

Copnor Primary School

Whole Governing Body's Statement of Behaviour Principles

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Next review December 2025	
Policy proposed for adoption by Matt Johnson, Headteacher	
Headteacher's signature:	Chair of Committee signature:

Reasoning

Section 88 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, requires governing bodies of maintained schools to have regard to the statutory guidance from the secretary of state for Education in making and reviewing a written statement of behaviour. The Governing Body has a duty to produce, and review, a written statement of general principles to guide the Headteacher in determining measures to promote good behaviour and discipline amongst pupils. The document 'Behaviour and discipline in schools' – Guidance for governing bodies' has been used as a reference in producing this Statement of Behaviour Principles.

Schools are required to have a Behaviour Policy which includes the school rules. It is the responsibility of the Governing Body to provide the Headteacher with a clear written statement of the principles around which the behaviour policy will be based. The Statement of Behaviour Principles will be reviewed annually to take account of any legislative or other changes, which may affect the content or relevance of this document. In deciding on these Behaviour Principles, the Governors consulted with parents/carers, pupils, school staff and the Headteacher in order to ensure that the Principles are both relevant and appropriate for the standard of behaviour expected (school rules); the use of rewards and sanctions; the circumstances in which reasonable force will be used; and when multi-agency assessment will be considered for pupils who display continuous disruptive behaviour in our school.

Principles

Right to feel safe at all times:

All young people and staff have the right to feel safe at all times whilst in school. There should be mutual respect between staff and pupils; pupils and their peers; staff and their colleagues; staff and parents/carers or other visitors to the school. All members of the school community must be aware that bullying or harassment of any description is unacceptable and, even if it occurs outside normal school hours, will be dealt with in accordance with the sanctions laid out in the school's policies.

High standards of behaviour:

The Governors strongly believe that high standards of behaviour lie at the heart of a successful school. Such expected behaviour will enable all its young people to make the best possible progress in all aspects of their school life and work, and all staff to be able to teach and promote good learning without interruption. The Governors also believe that the expectation of high standards of behaviour which are required

during the school day can have a positive effect on the life of young people outside school in encouraging them to become acceptable members of the wider community.

Inclusivity and equality:

Copnor Primary School is an inclusive school. All members of the school community should be free from discrimination of any description and this is further recognised in our Equality Policy and promoted in the day-to-day running of the school. The Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy must emphasise that bullying and discrimination as a result of gender, race, ability, sexual orientation, disability or background is absolutely unacceptable and attracts a zero tolerance attitude. The Policy must therefore include an anti-bullying statement which is clear, concise and is understood by all members of the school community. Measures to counteract bullying and discrimination will be consistently applied and monitored for their effectiveness.

The school's legal duties in order to comply with the Equality Act 2010 and which are described in the School's Equality Policy will be further reinforced through the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy and seek to safeguard vulnerable pupils, particularly those with special educational needs and/or disabilities where reasonable adjustments in the Policy's application may need to be made.

School rules:

The Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy must include details of the school rules. These should set out the expected standards of behaviour, shared with and explained to all pupils. The Governors expect that any school rules are applied consistently across the whole school by staff and others to whom this authority has been given. School rules which are clear and explained to all staff will ensure that staff have the confidence to apply the rules appropriately and where necessary, give rewards for good behaviour and the appropriate level of sanction for inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour.

Home/School Agreement:

The Home/School Agreement should mirror the statements made in the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy so that parents/carers are encouraged and helped to support their children's education, just as the pupils should be helped to understand their responsibilities during their time at school, in the wider community and in preparation for their life after school. The responsibilities of children, parents/ carers and all school staff with respect to their and their children's behaviour must be outlined in the Home School Agreement which children and parents/carers must be asked to sign when a pupil joins the school.

The use of physical intervention:

The Governors expect the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy to clearly outline the circumstances where staff may use physical intervention in order to control inappropriate behaviour including removing disruptive pupils from classrooms or preventing them from leaving. A definition of 'physical intervention' should be included which should also explain how and under what circumstances pupils may be restrained. The Governors expect that appropriate and 'authorised' staff are appropriately trained in the use of physical intervention and that all staff are given advice on de-escalation and behaviour management techniques.

The power to discipline for behaviour outside the school gates:

The Governors expect the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy to set out the school's response to non-criminal bad behaviour and bullying which occurs anywhere off the school premises and which is witnessed by a member of staff or reported to the school. The Policy should include the school's response to any bad behaviour when the child is:

- taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity,
- wearing school uniform, or
- in some other way identifiable as a pupil at the school

Even if the conditions above do not apply, the Policy must take account of misbehaviour at any time which:

- could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school e.g. because an incident that has occurred outside of the school gates has, or is potentially going to be, brought into school,
- poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public,
- could adversely affect the reputation of the school.

Pastoral care for school staff accused of misconduct

Where a member of staff is accused of misconduct in their duties of ensuring that the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy is being administered, then the governing body expect there to be pastoral support in place while (and if necessary after) until the accusation of misconduct is investigated.

Review of this Statement

The governing body are committed to reviewing this statement annually. Consultation will be sought from stakeholders.