



## **Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy and Code of Conduct Local to St. Felix RC Primary School**

**Part of the Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust**

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## **Behaviour Policy and Code of Conduct**

**This Policy should be read in conjunction with the school's Safeguarding Policy.**

### **Aims and objectives**

It is a primary aim of our school that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. We believe that the most effective way of achieving our aims is to promote and praise positive behaviour, encouraging children to conduct themselves in a responsible, self-disciplined manner and to care about the needs and rights of others.

- Our Behaviour Policy is underpinned by our school mission statement and curriculum drivers – possibility, responsibility and community.
- Our Behaviour Policy uses a Restorative Approach to promote effective means by which all members of the school can live and work together in a supportive way. The aim of employing restorative approaches is to empower adults and children with skills, knowledge and strategies in order to successfully and proactively address conflict and behavioural problems.
- The school creates an atmosphere of respect, acceptance and forgiveness towards all members of the school community regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, and religious belief, and sexual orientation, marital or maternity status. We are proud of the diversity of our school's harmonious community.

### **Restorative approaches**

What is a restorative response to harm or conflict?

Those affected are invited to share:

1. What has happened;
2. What the impact has been on those involved: i.e. who has been affected and in what ways they have been affected;
3. What needs to happen to put things right or to make things better in the future.

This framework is based on sound learning theory regarding how people relate to each other and how best to meet the different needs that can arise from conflict or harm.

To facilitate such a process requires the ability to:

- establish a respectful rapport with people;
- listen and respond calmly, empathically and without interruption or judgment to all sides of an issue;
- inspire a sense of safety and trust;
- encourage people to express their thoughts, feelings and needs appropriately;
- appreciate the impact of people's thoughts, feelings, beliefs and unmet needs on their behaviours;
- encourage those involved in the problem to find their own solutions.

### **Why are Restorative Approaches helpful?**

Staff, children and parents/carers who work restoratively report that this way of working leads to:

- A more respectful climate;
- A shift away from sanction-based responses that aim to 'manage' behaviour, toward a more relational approach;
- Better relationships amongst children and staff;
- People being more honest and willing to accept responsibility;

- People feeling more supported when things go wrong;
- A calmer, quieter and more productive learning environment.

## *Restorative Script – Appendix 1*

### **Promoting Positive Behaviour**

All school staff promote and reinforce positive behaviour in a range of ways, including:

- Verbal praise;
- Promoting self-esteem;
- Providing a safe and secure environment for learning;
- Giving every child in the class a feeling of confidence;
- Separating negative behaviours from the child so they understand it is the behaviour choices that need changing;
- Being aware of the differing expectations of home and school.

As teachers we will:

- Promote good relationships by adapting the curriculum to meet pupil needs;
- Be aware that we may transmit messages overtly or subtly;
- Be aware of our body language when dealing with pupils and avoid confrontation or no-win situations;
- Prevent problems before they arise;
- Be consistent in dealing with pupils and ensure rewards are balanced, fair and equitable.

As a staff we will also be aware that persistent poor behaviour is associated with:

- Poor relationships or attachments;
- Poor self-esteem;
- External problem related to home;
- An inappropriate curriculum;
- Inadequate teaching methods.

### **Teaching Positive Behaviour**

The best way to teach positive behaviour is through our own behaviour as role models and through praising pupils who display the expected behaviour. Pupils learn about good behaviour through teaching and applying the St. Felix Code of Conduct (see Appendix 2), school values and Class Rules.

During RE and RSHE pupils are explicitly taught how to become good members of the community. They also learn how to empathise with others, manage their emotions, problem solve, deal with conflict and manage anger. In Circle Time sessions, teachers support pupils to raise self-esteem, boost confidence, deal with friendship issues and challenges such as bullying and racism.

Collective Worship is used to explicitly teach values and further enhance and sustain a sense of community and a positive ethos.

Throughout the whole curriculum, pupils are taught to collaborate, listen and respect each other's opinions. The EEF principles of improving behaviour in schools are enacted by the staff at St Felix (appendix 3)

### **Unacceptable Behaviour**

Whilst we aim to always reward positive behaviour, it is equally important that we respond to any unacceptable behaviour in an agreed and consistent way. The vast majority of pupils support our school expectations by making positive choices and behaving appropriately at all times.

The following are behaviours which we view as unacceptable and not in line with our Code of Conduct:

- Behaviour disruptive to learning;
- Physical violence or threat of physical violence;
- Discrimination of any kind;
- Deliberate disobedience, including theft and lying;
- Threatening or aggressive behaviour, including bullying;
- Disregard for the school environment & property;
- Deliberate rudeness;
- Swearing;
- Deliberately leaving the school premises without permission.

