



Mowmacre Hill
Primary School

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Behaviour policy and statement of behaviour principles

Mowmacre Hill Primary School

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Advisory Board

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Create a positive culture that promotes excellent behaviour, ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to learn in a calm, safe and supportive environment
- Establish a whole-school approach to maintaining high standards of behaviour that reflect the values of the school
- Outline the expectations and consequences of behaviour
- Provide a consistent approach to behaviour management that is applied equally to all pupils
- Define what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying and discrimination

2. Legislation, statutory requirements and statutory guidance

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

- [Behaviour and discipline in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff, 2016](#)
- [Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff 2022](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation at school 2018](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)
- [Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England 2017](#)
- [Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement - 2022](#)

- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)
- [Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school](#)

It is also based on the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#) and [DfE guidance](#) explaining that academies should publish their behaviour policy and anti-bullying strategy.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Definitions

The points below are suggestions only and should be adapted to suit your school's specific circumstances;

Negative behaviours are defined as:

- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes
- Non-completion of classwork or homework
- Poor attitude
- Incorrect uniform
- Repeated breaches of the school rules
- Any form of bullying
- Sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration, or sexual assault (intentional sexual touching without consent)
- Sexual harassment, meaning unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, such as:
 - o Sexual comments
 - o Sexual jokes or taunting
 - o Physical behaviour like interfering with clothes
 - o Online sexual harassment, such as unwanted sexual comments and messages (including on social media), sharing of nude or semi-nude images and/or videos, or sharing of unwanted explicit content
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Fighting
- Smoking, including vaping
- Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory behaviour
- Possession of any prohibited items. These are:
 - o Knives or weapons
 - o Alcohol
 - o Illegal drugs
 - o Stolen items
 - o Tobacco and cigarette papers
 - o Fireworks
 - o Pornographic images
 - o 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 pupil)

4. Bullying

Bullying is defined as the repetitive, intentional harming of 1 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
Prejudice-based and discriminatory, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Racial• Faith-based• Gendered (sexist)• Homophobic/biphobic• Transphobic• Disability-based	Taunts, gestures, graffiti or physical abuse focused on a particular characteristic (e.g. gender, race, sexuality)
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

Our school's approach to preventing and tackling bullying are set out in our anti-bullying strategy [School Policies – Mowmacre Hill](#)

5. Roles and responsibilities

5.1 The Advisory Board

The Advisory Board is responsible for:

- Reviewing and approving the written statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1)
- Reviewing this behaviour policy in conjunction with the headteacher
- Monitoring the policy's effectiveness
- Holding the headteacher to account for its implementation

The Advisory Board is responsible for monitoring this behaviour policy's effectiveness and holding the headteacher to account for its implementation.

5.2 The Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- Reviewing and approving this behaviour policy
- Ensuring that the school environment encourages positive behaviour
- Ensuring that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour
- Monitoring how staff implement this policy to ensure rewards and sanctions are applied consistently to all groups of pupils
- Ensuring that all staff understand the behavioural expectations and the importance of maintaining them
- Providing new staff with a clear induction into the school's behavioural culture to ensure they understand its rules and routines, and how best to support all pupils to participate fully
- Offering appropriate training in behaviour management, and the impact of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and mental health needs on behaviour, to any staff who require it, so they can fulfil their duties set out in this policy
- Ensuring this policy works alongside the safeguarding policy to offer pupils both sanctions and support when necessary
- Ensuring that the data from the behaviour log is reviewed regularly, to make sure that no groups of pupils are being disproportionately impacted by this policy (see section 13.1)

5.3 Teachers and colleagues

Colleagues are responsible for:

- Creating a calm and safe environment for pupils
- Establishing and maintaining clear boundaries of acceptable pupil behaviour
- Implementing the behaviour policy consistently
- Communicating the school's expectations, routines, values and standards through teaching behaviour and in every interaction with pupils
- Modelling expected behaviour and positive relationships
- Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular pupils
- Considering their own behaviour on the school culture and how they can uphold school rules and expectations
- Recording behaviour incidents promptly (see appendix 3 for a behaviour log)
- Challenging pupils to meet the school's expectations

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

5.4 Parents and carers

Parents and carers, where possible, should:

- Get to know the school's behaviour policy and reinforce it at home where appropriate
- Support their child in adhering to the school's behaviour policy
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour
- Discuss any behavioural concerns with the class teacher promptly

- Take part in any pastoral work following incidents of concern (for example: attending reviews of specific behaviour interventions)
- Raise any concerns about the management of behaviour with the school directly, whilst continuing to work in partnership with the school
- Take part in the life of the school and its culture

The school will endeavour to build a positive relationship with parents and carers by keeping them informed about developments in their child's behaviour and the school's policy, and working in collaboration with them to tackle behavioural issues.

