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Behaviour Policy

Anti-bullying statement

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Persons responsible- Sian Mitchell

Governor responsible- Neil Audsley

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

(including anti-bullying statement)

Rationale

“Good behaviour is a necessary condition for effective teaching to take place”

The Staff and the Governing Body accepts this principle and seeks to create an environment in the school, which encourages and reinforces good behaviour. Our school has a central role in the children's social and moral development just as it does in their academic development. Our children bring to school a wide variety of behavioural patterns based on differences in home values, attitudes and parenting skills. At school we must work towards standards of behaviour based on the basic principles of honesty, respect, consideration and responsibility.

Aims of the Policy

- To create an environment which encourages and reinforces good behaviour in the context of our ethos.
- To define acceptable standards of behaviour.
- To promote self-esteem, self-discipline and positive relationships.
- To ensure that the school's expectations and strategies are widely known and understood.
- To encourage the involvement of both home and school in the implementation of this policy through the Home School Agreement

Purpose

Our purpose at Leavening Community Primary School is:

‘Together We Can’, which is underpinned by our 4 core values of:

- Look and learn beyond the classroom
- Have high aspirations and fulfil our potential
- Care, share and belong
- Lead, Teach and Learn with Passion

In this school an ethos of positive behaviour reinforcement is established where children are regularly praised for doing the ‘right’ thing and persistent inappropriate behaviour is not tolerated.

At Leavening school we do not tolerate;

- Dishonesty
- Hurting others in any way, including name-calling.
- Preventing others learning

Our Purpose is designed to give children, parents, staff, governors and our local community a clear and consistent summary of what our school is about and what really matters to us.

Staffs at the school promote this, not by talking about them, but by putting them into action. All adults encountered by the children at school have a responsibility to model high standards of behaviour, both in their dealings with the children and with each other, as their example has an important influence on the children. We should aim to:

- Create a positive climate with realistic expectations;
- Emphasise the importance of being valued as an individual within the group;
- Promote, through example, honesty and courtesy; think about how we speak to pupils
- Provide a caring and effective learning environment;
- Encourage relationships based on kindness, respect and understanding of the needs of others;

- Ensure fair treatment for all regardless of age, gender, race, beliefs and ability;
- Show appreciation of the efforts and contribution of all.
- Use positive behaviour reinforcement as the main tool for managing behaviour.

Responsibility

The school's behaviour manager is Sian Mitchell, with Susie Kemp holding responsibility for organisation of lunchtimes. The key aspects of the roles include:

- Organising lunchtime rotas for staff on duty
- Arranging lunchtime clubs and activities
- Facilitating the playground leader programme
- Maintaining the vulnerable children register
- Reviewing effectiveness of behaviour systems in school

School Rules

Rules and procedures should be designed to make clear to the children how they can achieve standards of behaviour and should:

- Be kept to a minimum;
- Actively encourage everyone - pupils, parents, staff and governors – to be involved in the development of school rules;
- Be consistently applied and enforced;
- Promote the idea that every individual has responsibilities towards the whole school.

We follow 3 **golden rules** which are visible in all classrooms and throughout school.

Respect each other and work well together

Show a positive attitude towards learning

Care for our school

Rough Play

Play fighting or rough play is **not tolerated on any level**. Pretend play can easily spiral out of control and end in a pupil getting hurt unintentionally. Staff should calmly intervene if any occurrence of this happens and follow this behaviour policy accordingly.

