



# Moorside Primary School and Nursery

## Developing Positive Behaviours Policy 2024



### Working together to secure the best outcomes for children

The basis of our Behaviour Policy is the continued focus on our school values:

1. Be kind
2. Be positive
3. Show respect
4. Take responsibility
5. Take PRIDE in what you do
6. Co-operate

## **Our School Vision**

A secure foundation of:

- A culture of success and achievement for all;
- An aspirational and inspirational curriculum;
- Strong relationships between the school, families, pupils and our community;
- A whole school inclusive and nurturing ethos;
- High expectations for all stakeholders, surrounding our children with the best educators and specialists.

## **Mission**

Our school nurtures and grows curiosity and creativity through an inspiring, rich and engaging curriculum, where our community is at the heart of all that we do. Our children learn to become resilient and self-assured learners in an environment which is safe. Everyone is challenged and encouraged to thrive and achieve as individuals, preparing them for their role as caring and active citizens.

In order to achieve our vision, a positive behaviour culture and nurturing ethos is essential.

### **Rationale:**

All children have the right to learn and all teachers have the right to teach. This is with equal regard to race, age, gender, ability, creed and religion. The same high expectations of behaviour is or are expected from all our pupils, without exception; these will be modelled by all adults and taught through a restorative approach alongside our core value of being kind. **Parents are essential partners in the modelling and reinforcement of appropriate and acceptable behaviour and resolutions.**

Moorside aims to give all children equal access to the curriculum. Positive learning behaviours are essential to successful teaching and learning, so that time is not lost managing the distractions caused by individual children.

### **The school will make every effort to fulfil the entitlement of children and staff by:**

- Having high and consistent expectations of children's behaviour.
- Using a consistent and fair system of rules, sanctions (restorative consequences) and (positive reinforcement) rewards by all adults for all children.
- Planning an appropriate curriculum that takes account of children's interests and abilities.
- Implementing an effective SEND Policy which makes provision for pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties.
- Delivering the PSHE and RSE scheme of work from Kapow (alongside the North Yorkshire Framework) circle times and assemblies, which tackle issues relating to feelings and personal problems.
- Effectively using Solution Circles to explore appropriate behaviours and choices for different social and emotional situations.
- Using consequences that are appropriate to the behaviour/circumstance and not degrading or humiliating.

- Training all staff to use non-judgemental language through a PIVOTAL behaviour approach, and applying a restorative approach when resolving conflicts.
- Encouraging and celebrating the development of positive relationships between pupils through our values and school culture.
- Displaying and making reference to school expectations in each classroom.
- Having regular discussions and training for all staff.
- Reporting and monitoring incidents of challenging behaviour to support all pupils.
- Children will be taught to reflect on learning and behaviour experiences through ReflectEd sessions

### **Code of Conduct**

Each class agree a Charter for positive behaviour and expectations, which is reinforced and revisited regularly. This Code of Conduct reflects the shared expectations between teachers and pupils. This is communicated with parents for agreement through our Home School Charter, which is shared annually.

#### **In the classroom**

We try hard to do our best and help others to do theirs  
 We are kind, polite and helpful to everyone in the school community  
 We respect other people, their possessions and school property  
 We ask for help when we need it  
 We accept responsibility for the things we do  
 We use quiet voices  
 We follow instructions first time

#### **In the playground**

We play fairly and with respect  
 We speak to adults with respect  
 We let children join in our games  
 We are kind  
 We help children who are sad or hurt  
 We take responsibility for our own behaviour and the choices we make  
 We ask adults to help us sort out problems in the playground  
 We put away the equipment we have used  
 When the whistle blows we stand still until our class is asked to walk into school

#### **In the lunch hall**

We wait sensibly and quietly at our tables and in the queue  
 We use please and thank you when our meal is served  
 We use quiet voices  
 We follow instructions first time  
 We stay at our table while we are eating  
 We try not to waste food and try new foods  
 We keep our area tidy and clear away our mess  
 When we are finished we walk sensibly out to play

### **Rewards and Celebrations of Good Behaviour:**

Growth Mindset, Metacognition and good behaviour is expected, but praise and rewards are given to highlight exemplary behaviour or promote attendance, reading at home and homework.

Children will receive the following **tokens of appreciation**:

- PRIDE tokens will be awarded to children for independently demonstrating our school values in the classroom, on playground and around school. These will be put in the coloured boxes associated with those values. We will celebrate the most pride tokens gained with a winning house half termly with a non-uniform day those which are most prominent and further promote those which are less evident.
- Marvellous ME messages and badges are rewarded to share the positive messages with parents so that they can share the love
- Each class will have a marble/pasta jar or a class system for shared co-operation and team work. At an appropriate time, the children will vote for an appropriate whole-class reward/treat.
- Whole class awards also celebrate attendance.
- Children who are consistently demonstrating positive behaviour and attitudes to learning have their names on a recognition board in the classroom. Hot Chocolate Friday celebrates children who are consistently on the board.

