



Behaviour Principles Written Statement

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Owner: Chair of Governors

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Reviewed by: Full Governing Body

1. All children, staff and visitors have the right to feel safe at all times at school
2. St Mary's Primary is an inclusive school. All members of the school community should be free from discrimination of any sort. Measures to protect children should be set out in the Behaviour and Equality policies.
3. The school rules should be clearly set out in the Behaviour Policy and displayed around school. Governors expect these rules to be consistently applied by all staff
4. Governors would like to see a wide range of rewards, consistently and fairly applied in such a way as to encourage and reward good behaviour around school
5. Sanctions for unacceptable/poor behaviour should be known and understood by all staff and pupils and consistently applied. However, governors recognise that different sanctions work well for different pupils and different ages of pupils. It is important that staff have discretion to choose the sanctions that they believe will work best in individual cases.
6. It is recognised that the use of rewards and sanctions must have regard to the individual situation and the individual student and the Head teacher is expected to use his/her discretion in their use. Sanctions should however be applied fairly, consistently, proportionally and reasonably, taking into account SEND, disability and the needs of vulnerable children, and offering support as necessary
7. The Governors strongly feel, that exclusions, particularly those that are permanent, must only be used as the very last resort
8. The Governors expect pupils, staff and parents and carers to cooperate to maintain an orderly climate for learning
9. The Governors wish to emphasise that violence, threatening behaviour or abuse by pupils or parents/carers towards the school's staff will not be tolerated. If a parents/carers does not conduct themselves properly, the school may ban them from the school premises and, if the parent/carer continues to cause disturbance, they may be liable to prosecution
10. The Governors expect the Head teacher to include guidance on the use of reasonable force, within the Behaviour Policy.