5.5 Pupils

Pupils will be made aware of the following during their induction into the behaviour culture:

- The expected standard of behaviour they should be displaying at school
- That they have a duty to follow the behaviour policy
- The school's key rules and routines
- The rewards they can earn for meeting the behaviour standard, and the consequences they will face if they don't meet the standard
- The pastoral support that is available to them to help them meet the behavioural standards

Pupils will be supported to meet the behaviour standards and will be provided with repeated induction sessions wherever appropriate.

Pupils will be supported to develop an understanding of the school's behaviour policy and wider culture.

Pupils will be asked to give feedback on their experience of the behaviour culture to support the evaluation, improvement and implementation of the behaviour policy.

Extra support and induction will be provided for pupils who are mid-phase arrivals.

6. School behaviour curriculum

Pupils are expected to:

- Behave in a way that ensures their safety, the safety of other pupils and the safety of staff
- Behave in an orderly and self-controlled way
- Show respect to members of staff and each other
- In class, make it possible for all pupils to learn
- Move quietly 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 or online

Where appropriate and reasonable, adjustments may be made to routines within the curriculum to ensure all pupils can meet behavioural expectations in the curriculum.

6.1 Mobile phones

- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to have mobile phones with them on-site if they are walking to or from school on their own.

- If a pupil who is permitted to bring a mobile phone does bring one into school, they are to hand it in to the front office at the beginning of the day. That pupil can collect their phone from the front office at the end of the day.
- If a pupil brings a phone into school, the school cannot accept liability in the event of loss or damage. The pupil accepts responsibility for any actual or potential loss or damage.
- If any pupil brings a phone into school who is not permitted to bring a mobile phone to school, that phone will be taken to the front office by a member of staff. The phone will be returned to the pupil's parent or other appropriate adult at the end of the day.
- Pupils are not permitted to bring other mobile technology into school, including but not limited to, smart watches

7. Responding to behaviour

7.1 Classroom management

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

They will:

- Create and maintain a stimulating environment that encourages pupils to be engaged
- Display the school's behaviour system, rewards and sanctions
- Develop a positive relationship with pupils by:
 - o Establishing clear routines
 - o Communicating expectations of behaviour both verbally and non-verbally
 - o Highlighting and promoting good behaviour
 - o Establishing consistent end of day/lesson routines to allow the next day begins positively.
 - o Planning for dealing with low-level disruption
 - o Using positive language to support reflection modelled in 30 second scripts in the appendices to this policy

7.2 Safeguarding

The school recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a pupil is in need of help or protection.

We will consider whether a pupil's negative behaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm.

Where this may be the case, we will follow our child protection and safeguarding policy, and consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information. [School Policies – Mowmacre Hill](#)

7.3 Responding to good behaviour

When a pupil's behaviour meets or goes above and beyond the expected behaviour standard, staff will recognise it with positive recognition and reward. This provides an opportunity for all staff to reinforce the school's culture and ethos.

Positive reinforcements and rewards will be applied clearly and fairly to reinforce the routines, expectations and norms of the school's behaviour culture.

Positive behaviour will be rewarded with:

- Praise, smile and visual encouragement
- Communicating praise to parents via a phone call or written correspondence
- Monster points
- Certificates
- Half-termly Golden Values certificate and reward
- Positions of responsibility, such as lunchtime helper
- Whole-class or year group rewards, such as a popular activity

7.4 Responding to negative behaviours

When a pupil's behaviour falls below the standard that can reasonably be expected of them, staff will respond in order to restore a calm and safe learning environment, and to prevent recurrence of pupils negative behaviour.

Staff will endeavour to create an expected environment by always challenging behaviour that falls short of the standards, and by responding in a consistent, fair and proportionate manner, so pupils know with certainty that negative behaviours will always be addressed.

De-escalation techniques can be used to help prevent further behaviour issues arising, such as the use of pre-arranged scripts and phrases.

All pupils will be treated equitably under the policy, with any factors that contributed to the behavioural incident identified and taken into account.

When giving behaviour sanctions, staff will also consider what support could be offered to a pupil to help them to meet behaviour standards in the future.