Pupils are encouraged to reflect on their behaviour by completing a reflection with the class teacher after the lesson in line with our restorative approach (Appendix 4). Where patterns of unacceptable behaviour have been identified, the class teacher will liaise with their Key Stage Leader to consider the need for a differentiated approach. All occurrences of unacceptable behaviour will be recorded on a behaviour form (appendix 5) and shared with Head of School.

### **Pupils with Additional Behavioural Needs**

It must be acknowledged that for a few pupils the sanctions and rewards of the school will be insufficient to ensure the wellbeing of the pupil and other pupils in the class. These children will have individual risk assessment, developed in consultation with the teacher, the children and the parents. Rewards and sanctions for these children will be carefully tailored to meet their needs. (Root and Fruits Appendix 6)

Children who are on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) register, who have particular difficulties managing their behaviour, will have their own risk assessments in place. In these cases the usual behaviour systems may not apply.

Pupils with SEND relating to behaviour are given specific targets on their Pupil Plans to support them in making progress in this area. As part of this Pupil Plan, they may also have their own individual reward and sanction system which has been determined by the teacher and SEND Coordinator (SENDCo), with the involvement of the pupil and parents. They may also be allocated a Teaching Assistant for a certain percentage of the week and/or receive additional support or outreach from an external agency.

### **Lunchtime**

At lunchtime, supervision is carried out by Midday Supervisors and the Senior Supervisor. The Senior Supervisor can refer to the Head of School if necessary. The Midday Supervisors are expected to manage pupils' behaviour in line with our restorative approach. Pupils who fall below the standard of behaviour expected (Code of Conduct) will receive initially a warning, then a yellow or red zone as below. All lunchtime behaviour incidents should be recorded on a school behaviour form (Appendix 5) and reported to the class teacher or senior member of staff as appropriate, who will determine if further restorative action is necessary.

The Yellow or Red Zone 'timeout' is used by Midday Supervisors at lunchtime.

Yellow Zone	Red Zone
<p>As a first time warning or a short time out, pupils will be in 'Yellow Zone'.</p> <p>For younger pupils this will involve standing by the duty adult for a short period in proportion to their age.</p> <p>For older pupils a 'Yellow Zone' area will be designated.</p>	<p>For repeated or serious behaviour, pupils will be asked to go to 'Red Zone'. This is a designated area outside the Head's office for the opportunity to reflect on their behaviour.</p> <p>For younger pupils, this will be in proportion to their age.</p> <p>For older pupils this 'Time Out' may be for the remainder of playtime.</p>

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Pupils attending extra---curricular clubs are expected to listen to and respect the adult that runs the club and follow any rules that may apply to the club.

Any pupil who is disruptive, impolite or not able to follow the instructions given by the adult in charge, may receive a warning to miss a set number of sessions or to forfeit their place in the club.

## **Behaviour Outside of School**

We expect our pupils to be proud to be members of St. Felix. We, therefore expect good behaviour when our pupils are outside of school in order to reflect the high standards of behaviour that we have. Teachers may talk to pupils about misbehaviour outside of school if it is witnessed by them, or reported to the school, or if it is behaviour that has repercussions for the orderly running of the school, poses a threat to someone else, or if it threatens the reputation of the school.

Parents will always be contacted if teachers speak to or sanction their child regarding their behaviour outside of school.

## **Peer on Peer Abuse**

All staff are aware that children can abuse other children both inside and outside of school and online. All forms of peer on peer abuse are unacceptable and will be taken seriously.

## **Bullying**

Bullying is the deliberate use of aggressive or unkind actions to hurt another person, usually over a sustained period of time. Bullying results in pain, fear and/or distress to the victim. Generally it is difficult for the victim to defend him/herself.

Bullying can be:

- Physical – hitting, kicking, or use of any violence
- Verbal – name calling, insulting, racist remarks, teasing
- Indirect/emotional – tormenting, being unfriendly, excluding

Why is it important to respond to bullying?

There are a number of reasons for challenging bullying behaviour in our school.

- The safety and happiness of pupils. Children who are bullied lose confidence, suffer injury and feel miserable – become unhappy about being in school.
- Educational achievement: Unhappiness and lost confidence can affect concentration and learning.
- Bullying goes against all that St Felix School stands for in its mission statement. We uphold the teaching of the Gospels at all times.

## **Procedures to combat bullying in our school:**

Restorative approaches by the class teacher should be the first course of action. This should be dealt with within the context of the incident. This will remind all the class and those other children involved that bullying behaviour is unacceptable in our school but children involved can be supported to find their own solution to their personal disagreement and also discuss with them the impact of their actions.