### **Acknowledgement and positive feedback strategies:**

(Suggestions below are taken from The Natural Child Project)

- **Focus on the child's pleasure at achieving**, e.g. "You looked like you enjoyed working on that/reading it out/performing your song." "I'm glad you did that, you look happy with yourself."
- **Help them to self evaluate**, e.g. "Are you happy with how that piece fits into the puzzle?" "How do you like your drawing?"
- **Use "I" statements, instead of labelling the child.** For instance: "I like the colours you chose!", or "I love how you sang that song!" - instead of: "what a good drawer you are!", or "you're a good singer".
- **Comment on the behaviour, not on the person.** Feedback and acknowledgment are definitely important. Imagine your child has just played you a new piece she has learned on the piano. Instead of saying: "What a good player you are!", you could tell her how much you enjoyed the piece. Better still, be specific. Tell her what in particular you liked about her playing.
- **We acknowledge** expected behaviour and work with a 'thank you'.

**The comments are linked to our PRIDE ethos.**

### **Consequences**

Each classroom will display the school's expectations for positive learning behaviour, alongside the behaviours for yellow and red flag behaviours. (Appendix 1)

When children persistently choose to behave in a way that affects the learning or wellbeing of others, despite reminders and choices/consequence statements from adults, they will receive the following consequences:

- Quiet reminders/conversations
- A discrete verbal warning
- A second warning, referring to the class rules and school ethos, resulting in a Yellow Card 'flag' and 5 minutes consequence at breaktime – this may be to complete work that has been missed.
- A third warning - (Red Card/flag) may lead to a child:
  - needing time outside the classroom up to 5 minutes to compose themselves before returning to their work;
  - working on a table within the classroom for the rest of the session.
  - taking their work to another classroom.
  - The consequence should mirror the behaviour.
- A Red Card will be given without a warning for Swearing, Violence and Racism and all forms of discrimination. All prejudice-based incidents will be recorded on the pupils file and will also be filed with the Local Authority.
- A Red Card will be recorded on CPOMS. The child will take part in a restorative conversation. In Key Stage 1, this is a social story. The child will write a letter of apology during lunchtime to have time for quiet reflection. Once completed the child will be asked to read the letter to the person it is addressed to. Parents will be sent a text informing them of the incident.
- When a child receives three red cards in a half term the teacher must arrange to meet with the parents to create a plan to improve their child's behaviour. Outcomes of the meeting should be reported to the Headteacher and recorded on the child's personal electronic file (CPOMS) Teachers should discuss whether the child requires an individual provision mat (IPM) with the SENCo/Inclusion Team.
- In the Foundation Stage, children who display unkind or defiant behaviour, will be given 'thinking time' using a timer, to compose themselves in a quiet area in the room. They will then have a restorative conversation. These incidents will also be reported to parents.
- Blame blocks may be used to support the restorative conversation.

### **Keeping Parents and carers informed**

Parents will not be informed if behaviour has been successfully managed in school. In the majority of incidences of improving the behaviour of children, which will be managed successfully by the child with guidance from the teacher, parents will not be informed. However, where a teacher feels that the behaviour is 'out of character' or becoming more frequent, parents may be invited in to meet with the class teacher or the Parent Support Advisor. A change in children's behaviour is often an indication of changes at home or with friendships. It can suggest the child is not coping and feeling stressed. The purpose of the meeting would be to establish any underlying causes and identify suitable additional support that may be of help.

The teacher or Headteacher may suggest using a Boxall Assessment to identify a specific area of need and contact outside agencies where they feel more expert advice would be beneficial. Parent's permission needs to be sought to make a referral for support and any engagement with an agency is consensual, unless there are safeguarding implications, in which case school would seek support directly without seeking parental consent.

### **Individual Behaviour or Pastoral Support Plans/ Risk Assessments (My Plans)**

Children whose social, emotional or behavioural difficulties cause sufficient concern for us to refer them to outside agencies, will have an individual plan / risk assessment written. This will usually be written the class teacher, and SENCO, with input from parents and outside agencies. The class teacher and/or teaching assistant will monitor the plan on a daily basis and behaviour reporting system daily. Behaviour trackers may be used.

### **Exclusions and suspensions internal/external:**

These are regarded as the last resort when other strategies have been exhausted.