The school may use 1 or more of the following sanctions in response to unacceptable behaviour:

- Reflection
- Sending the pupil out of the class
- A verbal reprimand and reminder of the expectations of behaviour
- Setting of written tasks such as an account of their behaviour
- Expecting work to be completed at home, or at break (10 minute maximum) or lunchtime
- Detention at lunchtime or after school
- Loss of privileges – for instance, the loss of a prized responsibility
- School-based community service, such as tidying a classroom
- Referring the pupil to a senior member of staff
- Letter or phone call home to parents
- Agreeing a behaviour contract
- Putting a pupil 'on report'
- Removal of the pupil from the classroom
- Suspension or permanent exclusions, in the most serious of circumstances

The school's stages of response to unacceptable behaviour is detailed in Appendix 1.

Personal circumstances of the pupil will be taken into account when choosing sanctions and decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, but with regard to the impact on perceived fairness.

7.5 Reasonable force

Reasonable force covers a range of interventions that involve physical contact with pupils. All members of staff have a duty to use reasonable force, in the following circumstances, to prevent a pupil from:

- Causing disorder
- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property
- Committing an offence

Incidents of reasonable force 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 (see appendix 3 for a behaviour log)

When considering using reasonable force, staff should, in considering the risks, carefully recognise any specific vulnerabilities of the pupil, including SEND, mental health needs or medical conditions.

Using reasonable force will be carried out in-line with our Physical Interventions Policy. [School Policies – Mowmacre Hill](#)

7.6 Confiscation, searches, screening

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

Confiscation

Any prohibited items (listed in section 3) found in a pupil's possession as a result of a search will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to the pupil.

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

Searching a pupil

Searches will only be carried out by a member of staff who has been authorised to do so by the headteacher, or by the headteacher themselves.

Subject to the exception below, the authorised member of staff carrying out the search will be of the same sex as the pupil, and there will be another member of staff present as a witness to the search.

An authorised member of staff of a different sex to the pupil can carry out a search without another member of staff as a witness if:

- The authorised member of staff carrying out the search reasonably believes there is risk that serious harm will be caused to a person if the search is not carried out as a matter of urgency;
and
- In the time available, it is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out by a member of staff who is the same sex as the pupil; **or**
- It is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out in the presence of another member of staff

When an authorised member of staff conducts a search without a witness they should immediately report this to another member of staff, and ensure a written record of the search is kept.

If the authorised member of staff considers a search to be necessary, but is not required urgently, they will seek the advice of the headteacher, designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) or pastoral

member of staff who may have more information about the pupil. During this time the pupil will be supervised and kept away from other pupils.

A search can be carried out if the authorised member of staff has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil is in possession of a prohibited item or any item identified in the school rules for which a search can be made, or if the pupil has agreed.

An appropriate location for the search will be found. Where possible, this will be away from other pupils. The search will only take place on the school premises or where the member of staff has lawful control or charge of the pupil, for example on a school trip.

Before carrying out a search the authorised member of staff will:

- Assess whether there is an urgent need for a search
- Assess whether not doing the search would put other pupils or staff at risk
- Consider whether the search would pose a safeguarding risk to the pupil
- Explain to the pupil why they are being searched
- Explain to the pupil what a search entails – e.g. I will ask you to turn out your pockets and remove your scarf
- Explain how and where the search will be carried out
- Give the pupil the opportunity to ask questions
- Seek the pupil's co-operation

If the pupil refuses to agree to a search, the member of staff can give an appropriate behaviour sanction.

If they still refuse to co-operate, the member of staff will contact the headteacher to try and determine why the pupil is refusing to comply.

The authorised member of staff will then decide whether to use reasonable force to search the pupil. This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration whether conducting the search will prevent the pupil harming themselves or others, damaging property or from causing disorder.

The authorised member of staff can use reasonable force to search for any prohibited items identified in section 3, but not to search for items that are only identified in the school rules.

The authorised member of staff may use a metal detector to assist with the search.

An authorised member of staff may search a pupil's outer clothing, pockets, possessions, desks or lockers.

Outer clothing includes:

- Any item of clothing that is not worn immediately over a garment that is being worn wholly next to the skin or being worn as underwear (e.g. a jumper or jacket being worn over a t-shirt)
- Hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, boots

Searching pupils' possessions

Possessions means any items that the pupil has or appears to have control of, including:

- Desks
- Lockers
- Bags

A pupil's possessions can be searched for any item if the pupil agrees to the search. If the pupil does not agree to the search, staff can still carry out a search for prohibited items (listed in section 3) and items identified in the school rules.

An authorised member of staff can search a pupil's possessions when the pupil and another member of staff are present.

If there is a serious risk of harm if the search is not conducted immediately, or it is not reasonably practicable to summon another member of staff, the search can be carried out by a single authorised member of staff.