For bullying which is repeated, results in damage to property or injury of a person a further response may be considered (Bullying Incident Form Appendix 7). Parents will be informed and involved at an early stage. Accurate records of incidents and how the school has responded to them, including conversations with parents will be kept. (See Appendix 8 Record of Conversation with Parent/External Agency)

As a school, we understand that we are all involved in the prevention and solving of bullying – our families, support staff and governors, as well as teachers. Bullying awareness can be highlighted in a variety of ways:

- Our own code of conduct offers our children a positive outlook to their attitude and behaviour to each other and the importance of restorative action;
- Our collective worship and Masses encourage friendship, responsibility towards each other and to the wider world, minority groups, other races and cultures;
- Explicit links are frequently made to the British Values, which promote community cohesion and tolerance.

## **Exclusion**

On very rare occasions it may be necessary to exclude a pupil on a temporary or permanent decision. A decision to do this is not taken lightly, and is certainly not imposed without due consultation with all those involved with the pupil, and not without trying every possible alternative first. It is acknowledged that most pupils and their parents prefer to work towards a positive solution to difficulties and appreciate the opportunities the school can offer in encouraging a pupil to feel able to secure his/her own future within the school environment.

## **The Role of Leadership**

Although the responsibility of ensuring positive behaviour management is shared across the whole staff, the Head of School and members of the senior leadership team have a responsibility to model the restorative approach at all times. The leadership team will assess staff needs and build into the school's professional development programme opportunities to discuss and learn about behaviour management.

## **The Role of Parents**

The school strives to work in partnership with parents so that children receive consistent messages about how to behave at home and at school. We endeavour to build a supportive dialogue between the home and the school, regularly informing parents of their child's successes, as well as informing them immediately if we have any concerns about their child's welfare or behaviour.

If a parent has any concerns over rewards, behaviour, sanctions, rules or the code of conduct, they should initially contact the class teacher. If they remain concerned, they should then contact their child's Key Stage Leader or if necessary, the Head of School.

## **Monitoring**

Behaviour incidents are recorded and monitored to ensure pupils receive the correct support. This information is reported termly to the governing body. Records may also be used to inform any referrals that may need to be made, both within school and to external agencies.

The Midday Supervisors record incidents that occur at lunchtimes. This is monitored by the Head of School who keeps a log of serious incidents, as well as records of bullying and racism and any other examples of discriminatory behaviour.

It is the responsibility of the governing body to monitor the rate of fixed-term and permanent exclusions, and to ensure that the school policy is administered fairly and consistently.

## **Complaints**

Any complaints about staff will be dealt with under the Trust Complaints Procedure Policy.

## **Review**

The governing body reviews this policy every two years. The governors may however review the policy earlier than this, if the government introduces new regulations, or if the governing body receives recommendations on how the policy might be improved.

## Appendix 1 – Restorative Script

### **Restorative Questions Responding to Challenging Behaviour**

- What happened?
- What were you thinking about at the time?
- What have your thoughts been since?
- Who has been affected by what you did?
- In what way have you been affected?
- What do you think needs to happen next?

### **Responding to Those Harmed**

- What happened?
- What were your thoughts at the time?
- What have your thoughts been since?
- How has this affected you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen next?

### The St Felix Code of Behaviour

*"In this school we respect each person because each one was created by God for a special and important purpose."*

This is the St. Felix Code of Behaviour, which was written by the pupils and teachers at our school.

- Have respect for the Christian beliefs and values of this community:
  - Be very quiet at mass and collective worship and take part as fully as possible;
  - Enter and exit collective worship in silence.
  - Respect the beliefs of others understand that this as a Catholic school.
- Have respect for yourself:
  - Wear the correct uniform for winter and summer;
  - Keep yourself clean and tidy;
  - Tie long hair back;
  - Do not wear jewellery, including earrings;
  - Take a pride in your work and always try your best.
- Have respect for those around you:
  - Treat everybody as you would like to be treated – all children, all staff working in the school, all visitors;
  - Be polite, helpful, friendly, cheerful, punctual, welcoming;
  - Try not to distract people in class or stop them from learning;
  - Make sure that the dining room is a calm, pleasant place, with good manners.
  - Kinds hands and feet.
  - Use your manners throughout the day – please and thank you
- Have respect for property and the environment
  - Take care of books, exercise books, folders, wallets, and all equipment. Do not write or put stickers on them, or damage them in any way;
  - Put any litter in the correct bin;
  - The classroom belongs to everyone. Everyone must play their own part in keeping it tidy including picking things up of the floor at the end of the day;
  - Take care of the grounds, trees bushes, and benches;
  - Use toilets properly. Make sure they are pleasant and ready for other people to use;
  - Enjoy all displays;
  - Turn off lights not being used.
- Have respect for the safety of everyone and everything in the school:
  - Never leave school without permission;
  - Close doors after playtimes;
  - Walk everywhere, except in the playgrounds at playtimes;
  - In the open areas or the hall always walk;
  - Don't bring any toys to school.
- Remember and respect that you need permission to access:
  - The field;
  - The car-park;
  - The toilets;
  - Drinking fountains;

