



Great Sampford Primary School

Behaviour Principles

- Every pupil understands they have the right to feel safe, valued and respected, and to learn without disruption. Staff will teach and rehearse the routines that make this possible.
- All pupils, staff and visitors are free from any form of discrimination, harassment or derogatory language. Any such incident will be dealt with promptly and proportionately and recorded.
- Staff and volunteers set an excellent example to pupils at all times by modelling our values of Happiness, Confidence, Respect, Resilience and Independence.
- Rewards, sanctions and reasonable force (only where lawful and necessary) are applied consistently and fairly by all staff in line with the school behaviour policy. Reasonable adjustments will be made where a pupil has SEND or other identified needs.
- The behaviour policy, and the expectations within it, is understood by pupils and staff and parents and are published on the school website and included in induction information for mid-phase arrivals.
- Exclusions (suspensions and permanent exclusions) are used only as a last resort. The exclusions policy explains the lawful, step-by-step processes to be followed, including internal processes for alternatives and statutory parental and governance rights.
- Pupils are helped to take responsibility for their actions through taught restorative approaches, clear sanctions and planned restorative follow-up where appropriate.
- Families are involved constructively in behaviour incidents: parents are informed early, kept updated and invited to contribute to plans to support their child's behaviour and wellbeing.
- The governing board emphasises that violence, threats or intimidation of staff, pupils or visitors will not be tolerated and will be dealt with through the behaviour policy and, if necessary, by the police.

This written statement of behaviour principles is reviewed and approved by the full governing board at least annually and whenever school context or statutory guidance changes.

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