Informing the designated safeguarding lead (DSL)

The staff member who carried out the search should inform the DSL without delay:

- Of any incidents where the member of staff had reasonable grounds to suspect a pupil was in possession of a prohibited item as listed in section 3
- If they believe that a search has revealed a safeguarding risk

All searches for prohibited items (listed in section 3), including incidents where no items were found, will be recorded in the school's CPOMS.

Informing parents

Parents will always be informed of any search for a prohibited item (listed in section 3). A member of staff will tell the parents as soon as is reasonably practicable:

- What happened
- What was found, if anything
- What has been confiscated, if anything
- What action the school has taken, including any sanctions that have been applied to their child

Support after a search

Irrespective of whether any items are found as the result of any search, the school will consider whether the pupil may be suffering or likely to suffer harm and whether any specific support is needed (due to the reasons for the search, the search itself, or the outcome of the search).

If this is the case, staff will follow the school's safeguarding policy and speak to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The DSL will consider if pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Strip searches

The authorised member of staff's power to search outlined above does not enable them to conduct a strip search (removing more than the outer clothing) and strip searches on school premises shall only be carried out by police officers in accordance with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) Code C.

Before calling the police into school, staff will assess and balance the risk of a potential strip search on the pupil's mental and physical wellbeing and the risk of not recovering the suspected item.

Staff will consider whether introducing the potential for a strip search through police involvement is absolutely necessary, and will always ensure that other appropriate, less invasive approaches have been exhausted first.

Once the police are on school premises, the decision on whether to conduct a strip search lies solely with them. The school will advocate for the safety and wellbeing of the pupil(s) involved. Staff retain a duty of care to the pupil involved and should advocate for pupil wellbeing at all times. In the event the police chose to conduct a strip search, the parents will be the Appropriate Adult if they are present. If they are not present, the headteacher will act as the Appropriate Adult.

Communication and record-keeping

Where reasonably possible and unless there is an immediate risk of harm, staff will contact at least 1 of the pupil's parents to inform them that the police are going to strip search the pupil before strip search takes place, and ask them if they would like to come into school to act as the pupil's appropriate adult. If the school can't get in touch with the parents, or they aren't able to come into

school to act as the appropriate adult, a member of staff can act as the appropriate adult (see below for the role of the appropriate adult).

The pupil's parents will always be informed by a staff member once a strip search has taken place. The school will keep records of strip searches that have been conducted on school premises, and monitor them for any trends that emerge.

Who will be present:

For any strip search that involves exposure of intimate body parts, there will be at least 2 people present other than the pupil, except in urgent cases where there is risk of serious harm to the pupil or others.

One of these must be the appropriate adult. The appropriate adult' means, in the case of a child:

1. The parent, guardian or, if the juvenile is in the care of a local authority or voluntary organisation, a person representing that authority or organisation.
2. A social worker of a local authority
3. Failing these, some other responsible adult aged 18 or over who is not: a. a police officer; b. employed by the police; c. under the direction or control of the chief officer of a police force; or d. a person who provides services under contractual arrangements (but without being employed by the chief officer of a police force), to assist that force in relation to the discharge of its chief officer's functions.

The appropriate adult will:

- Act to safeguard the rights, entitlement and welfare of the pupil
- Not be a police officer or otherwise associated with the police
- Not be the headteacher
- Be of the same sex as the pupil, unless the pupil specifically requests an adult who is not of the same sex

Except for an appropriate adult of a different sex if the pupil specifically requests it, no one of a different sex will be permitted to be present and the search will not be carried out anywhere where the pupil could be seen by anyone else.

The appropriate adult must be present, except if:

- The pupil explicitly states in the presence of an appropriate adult that they do not want an appropriate adult to be present during the search, **and**
- The appropriate adult agrees

If this is the case, a record will be made of the pupil's decision and it will be signed by the appropriate adult.

No more than 2 people other than the pupil and appropriate adult will be present, except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Care after a strip search

After any strip search, the pupil will be given appropriate support, irrespective of whether any suspected item is found. The pupil will also be given the opportunity to express their views about the strip search and the events surrounding it.

As with other searches, the school will consider whether the pupil may be suffering or likely to suffer harm and whether any further specific support is needed (due to the reasons for the search, the search itself, or the outcome of the search).

Staff will follow the school's safeguarding policy and speak to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The DSL will consider if, in addition to pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Any pupil(s) who have been strip searched more than once and/or groups of pupils who may be more likely to be subject to strip searching will be given particular consideration, and staff will consider any preventative approaches that can be taken.