In the first instance the school will consider using an internal exclusion, where the child will spend the day away from their class in a learning support room to complete their work. They will be given comfort breaks and fresh air. They will not spend any time with peers, at break times or during lunch but will be supervised at all times by an adult. This is to support children in re-engaging with their learning before reintegration into the classroom.

Parents and carers will be notified of this arrangement prior to it taking place. Only the Headteacher can authorise this measure.

An external suspension may be fixed term or an exclusion is permanent.

Suspensions (Internal or External – on a case by case basis) will be given if a child: -

- persistently breaks school rules.
- Puts themselves/other children or staff in significant danger of being hurt or actively uses threatening language or actions to harm them
- persistently causes actual harm/emotional harm (including bullying behaviours) to other children or staff, or damages property or the fabric of the building
- frequently stops other children from learning
- Causing emotional distress to pupils through exposing them to:
  - inappropriate language,
  - websites or film content that is not appropriate for their age,
  - persistent lying,
  - fake rumors and spreading gossip,
  - encouraging others to turn against someone,
  - deliberately leaving someone out constantly and encouraging others to do the same,
  - deliberately socially excluding someone (including online which is discussed in school)
  - cyberbullying,
  - promoting negative comments on posts and images,
  - damaging someone's social reputation or social acceptance or using humiliating nicknames and continuing when asked to stop.

Any form of peer on peer abuse, which is likely to include, but may not be limited to:

- bullying (including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying);
- abuse in intimate personal relationships between peers;

-physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling, or otherwise causing physical harm (this may include an online element which facilitates, threatens and/or encourages physical abuse);

-sexual harassment, such as sexual comments, remarks, jokes and online sexual harassment, which may be standalone or part of a broader pattern of abuse.

\*Please see further information in the exclusion codes in Appendix 2.

Only the Headteacher has the authority to suspend or exclude a pupil from school and the decision involves discussions with the class teacher, parents and where appropriate, safeguarding governor.

A key stage leader or Parent Support Advisor may act on behalf of the Headteacher in the Headteacher's absence, after referring to the Safeguarding Governor and if possible, with the Headteacher's permission.

### **Procedure:**

The school follows Improving behaviour and attendance: guidance on exclusion from schools and Pupil referral units September 2017, updated September 2023 (DFE).

[Suspension and permanent exclusion guidance September 2023 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk)

The Headteacher will also follow the guidelines as advised by the North Yorkshire LA. The parents will be notified by telephone if possible and a formal letter will follow within one day. This will follow the model set by the LA. The Headteacher will inform the LA of every exclusion. If the exclusion requires review by the Governing Body, then the Clerk will be informed and relevant Governors informed.

A reintegration meeting will be organised when targets are set prior to the child returning to school. It is expected that Parents/Carers will attend.

### **Restorative Practice:**

Restorative Practice will be used when supporting children to deal with conflict; adults should use a no-blame restorative approach. Both the victim and the perpetrator should be given uninterrupted time to explain what happened. Each child is given the opportunity to tell the other how the incident has affected them.

The victim should be involved in the outcome of the incident and, if appropriate, help decide on a consequence.

Using the conference script, offenders are asked these restorative questions:

- "What happened?"
- "What were you thinking about at the time?"
- "What have you thought about since the incident?"
- "Who do you think has been affected by your actions?"
- "How have they been affected?"

Victims are asked these restorative questions:

- "What was your reaction at the time of the incident?"
- "How do you feel about what happened?"

- “What has been the hardest thing for you?”
- “How did your family and friends react when they heard about the incident?”

This would also take place in a reintegration meeting in school following suspension (internal or external).

### Responsibilities

**Governors:** Monitor the effective implementation of the behaviour policy. Set up disciplinary and appeals committees as necessary

**The Headteacher:** has overall responsibility for ensuring positive behaviour.

**Staff:** The school staff, both teaching and non-teaching, share a joint responsibility for consistently implementing school policy for positive behaviour.

**Parents:** Parents have a responsibility for ensuring that they support their child in meeting school expectations in respect of positive behaviour.

**Pupils:** Pupils’ responsibility is to be responsible for their own positive behaviour and meet the expectations set out in the school’s code of conduct.

