils who have received a sanction will go to their KS lead at break time and complete their sanction.

Lost Learning

At times some pupils at St James do not always complete their work in the time given, due to inappropriate behaviour. As a result of this the school has "Lost Learning" time. Lost learning occurs from Year 1 to Year 6. It last between 10 and 15 minutes and is led by the class teacher during the beginning of lunch time. This enables pupils who have not completed their work, time to complete work and get additional support from the class teacher.

Behaviour Flow Chart



Examples of low level behaviour are:

- Shouting out
- Not listening

- Not following instructions
- Disturbing learning
- Not following school rules

Examples of medium level behaviour are:

- Damaging property
- Stealing
- Being disrespectful
- Swearing
- Repeated low level behaviour

Examples of high level behaviour are:

- Physical attacks on pupils or staff
- Racist incidents
- Homophobic/Biphobic or Transphobic incidents
- Bullying

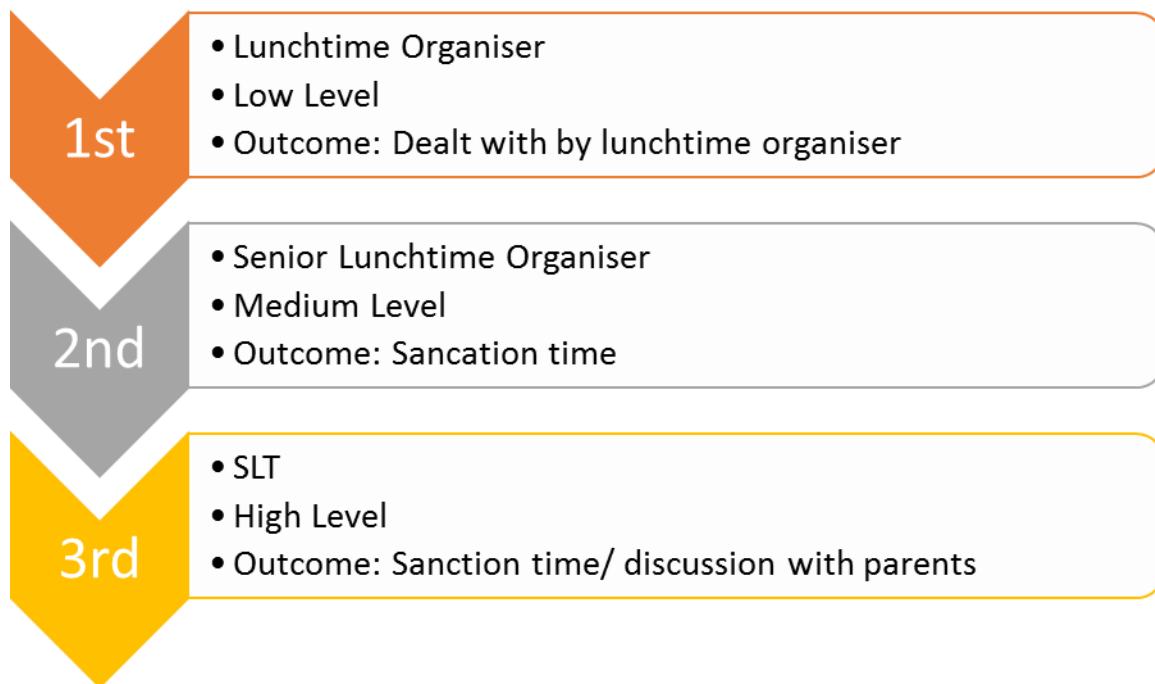
Examples of serious concerns:

- Risk of permanent exclusion

Lunch Times

- Good behaviour at lunch times must be rewarded frequently by the lunchtime organisers in the form of Dojo points.
- All pupil must treat lunchtime supervisors with exactly the same respect they would afford any member of teaching staff
- They should observe the same playground rules they do at any other time of the day
- On completing their meal pupils will leave the hall in an orderly fashion
- Rewards and sanctions should be the same for lunchtime organisers as teachers
- Repeated misbehaviour will result in removal from the school during lunchtimes for a week or on a permanent basis if necessary
- Any pupil demonstrating anti-social behaviour will dine with a member of the SLT
- Pupils who have made poor choices will have 5 minutes time out, quiet time
- At lunchtime pupils will have a selection of active and quiet activities to choose from. They need to be able to 'let off steam' if needed after sitting and working all morning and consideration must be made for this. Lunchtime supervisors will organise physical activities such as skipping and football to ensure good behaviour with no aggression

Lunch time Behaviour Flow Chart



Wet lunchtimes

During wet lunchtimes pupils must go to the toilet before returning to their classroom after eating their dinner. Each classroom will have a range of different activities available for pupils to do. 1 lunchtime supervisor will remain in each classroom. Wet dinnertime equipment will be stored separately to classroom equipment and pupils must not use any classroom materials during lunchtimes.

Partnership with parents:

We give high priority to clear communication within the school and to a positive partnership with parents since these are crucial in promoting and maintaining high standards of behaviour. Where the behaviour of a child is giving cause for concern it is important that all those working with the child in school are aware of those concerns, and of the steps which are being taken in response. The key professional in this process of communication is the class teacher who has the initial responsibility for the child's welfare. A positive partnership with parents is crucial to building trust and developing a common approach to behaviour expectations and strategies for dealing with problems. Parental participation in many aspects of school life is encouraged. This participation assists the development of positive relationships in which parents are more likely to be responsive if the school requires their support in dealing with difficult issues of unacceptable behaviour. The school will communicate policy and expectations to parents. Where behaviour is causing concern parents will be informed at an early stage, and given an opportunity to discuss the situation. Parental support will be sought in devising a plan of action within this policy, and further disciplinary action will be discussed with the parents.

Inclusion for All

We aim to ensure that all pupils are treated equally and behave in the same way, irrespective of gender, race, class or ability. To do this, PSHE should reflect the diverse needs

of all pupils in order to incorporate the principle of equality of opportunity and promote positive attitudes to diversity. PSHE is taught within the guidelines of the school's equal-opportunities policy.

Other related policies

- PSHE
- R.E
- Health and Safety
- Child Protection
- Equal Opportunities
- Inclusion
- Special Needs
- Anti-Bullying

Review

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually by the Behaviour Subject Leader, the link Governor and the Principal. Any alterations that come from this review will be discussed and ratified by the appropriate governing body sub-committee.

Written by: Michael Connolly November 2022

Ratified by the Governing Body on:

To be reviewed:

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ADDENDUM: COVID-19 VIRUS

EXPECTATIONS

On return to school, all pupils will be taught the expectations in relation to hygiene and social distancing. This will be done in the context of helping children understand how the Covid-19 virus spreads and the duty of all people to follow the guidelines.

This will include:

- Washing hands on entry to school, before and after lunch and after playtimes. Also washing hands as directed by staff, for example, after sneezing or coughing into hands.
- Maintaining a 2 metre distance from other pupils and staff at all times, i.e. entering and leaving school, in classrooms, in toilets and corridors and outside during playtimes.
- Using own equipment and remaining at own desk (where appropriate).

If a pupil fails to follow the guidelines, staff will give a reminder, reinforcing why the guidelines are in place. Staff will establish that the pupil understands the guidance.

If a pupil, deliberately defies guidance, for example, refusing to keep 2 metre distances, refusing to wash hands, deliberately touching another child. Parents will be informed and the pupil will be asked to not return to school until the guidelines are relaxed.