7.7 Off-site negative behaviours

Consequences may be applied where a pupil has behaved negatively off-site when representing the school. This is when the pupil is:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity (e.g. school trips)
- Travelling to or from school
- Wearing school uniform
- In any other way identifiable as a pupil of our school

Consequences may also be applied where a pupil has behaved negatively off-site, at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, if the negative behaviour:

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- Poses a threat to another pupil
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the school

Consequences will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member (e.g. on a school-organised trip).

7.8 Online misbehaviour

The school can issue behaviour sanctions to pupils for online misbehaviour when:

- It poses a threat or causes harm to another pupil
- It could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- It adversely affects the reputation of the school
- The pupil is identifiable as a member of the school

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member.

7.9 Suspected criminal behaviour

If a pupil is suspected of criminal behaviour, the school will make an initial assessment of whether to report the incident to the police.

When establishing the facts, the school will endeavour to preserve any relevant evidence to hand over to the police.

If a decision is made to report the matter to the police, the *(headteacher / member of the senior leadership team / pastoral lead)* will make the report.

The school will not interfere with any police action taken. In addition, the school will follow its own investigation procedure and enforce sanctions, as long as it does not conflict with police action.

If a report to the police is made, the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) will make a tandem report to children's social care, if appropriate and record on CPOMS.

7.10 Zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment and sexual violence

The school will ensure that all incidents of sexual harassment and/or violence are met with a suitable response, and never ignored.

Pupils are encouraged to report anything that makes them uncomfortable, no matter how 'small' they feel it might be.

The school's response will be:

- Proportionate
- Considered
- Supportive
- Decided on a case-by-case basis

The school has procedures in place to respond to any allegations or concerns regarding a child's safety or wellbeing. These include clear processes for:

- Responding to a report
- Carrying out risk assessments, where appropriate, to help determine whether to:
 - o Manage the incident internally
 - o Refer to early help
 - o Refer to children's social care
 - o Report to the police

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information [School Policies – Mowmacre Hill](#)

7.11 Malicious allegations

Where a pupil makes an allegation against a member of staff and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will consider whether to discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

Where a pupil makes an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment against another pupil and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will consider whether to discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

In all cases where an allegation is determined to be unsubstantiated, unfounded, false or malicious, the school (in collaboration with the local authority designated officer (LADO), where relevant) will consider whether the pupil who made the allegation is in need of help, or the allegation may have been a cry for help. If so, a referral to children's social care may be appropriate.

The school will also consider the pastoral needs of staff and pupils accused of misconduct.

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information on responding to allegations of abuse against staff or other pupils. [School Policies – Mowmacre Hill](#)

8. Restorative Sanctions

8.1 Detentions/Reparations

Pupils can be issued with detentions/reparations during break or lunchtime. A detention can be issued by a member of the Wellbeing Team.

When issuing a detention/reparation, the school will consider whether doing so would:

- Compromise the pupil's safety
- Conflict with a medical appointment
- Prevent the pupil from getting home safely
- Interrupt the pupil's caring responsibilities

8.2 Removal from classrooms

In response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy, the school may remove the pupil from the classroom for a limited time.

Pupils who have been removed will continue to receive education under the supervision of a member of staff that is meaningful, but it may differ from the mainstream curriculum.

Removal is a serious sanction and will only be used in response to serious misbehaviour. Staff will only remove pupils from the classroom once other behavioural strategies have been attempted, unless the behaviour is so extreme as to warrant immediate removal.

Removal can be used to:

- Restore order if the pupil is being unreasonably disruptive
- Maintain the safety of all pupils
- Allow the disruptive pupil to continue their learning in a managed environment
- Allow the disruptive pupil to regain calm in a safe space

Pupils who have been removed from the classroom are supervised by a member of the Wellbeing Team, and will be removed for a maximum of 1 school day.

Pupils will not be removed from classrooms for prolonged periods of time without the explicit agreement of the headteacher.

Pupils should be reintegrated into the classroom as soon as appropriate and safe to do so. The school will consider what support is needed to help a pupil successfully reintegrate into the classroom and meet the expected standards of behaviour.

Parents will be informed on the same day that their child is removed from the classroom.

The school will consider an alternative approach to behaviour management for pupils who are frequently removed from class, such as

- Meetings with Wellbeing Team
- Use of teaching assistants
- Short term behaviour report cards
- Long term behaviour plans
- Pupil support units or alternative provision
- Multi-agency assessment

Staff will record all incidents of removal from the classroom along with details of the incident that led to the removal, and any protected characteristics.

8.3 Suspension and permanent exclusions

The school can use suspension and permanent exclusion in response to serious incidents or in response to persistent poor behaviour, which has not improved following in-school sanctions and interventions.