Date	Review Date:	Coordinator	Nominated Governor	
07.03.24	April 2026	Sally Price and Claire Rowett	Chris Lea	
<b>Headteacher:</b>		Claire Rowett	<b>Date:</b>	08.03.24
<b>Chair of Governors</b>		Chris Lea	<b>Date:</b>	08.03.24

**Appendix 1:**

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**Learning and Behaviour**

Behaviours that we praise		Yellow Card	Red Card
<b>L</b>	<p>*All learning completed to your personal best standard</p> <p>*Working using your own ideas.</p> <p>*Using appropriate strategies when work is challenging.</p> <p>*Working in the right spaces and with the right people.</p>	<p><b>L</b></p> <p>Completing all learning tasks with little effort and not to your personal best.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Taking too long to settle down to a task.</li> <li>- Refusing to work with your group / partner.</li> </ul>	<p><b>L</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refusing to complete learning</li> <li>- No learning completed</li> </ul> <p>Any uncompleted work will go home.</p>
<b>B</b>	<p>*Completing your learning without fussing or distracting others.</p> <p>*Following instructions the first time of asking.</p> <p>*Putting your hand up when you have something to say and waiting your turn to speak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sitting sensibly.</li> <li>- Speaking politely.</li> <li>- Listening to adults and others.</li> </ul>	<p><b>B</b></p> <p>Not following instructions on the first time of asking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refusing to start your learning.</li> <li>- Calling out after 1 warning.</li> <li>- Distracting others after 1 warning.</li> <li>- Slamming doors.</li> <li>- Saying rude words.</li> <li>- Arguing with an adult.</li> <li>- Talking across the classroom.</li> <li>- Shouting at other children.</li> <li>- Poor attitude.</li> </ul>	<p><b>B</b></p> <p>Shouting at members of staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refusing to follow instructions.</li> <li>- Persistently calling out.</li> <li>- Throwing things.</li> <li>- Property damage.</li> <li>- Running away.</li> <li>- Hurting others.</li> <li>- Persistently distracting others.</li> <li>- Threatening behaviour</li> <li>- Purposeful emotional or physical abuse that affects the emotional or physical well being of another child or adult – (see bullying behaviours in behaviour policy).</li> </ul>

## SUSPENSION/EXCLUSION REASON CODES

CODE	REASON		
<b>PP</b>	<b>Physical assault against pupil <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violent behaviour</li> <li>• Obstruction and jostling</li> <li>• Wounding</li> <li>• Fighting</li> </ul>		
<b>SM</b>	<b>Sexual misconduct <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual abuse</li> <li>• Sexual assault</li> <li>• Sexual harassment</li> <li>• Lewd behaviour</li> <li>• Sexual bullying</li> <li>• Sexual graffiti</li> </ul>		
<b>PA</b>	<b>Physical assault against an adult <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violent behaviour</li> <li>• Wounding</li> <li>• Obstruction and jostling</li> </ul>		
<b>DA</b>	<b>Drug and alcohol related <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possession of illegal drugs</li> <li>• Inappropriate use of prescribed drugs</li> <li>• Drug dealing</li> <li>• Smoking</li> <li>• Alcoholic abuse</li> <li>• Substance abuse</li> </ul>		
<b>VP</b>	<b>Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against a pupil <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Threatening violence</li> <li>• Aggressive behaviour</li> <li>• Swearing</li> <li>• Homophobic abuse and harassment</li> <li>• Verbal intimidation</li> </ul>		
<b>DM</b>	<b>Damage <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To school or personal property belonging to a member of the school</li> <li>• Vandalism</li> <li>• Arson</li> <li>• Graffiti</li> </ul>		
<b>VA</b>	<b>Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Threatening violence</li> <li>• Aggressive behaviour</li> <li>• Swearing</li> <li>• Homophobic abuse and harassment</li> <li>• Verbal intimidation</li> </ul>		
<b>TH</b>	<b>Theft <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stealing school property</li> <li>• Stealing personal property (pupil or adult)</li> <li>• Stealing from local shops on a school outing</li> <li>• Selling and dealing in stolen property</li> </ul>		
<b>BU</b>	<b>Bullying <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal</li> <li>• Physical</li> <li>• Homophobic bullying</li> <li>• Racist bullying</li> </ul>		
<b>DB</b>	<b>Persistent disruptive behaviour <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging behaviour</li> <li>• Disobedience</li> <li>• Persistent violation of school rules</li> </ul>		
<b>RA</b>	<b>Racist abuse <i>including</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racist taunting and harassment</li> <li>• Derogatory racist statements</li> <li>• Swearing that can be attributed to racist characteristics</li> <li>• Racist bullying</li> <li>• Racist graffiti</li> </ul>	<b>LG</b>	<b>Abuse against sexual orientation and gender identity</b>
		<b>DS</b>	<b>Abuse relating to disability</b>
		<b>MT</b>	<b>Inappropriate use of social media or online technology</b>

<b>OW</b>	<b>Use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item</b>	<b>PH</b>	<b>Wilful and repeated transgression of protective measures in place to protect public health</b>
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