



## **Governing Body Statement of Behaviour Principles**

These principles have been written in accordance with our statutory duty to provide guidance to the headteacher on promoting good behaviour and discipline amongst pupils and what we require the behaviour policy to include.

The school's behaviour policy must include the following:

- a. Screening and searching pupils (including identifying in the school rules items which are banned and which may be searched for);
- b. The power to use reasonable force or make other physical contact;
- c. The power to discipline beyond the school gate;
- d. Pastoral care for school staff accused of misconduct; and
- e. When a multi-agency assessment should be considered for pupils who display continuous disruptive behaviour.

### **Principles:**

We require that the behaviour policy is written and reviewed in-line with up-to-date safeguarding advice both nationally and from the local authority.

We require that the behaviour policy takes full account of children's welfare, paying particular attention to the school of thought that behaviour is a form of communication and consider trauma informed practice

We require that the behaviour policy does not breach the equalities act and seeks to guard protected characteristics.

We require that the headteacher and behaviour lead use the most up-to-date guidance when deciding on screening and searching measures and that they are cleared with the Governing Body annually.

We require that the behaviour policy supports the overall ethos of the school.

We require that rewards and sanctions are clearly identified and in-line with the safeguarding policy.

We support the headteacher in including the use of reasonable force however we require that an appropriate number of staff are trained regularly in TEAMTEACH to ensure that children are protected to the fullest extent during any such positive handling.

We require the headteacher to include how the school will respond

- any bad behaviour when the child is:
  - o taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity or
  - o travelling to or from school or o wearing school uniform or
  - o in some other way identifiable as a pupil at the school.



- or, misbehaviour at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, that:
  - o could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school or
  - o poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public or
  - o could adversely affect the reputation of the school.

We require that all criminal behaviour is reported to the police

We require that the behaviour policy clearly lays out the procedures that will be followed if a suspension is deemed necessary and the governors are informed promptly.

We require that the policy clearly sets out record keeping procedures.

We require that the headteacher always draws on the advice in 'Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against Teachers and Other Staff' when dealing with an allegation of misconduct and ensure relevant pastoral care is set out for staff.