Pupil led restorative practice (De-Bugging process)

All of our pupils are taught and will need regular guidance and encouragement to follow our schools own 'De-Bugging' process:

Our 5 Top Tips for De-bugging:

1. Ignore them;
2. Walk away;
3. Talk politely;
4. Talk firmly;
5. Go to an adult

Lunch times

To maintain a high standard of pupil behaviour during lunch time, this behaviour policy must be applied consistently. The school rules should be adhered to and behaviour management should refer to these. Staff should reinforce positive behaviour through:

- Stickers
- Handing out Do-Jo points
- Calmly reminding pupils of the school rules and behaviour expectations

Rewards

Our emphasis is on rewards to reinforce good behaviour, rather than on failures. We believe that rewards have a motivational role, helping children to see that good behaviour is valued. The commonest reward is praise, informal and formal, public and private, to individuals and groups. It is earned by the maintenance of good standards as well as by particularly noteworthy achievements. Other forms of recognition may include:-

- Together Time Celebration of Success
- Stickers
- Certificates of praise
- Headteacher's awards
- Individual Class Systems of Do-Jo points

Sanctions

Although rewards are central to the encouragement of good behaviour, realistically there is a need for sanctions to register the disapproval of unacceptable behaviour and to protect the security and stability of the school community. The use of punishment should be characterised by certain features: -

- It must be clear why the sanction is being applied and be put in the context of the school rules.
- It must be made clear what changes in behaviour are required to avoid future punishment.
- Group punishment should be avoided as it breeds resentment.
- There should be a clear distinction between minor and major offences.
- It should be the behaviour rather than the person that is punished.

Sanctions may include: -

- Verbal expressions of disapproval in a calm and respectful manner (**please NO shouting at pupils as this will not be tolerated- our pupils should be treated with respect**)
- 'Timeout', if age appropriate
- Missing part of playtime or lunchtime,
- Temporary withdrawal of privileges e.g. using playtime equipment, responsible jobs they hold at school
- Class teacher to inform parents,
- Referral to the Head Teacher,
- Ultimately and in the last resort, exclusion (following the LA guidelines).

Our stages of sanctions are as follows:

1. A verbal warning and removed from the situation as appropriate
2. A formal warning (given by the class teacher- support staff to inform teacher if this needs applying)
3. Parents and head teacher informed.

For more serious behaviours and/or physical behaviour of a serious nature, a child would proceed immediately to stage 3.

The school uses a behaviour incident logs to record instances of unacceptable behaviour and define clear process of sanctions. From September 2022 we will be using CPOMS

Where anti-social, disruptive or aggressive behaviour is frequent, sanctions alone are ineffective. In such cases careful evaluation of the curriculum on offer, classroom organisation and management, and whole school procedures should take place to eliminate these as contributory factors. Additional specialist help and advice from the Educational Psychologist or Child Guidance Service may be necessary. This possibility should be discussed with the Headteacher and the SENCO.

Leavening Community Primary School

Anti-bullying statement

The aim of our anti-bullying statement is to ensure that pupils learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment without fear of being bullied. This supports our purpose of promoting '**mutual respect and care as well as belonging**'

Bullying is anti-social behaviour and affects everyone; it is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Only when all issues of bullying are addressed will pupils be able to benefit fully from the opportunities available at this school. Within the curriculum the school will raise the awareness of the nature of bullying through inclusion in PSHCE, class tutorial time, assemblies and subject areas, as appropriate, in an attempt to eradicate such behaviour.

We are working with staff, pupils and parents to create a school community where bullying is not tolerated.

Our school community:

- Discusses, monitors and reviews our anti-bullying statement on a regular basis.
- Supports staff to identify and tackle bullying appropriately.
- Ensures that parents are aware that all bullying concerns will be dealt with sensitively and effectively.
- Reports back quickly to parents/carers regarding their concerns on bullying.
- Seeks to learn from anti-bullying good practice elsewhere and utilises the support of the LEA and relevant statutory/voluntary organisations when appropriate.

From 'Bullying – A Charter for Action'

Pupils who are being bullied may show changes in behaviour, e.g. becoming shy and nervous, change to work patterns, lacking concentration, feigning illness, taking more absences or clinging to adults.

Bullying can include action such as

- Verbal (e.g. teasing, name calling, or threatening people)
- Physical (e.g. hitting or kicking)
- Emotional (e.g. Ignoring people or leaving them out, damaging belongings on purpose)
- Written (e.g. through sending texts or emails)

Bullying is deliberately hurtful behaviour, usually repeated over a period of time, where it is difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves.

