

Behaviour principles written statement

In our school, we are inspired by Jesus to be the very best we can be. We look after one another and show respect and love through our relationships with one another.

Mission Statement:



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Our mission is to:

Guide all on their journey of faith

Nurture a love of learning

Encourage happiness, confidence and personal fulfilment

Support all in achieving their full potential

Our values are: Care and compassion, respect, resilience and aspirations.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring high behavioural standards for all pupils, and this statement sets out the broad values and principles with regard to behaviours that are expected and promoted. This statement has been approved by the headteacher and the governing board, believing it accurately reflects the school's ethos and that effective learning and development relies on good standards of behaviour.

Principles

Our primary concern is the safety, wellbeing and education of all pupils; actions taken in cases of poor behaviour are with the intention of upholding their wellbeing and academic progress, as well as fulfilling our safeguarding responsibilities.

We create a calm and orderly environment to enable pupils to learn effectively.

We prioritise inclusion, and will ensure that all members of the school community are able to enjoy the activities of the school free from any discrimination. We will create and maintain an atmosphere and ethos of acceptance, equality, diversity, respect, understanding and kindness throughout the school community in everyday practice. Our school aims to foster a collective ethos amongst all members of the school community, and promote values of caring, empathy, teamwork and coordination.

We endeavour to ensure that all pupils, staff and visitors feel safe in the school environment at all times through a high quality of care, support and guidance.

All of our children have a right to fulfil their greatest academic and personal potential and feel they are valued members of the school community, and should be free from bullying, discrimination and distracting peer behaviour.

Our school ensures that rules are consistently applied across the school and where sanctions are exercised, they are in line with the school's Behaviour Policy and are taken seriously. Positive behaviour at school is acknowledged and rewarded and we celebrate each other's unique gifts and contributions.

The school offers comprehensive support to pupils displaying problematic behaviour, before and/or alongside disciplinary measures taking into account pupils' home circumstances and any SEND.

Any kind of violence, threatening behaviour or abuse between pupils, or by members of the school community towards the school's staff, will not be tolerated. If a parent does not conduct themselves properly, the school reserves the right to ban them from the school premises and, if the parent continues to cause disturbance, they may be liable to prosecution.

The school upholds clear and effective policies with clearly defined consequences for poor behaviour, that are applied consistently and fairly by all staff.

General expectations

We have high expectations for pupils' behaviour and conduct. These expectations are commonly understood and applied consistently and fairly. We set clear routines and expectations for the positive behaviour and conduct of our children across all aspects of school life, not just in the classroom.

We make behavioural expectations and the related policies clear and accessible to members of the school community, and ensure the community agrees they are fair and reasonable. These will be made readily available to read and general expectations will be displayed in classrooms and around the school. The school's emphasis is on encouraging and praising good behaviour and supporting individuals who are struggling to meet the expected behavioural standards. Each pupil receives the necessary behavioural support according to their specific needs. Each class has a positive behaviour display and children know 'tomorrow is another day' and a chance to begin again, making the right choices for their behaviour.

We have a positive and respectful culture in which staff know and care about pupils.

We do not tolerate offensive or insulting language in any circumstances, and we expect polite and considerate behaviour to be maintained by all. Bullying, discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and sexual violence are not tolerated, online or offline. Pupils are encouraged to report any case of bullying they experience or observe to school staff, and wherever such behaviour occurs it will be dealt with quickly, consistently and effectively.

Commonalities are identified and celebrated, difference is valued and nurtured, and bullying, harassment and violence are never tolerated. All pupils are taught to actively support the wellbeing of other pupils.

All pupils are expected to behave consistently well, demonstrating high levels of self-control and consistently positive attitudes to their education.

Pupils are held to high standards of attendance. We will take swift, appropriate and action to ensure that problems of lateness and absence are handled effectively.

Staff lead by example and model their conduct in line with the school's standards. This statement, and the policies that are influenced by it, applies to all pupils and staff inside and outside of school.