

Tweedmouth West First School



Respect Responsibility Resilience

Statement of Behaviour Principles

(April 2018)

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This statement was written with the approval of the Governing Body. It will be reviewed every 3 years in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Rationale and purpose

1. This Statement has been drawn up in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act, 2006, and DfE guidance (Behaviour and Discipline in Schools, January 2016).
2. The purpose of the Statement is to provide guidance when drawing up the school's Behaviour Policy so that it reflects the shared aspirations and beliefs of Governors, staff and parents for the pupils in the school, as well as taking full account of law and guidance on behaviour matters. It is intended to help all school staff to be aware of and understand the extent of their powers in respect of discipline and sanctions and how to use them. Staff should be confident that they have the governors' support when following this guidance.
3. The Behaviour Policy is publicised to staff and families on the school website.

Principles

1. The Governors of Tweedmouth West First School strongly believe that high standards of behaviour lie at the heart of a successful school that enables (a) all the pupils to make the best possible progress in all aspects of their school life and work and (b) all staff to be able to teach and promote good learning without undue interruption or harassment.
2. All pupils and staff have the right to feel safe at all times in school. There should be mutual respect between staff and pupils and between pupils. All visitors to the school should feel safe and free from the effects of poor behaviour at all times and in all parts of the school.
3. Tweedmouth West First School is an inclusive school. All members of the school community should be free from discrimination of any sort (as laid down in the Equality Act, 2010). The school has a clear and comprehensive Anti-bullying Policy. Measures to protect pupils from bullying and discrimination as a result of gender, race, ability, sexual orientation, religious belief (or lack of belief) or background are clearly set out and regularly monitored.
4. The school's legal duties under the Equality Act, 2010 in respect of safeguarding, pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities, and all vulnerable pupils, is set out in the Behaviour Policy and known to all staff. As an inclusive school, we realise that some children find it very difficult to conform at all times, and reasonable allowances can be made to accommodate these challenges.
5. Parents/carers should be encouraged and helped to support their children's education, just as the pupils are helped to understand their responsibilities during their time at school, in the local community and in preparation for their life after school. The responsibilities of pupils, parents/carers and school staff with respect to pupils' behaviour are outlined in the 'Home School Agreement' which pupils and parents/carers are asked to sign when a pupil joins the school.

6. The school's expectations are clearly stated in the Behaviour Policy. The Governors expect the rules to be consistently applied by all staff and regularly monitored for their effectiveness.

7. Sanctions for unacceptable/poor behaviour should be known and understood by all staff and pupils and consistently applied. The full range of sanctions should be clearly described in the Behaviour Policy so that pupils, staff and parents can understand how and when these are applied. The Governors strongly feel that exclusions, particularly those that are permanent, must be used only as a very last resort.