

# Behaviour principles written statement

This statement sets out Wicklewood Primary School and Nursery's broad principles and values with regard to behaviour that is both expected and promoted within the school.

## Principles

- The school's primary concern is the safety, wellbeing and education of all pupils; actions taken in cases of inappropriate behaviour are with the intention of upholding their wellbeing and academic progress, as well as fulfilling our safeguarding responsibilities.
- The school will create and maintain an atmosphere and ethos based on our school values of respect, understanding, courage, happiness, honesty, friendship, responsibility, acceptance, self-belief and thoughtfulness.
- All members of the school community must be treated inclusively and be free from any form of discrimination or prejudice – whether it be racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, religious or age-based.
- All pupils have a right to fulfil their greatest academic and personal potential and feel they are valued members of the school by both their peers and school staff, and should be free from bullying, discrimination and distracting peer behaviour.
- Rules are to be consistently applied across the school and where action has to be taken it should be proportionate to the misdemeanour, in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.
- Good behaviour around school is to be celebrated and rewarded at the discretion of staff, who will judge appropriately.

## General expectations

- All members of the school community should be aware of behavioural expectations and the relevant policies, and agree to them as fair and reasonable. Expectations will be displayed in classrooms and around the school.
- Polite and considerate behaviour is to be maintained by all around the school, both in and out of the classroom.
- Each pupil receives the necessary behavioural support according to their specific needs.
- Bullying (and cyber bullying) is not tolerated and pupils should report any case of bullying they experience or observe to school staff.
- Pupils should show good behaviour in the classroom, not distracting themselves or others from important learning.
- Staff will lead by example and model their conduct in line with the school's values.
- Everyone in the Wicklewood Primary School and Nursery community should understand that the school's emphasis is on encouraging and praising good behaviour and supporting individuals who are struggling to meet the expected behavioural standards.

Actual, practical applications of these principles are the responsibility of the headteacher, who will view each case in light of these principles and any relevant policies. Where there is conflict between the principles stated the Headteacher reserves the right to make the final decision.

The governing body is aware and approves of this statement, believing it accurately reflects the school's ethos and that effective learning and development relies on good standards of behaviour.