The decision to suspend or exclude will be made by the headteacher and only as a last resort.

Please refer to our exclusions policy for more information. [School Policies – Mowmacre Hill](#)

9. Responding to misbehaviour from pupils with SEND

9.1 Recognising the impact of SEND on behaviour

The school recognises that pupils' behaviour may be impacted by a special educational need or disability (SEND).

When incidents of misbehaviour arise, we will consider them in relation to a pupil's SEND, although we recognise that not every incident of misbehaviour will be connected to their SEND. Decisions on whether a pupil's SEND had an impact on an incident of misbehaviour will be made on a case-by-case basis.

When dealing with misbehaviour from pupils with SEND, especially where their SEND affects their behaviour, the school will balance their legal duties when making decisions about enforcing the behaviour policy. The legal duties include:

- Taking reasonable steps to avoid causing any substantial disadvantage to a disabled pupil caused by the school's policies or practices ([Equality Act 2010](#))
- Using our best endeavours to meet the needs of pupils with SEND ([Children and Families Act 2014](#))
- If a pupil has an education, health and care (EHC) plan, the provisions set out in that plan must be secured and the school must co-operate with the local authority and other bodies

As part of meeting these duties, the school will anticipate, as far as possible, all likely triggers of misbehaviour, and put in place support to prevent these from occurring.

Any preventative measures will take into account the specific circumstances and requirements of the pupil concerned. These measures may include:

- Short, planned movement break
- Fidget toys to reduce incidences of unacceptable behaviour
- Adjusted seating plan to allow a pupil with visual or hearing impairment to sit in sight of the teacher
- Adjusting uniform requirements for a pupil with sensory needs or who has severe eczema
- Training for staff on specific conditions
- Additional support from SEMH Champion or ELSAs to help pupil better understand their own behaviour

9.2 Adapting sanctions for pupils with SEND

When considering a behavioural sanction for a pupil with SEND, the school will take into account:

- Whether the pupil was unable to understand the rule or instruction?
- Whether the pupil was unable to act differently at the time as a result of their SEND?
- Whether the pupil is likely to behave aggressively due to their particular SEND?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, it may be unlawful for the school to sanction the pupil for the behaviour.

The school will then assess if it is appropriate to use a sanction and if so, whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made to the sanction.

9.3 Considering whether a pupil displaying challenging behaviour may have unidentified SEND

The school's special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) may evaluate a pupil 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 pupil, 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.

9.4 Pupils with an education, health and care (EHC) plan

The provisions set out in the EHC plan must be secured and the school will co-operate with the local authority and other bodies.

If the school has a concern about the behaviour of a pupil with an EHC plan, it will make contact with the local authority to discuss the issue. If appropriate, the school may request an emergency review of the EHC plan.

10. Supporting pupils following a sanction

Following a sanction, the school will consider strategies to help pupils to understand how to improve their behaviour and meet the expectations of the school.

This could include measures such as:

- Reintegration meetings
- Contact with the SEMH Champion or ELSAs
- A report card with personalised behaviour goals

11. Pupil transition

11.1 Inducting incoming pupils

The school will support incoming pupils to meet behaviour standards by offering an induction process to familiarise them with the behaviour policy and the wider school culture.

11.2 Preparing outgoing pupils for transition

To ensure a smooth transition to the next year, pupils 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 pupil behaviour issues may be transferred to relevant staff at the start of the term or year.

12. Training

As part of their induction process, our staff are provided with regular training on managing behaviour, including training on:

- The proper use of restraint if it is necessary to their role
- The needs of the pupils at the school
- How SEND and mental health needs impact behaviour
- How to modify language to meet needs of pupils with speech, language and communication needs or English as an Additional Language

Behaviour management will also form part of continuing professional development.

13. Monitoring arrangements

13.1 Monitoring and evaluating school behaviour

The school will collect data on the following:

- Behavioural incidents, including removal from the classroom
- Attendance, permanent exclusion and suspension
- Use of pupil support units, off-site directions and managed moves
- Incidents of searching, screening and confiscation

- Anonymous surveys for staff, pupils, governors, trustees and other stakeholders on their perceptions and experiences of the school behaviour culture

The data will be analysed every half-term by SEMH Champion

The data will be analysed from a variety of perspectives including:

- At school level
- By age group
- At the level of individual members of staff
- By time of day/week/term
- By protected characteristic

The school will use the results of this analysis to make sure it is meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010. If any trends or disparities between groups of pupils are identified by this analysis, the school will review its policies to tackle it.