Dealing with bullying

To deal with bullying effectively, pupils, parents and teachers must work together.

Pupils:

If you are being bullied:

- try to stay calm and look as confident as you can
- be firm and clear - look them in the eye and tell them to stop
- get away from the situation as quickly as possible and
- tell an adult what has happened straight away

After you have been bullied:

- tell a teacher or another adult in your school

- tell your family
- if you are scared to tell a teacher or an adult on your own, ask a friend to go with you
- keep on speaking until someone listens and does something to stop the bullying
- don't blame yourself for what has happened

When you are talking to an adult about bullying be clear about:

- what has happened to you
- how often it has happened
- who was involved
- who saw what was happening
- where it happened
- what you have done about it already

Parents:

If your child has been bullied or you suspect they are being bullied:

- **calmly talk with your child** about his/her experience
- **make a note of what your child says**, particularly who was said to be involved; how often the bullying has occurred; where it happened and what has happened
- **reassure your child** that he/she has done the right thing to tell you about the bullying
- **explain to your child** that should any further incidents occur he/she should report them to a teacher immediately
- **make an appointment** to see your child's class teacher
- **explain to the teacher** the problems your child is experiencing
- **refrain** from attempting to deal with this yourself.

When talking with teachers about bullying:

- **try to stay calm**, bear in mind that the teacher may have no idea that your child is being bullied or may have heard conflicting accounts of an incident
- **be as specific as possible** about what your child says has happened, give dates, places and names of other children involved
- **make a note** of what action the school intends to take
- **ask if there is anything you can do** to help your child or the school
- **stay in touch with the school**; let them know if things improve as well as if problems continue

If after talking to the class teacher families feel that their concerns are still not being addressed appropriately they should consider the following steps:

- **check with the school anti-bullying policy** to see if agreed procedures are being followed
- **make an appointment** to discuss the matter with the Headteacher; keep a record of the meeting
- **discuss your concerns** with a parent governor
- **if this does not help**, write to the Chair of governors explaining your concerns and what you would like to see happening
- **contact the director of education for your authority**; the authority will be able to ensure that the Governors respond to your concerns

If your child is bullying other children:

Many children may be involved in bullying other pupils at some time or other. Often parents are not aware that their child is involved in bullying.

Children sometimes bully others because:

- **they don't know it's wrong**
- **they are copying older brothers or sisters** or other people in the family whom they admire
- **they haven't learnt** other, better ways of mixing with their school friends
- **their friends** encourage them to bully
- **they are going through a difficult time** and are acting out aggressive feelings

To stop your child from bullying others:

- **talk with your child**; explain that what he or she is doing is unacceptable and makes other children unhappy
- **discourage other members** of your family from bullying behaviour or from using aggression or force to get what they want
- **show your child** how he/she can join in with other children without bullying
- **make an appointment** to see your child's class teacher or form tutor; explain to the teacher the problems your child is experiencing; discuss with the teacher how you and the school can stop him or her bullying others
- **regularly check** with your child how things are going at school
- **give your child lots of praise** and encouragement when he/she is co-operative or kind to other people

School:

If bullying is suspected or reported to us:

- We will take seriously all allegations of bullying
- The incident will be dealt with immediately by the member of staff who has been approached, and if this is not the class teacher, they will be informed at the first opportunity.
- Details or allegations of bullying will be recorded in an incident record.
- All relevant staff members will be kept informed (e.g. MSAs or teachers on duty)
- Parents will be kept informed
- Punitive measures will be used as appropriate and in consultation with all parties concerned.
- We will have a 'Beat Bullying' Week every year to raise awareness of what bullying is and how to deal with it.

The following disciplinary steps can ultimately be taken:

- Official warnings to cease offending
- Exclusion from certain areas of school premises
- Minor fixed term exclusion
- Major fixed term exclusion
- Permanent exclusion

Communication and parental partnership

We give the highest 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. Early warning of concerns should be communicated to the Headteacher so that strategies can be discussed and agreed before more formal steps are required.

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.

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