13.2 Monitoring this policy

This behaviour policy will be reviewed by the headteacher and Advisory Board at least annually, or more frequently, if needed, to address findings from the regular monitoring of the behaviour data (as per section 13.1). At each review, the policy will be approved by the Advisory Board.

14. Links with other policies

This behaviour policy is linked to the following policies;

- Mental Health Policy
- Child protection and safeguarding policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Exclusions and suspensions policy
- Physical Intervention policy
- Online Safety Policy








Appendix 1: written statement of behaviour principles




It is crucial to establish clear expectations and guidelines for positive behaviour, mutual respect, recognition and consequences to foster a productive and supportive environment. Our school values: belong, imagine, persevere, succeed our ethos and culture. We expect our pupils to exhibit and live our values at all times. This is routinely built into assembly themes and our curriculum work, in addition to everyday classroom practice. Our behaviour curriculum promotes a positive and conducive learning environment where pupils can thrive academically and socially while understanding the importance of their behaviour and its impact on the school community.

Trustees also emphasises that violence or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated in any circumstances.

This written statement of behaviour principles is reviewed and approved by the Advisory Board annually.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 behaviour stages

Behaviour		Response
Not following adult instructions Low-level disruption	 Positive reminder	Low key response Positive Choices Praise those making the correct choices. Rule reminder/ quiet reminder (not specifically addressing an individual) Support children to make the right choice.  Verbal reminder "At Mowmacre we..."
Persistent disruption Leaving the classroom Taking small things that don't belong to the child Rudeness to adults, back-chatting adults Teasing, name-calling children	 1 st warning  2 nd warning	Positive Choices Praise those making the correct choices. Rule reminder/ quiet reminder (addressing the individual specifically) Support children to make the right choice.  Verbal reminder "At Mowmacre we..." If continued behaviour, go to level 3 (short logical consequence with explanation why), e.g. being out of your seat has wasted 2 minutes of your learning time, you'll need to stay in class for two minutes and make up that time on your learning.
Continuation of the behaviours above after positive reminder and warning have been given Physical contact between pupils Misuse of technology Minor damage to school property Internal truancy	 Talk time Record on Arbor	Rule reminder  "At Mowmacre.... we.... By doing/making the choice to... you are.... " This means that... (short logical consequence) Praise those making correct choices. Support children to make the right choice. Consequences could be Apologise and then change behaviour Losing time from playtime/lunchtime to regain wasted learning time Work re-done Anything logical that puts right whatever was done wrong, e.g. repair display, clean up mess Communication with parents Class teacher to discuss with parent at the end of the day

Continuation of any of the behaviours above	 <p>Child goes to Reflection Room at lunch</p> <p>Incident logged on Arbor</p>	<p>Rule reminder</p> <p> "At Mowmacre, we... By doing/making the choice to... you are...This means that..." (longer logical consequence)</p> <p>Praise those making correct choices Support children to make the right choice</p> <p>Consequences Losing time from lunchtime Involvement of the wellbeing team, wellbeing team will use guidance to determine length of time in Reflection</p> <p>Communication with parents Call home to parent by class teacher</p>
<p>Significant damage to school or children's property</p> <p>Discriminatory behaviour</p> <p>Fighting</p> <p>Sexualised language</p> <p>Threatening another child</p> <p>Dangerous behaviour, eg. climbing fences, misbehaviour in vehicles, throwing small objects</p> <p>Taking money, devices, other high-value items</p>	<p>Incident logged on Arbor to be viewed by Wellbeing Team/SLT who may also be involved at this stage.</p> <p>Racism or any other behaviour against protected characteristics also logged on CPOMS</p> <p>Sexualised language must also be recorded on CPOMS</p>	<p>Rule reminder</p> <p> "At Mowmacre we..., By doing/making the choice to... you are.... This means that... (longer logical consequence)</p> <p>Praise those making correct choices</p> <p>Consequences Full lunch lost in Reflection Work sent home Internal exclusion for next lesson including play/lunch</p> <p>Communication with parents Phone call home made by Wellbeing Team/SLT</p>
<p>Absconding from site</p> <p>Physical violence towards adults</p> <p>Physical violence towards children</p> <p>Threatening adults</p> <p>Dangerous behaviour, eg. throwing furniture, pulling fire alarms</p>	<p>Incident logged on Arbor by person dealing with behaviour</p> <p>Immediate SLT involvement</p>	<p>Consequences Internal suspension Suspension Permanent exclusion</p> <p>School's suspension and exclusion procedure and policy to be followed.</p> <p>Communication with parents Headteacher, or deputised member of SLT to communicate with parents</p> <p>An individual behaviour plan is written in conjunction with SLT. School office to invite parents to meet with class teacher and senior leader to discuss and agree behaviour plan before return to class.</p>

Mowmacre Hill Primary School EYFS-Specific Behaviour System

STAR- Pupils who demonstrate exceptional behaviour will be rewarded with 3 monster points during the pm register/end of day
RAINBOW- All pupils start the am/pm on the rainbow If pupils remain on the rainbow, they will receive 1 monster point during pm register/end of day
Positive reminder and two verbal warnings will be given to pupils
RAINCLOUD- A restorative conversation will be had between the pupil and the adult who has placed them onto the raincloud. If the child displays positive behaviours, they have the opportunity to move back to the rainbow (talk time)
Two further verbal warnings will be given to pupils
MUDDY PUDDLE- 5 minutes time out on the orange cushion and conversation with the Phase Lead Parents to be contacted.

At Mowmacre Hill Primary School, we believe in fostering a positive and supportive environment for all our pupils. Our Early Years behaviour system is designed to encourage good behaviour and provide clear guidelines for managing and improving behaviour when necessary. It is designed to be understood by very young children and develop the necessary learning behaviours as the move into Year 1. The steps of our Early Years behaviour system are aligned with the steps in our behaviour policy expectations for Key Stages 1 and 2, but pitched in a way that very young children can better understand. This is designed to help children understand positive behaviours and manage their own behaviour. This appendix outlines the steps we take to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive in a safe and nurturing environment.

EYFS-Specific Behaviour System

1. Rainbow System

All pupils start the morning and afternoon sessions on the rainbow. This signifies a fresh start and encourages positive behaviour from the beginning of each session. If pupils remain on the Rainbow throughout the session, they will receive 1 monster point during the pm register/end of the day.

2. Star Rewards

Pupils who demonstrate exceptional behaviour will be rewarded with 3 monster points, which can be exchanged for a sticker at the PM register/end of the day.

3. Positive Reminders and Warnings

Pupils will receive a positive reminder and up to two verbal warnings if their behaviour needs improvement.

4. Raincloud

If a pupil's behaviour does not improve after the warnings, they will be moved to the Raincloud. A restorative conversation will be held between the pupil and the adult who placed them on the Raincloud. If the pupil displays positive behaviour, they have the opportunity to move back to the rainbow (Talk Time). Two further verbal warnings will be given if necessary.

5. Muddy puddle

If the behaviour continues to be disruptive, the pupil will have a 5-minute time-out on the orange cushion and a conversation with the phase lead. Parents will be contacted to discuss the pupil's behaviour and work together to support positive changes.

Parental Involvement

We believe that parental involvement is crucial in supporting positive behaviour. We encourage parents to discuss this system with their children and reinforce the importance of good behaviour at home. If you have any questions about teaching positive behaviours, please get in contact with the school.

30 second scripts – behaviour responses

It's my job to keep you/everyone safe and to keep you/everyone learning ...so you can't go back into the classroom at the moment until you are calm, so we'll need to stop and wait until everyone is listening, so you will need to go back down the corridor and show me fantastic walking.

At Mowmacre we ... do fantastic walking, sit up, are respectful, follow instructions the first time they are asked

I need you to show fantastic walking, pick up your pencil and start work, hang your coat up and come to your seat, take down your hood

I noticed you are... having trouble getting started/struggling to get going/wandering around the classroom talking.

It was the rule about... lining up/staying on task/staying quiet **that you broke.**

You have now chosen to... move to the back/catch up with your work at lunchtime/lose X minutes of your break time

Do you remember last week when you... arrived on time every day/made me smile/helped to hand out the books/lined up like a soldier

That is exactly the behaviour I need to see today...

Thank you for listening. Then give the child some 'take up' time and walk away

Fantastic walking Every single time you see a child doing it

Appendix 2: behaviour log

PUPIL'S NAME:	
PUPIL'S KNOWN PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS:	
NAME OF STAFF MEMBER REPORTING THE INCIDENT:	
DATE:	
WHERE DID THE INCIDENT TAKE PLACE?	
WHEN DID THE INCIDENT TAKE PLACE? (BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL, LUNCHTIME, BREAK TIME)	
WHAT HAPPENED?	
WHO WAS INVOLVED?	
WHAT ACTIONS WERE TAKEN, INCLUDING ANY SANCTIONS?	
IS ANY FOLLOW-UP ACTION NEEDED? IF SO, GIVE DETAILS	
PEOPLE INFORMED OF THE INCIDENT (STAFF, GOVERNORS, PARENTS, POLICE):	