## Appendix 3

### Improving Behaviour in Schools

#### Six recommendations for improving behaviour in schools Dec 2019

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/guidance-reports/improving-behaviour-in-schools/>

##### 1. Know and understand your pupils and their influences

Pupil behaviour has multiple influences, some of which teachers can manage directly.

Understanding a pupil's context will inform effective responses to misbehaviour.

Every pupil should have a supportive relationship with a member of school staff.

##### 2. Teach learning behaviours alongside managing misbehaviour

Teaching learning behaviours will reduce the need to manage misbehaviour.

Teachers can provide the conditions for learning behaviours to develop by ensuring pupils can access the curriculum, engage with lesson content and participate in their learning.

Teachers should encourage pupils to be self-reflective of their own behaviours.

##### 3. Use classroom management strategies to support good classroom behaviour

Effective classroom management can reduce challenging behaviour, pupil disengagement, bullying and aggression.

Improving classroom management usually involves intensive training with teachers reflecting on their classroom management, trying a new approach and reviewing their progress over time.

Reinforcement programmes based on pupils gaining rewards can be effective when part of a broader classroom management strategy.

##### 4. Use simple approaches as part of your regular routine

Some strategies that don't require complex pedagogical changes have been shown to be promising.

Breakfast clubs, greeting children at the door and working with parents can all support good behaviour.

School leaders should ensure the school behaviour policy is clear and consistently applied.

##### 5. Tailor targeted approaches to meet the needs of individuals in your school

Universal behaviour systems are unlikely to meet the needs of all your students.

For pupils with more challenging behaviour, the approach should be tailored to individual needs.

Teachers should be trained in specific strategies if supporting pupils with high behaviour needs.

##### 6. Whole-school

Consistency and coherence at a whole-school level are paramount.

Whole-school changes usually take longer to embed than individually tailored or single-classroom approaches.

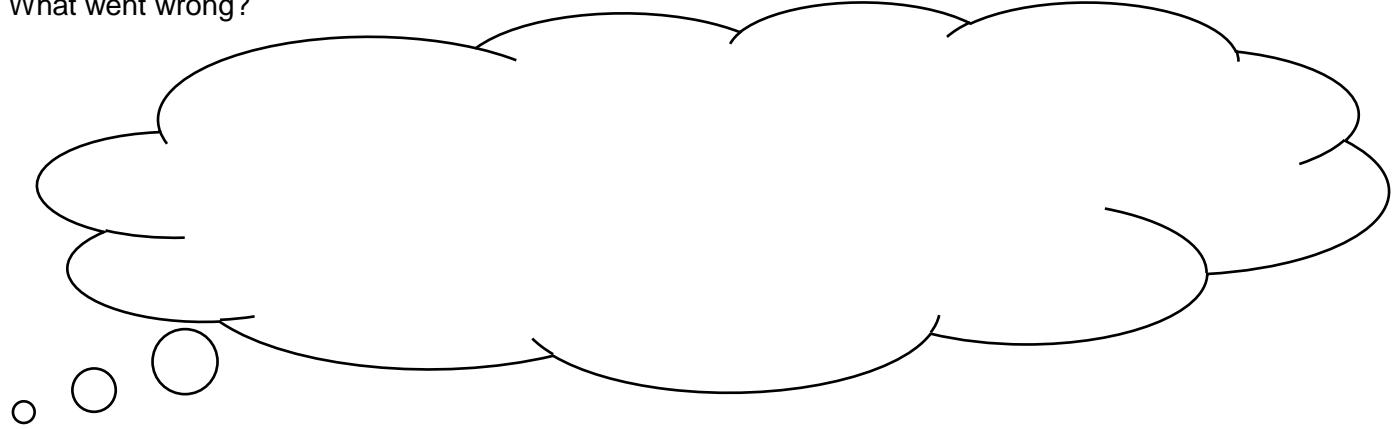
However, behaviour programmes are more likely to have an impact on attainment outcomes if implemented at whole-school level.

## Appendix 4 – Reflection

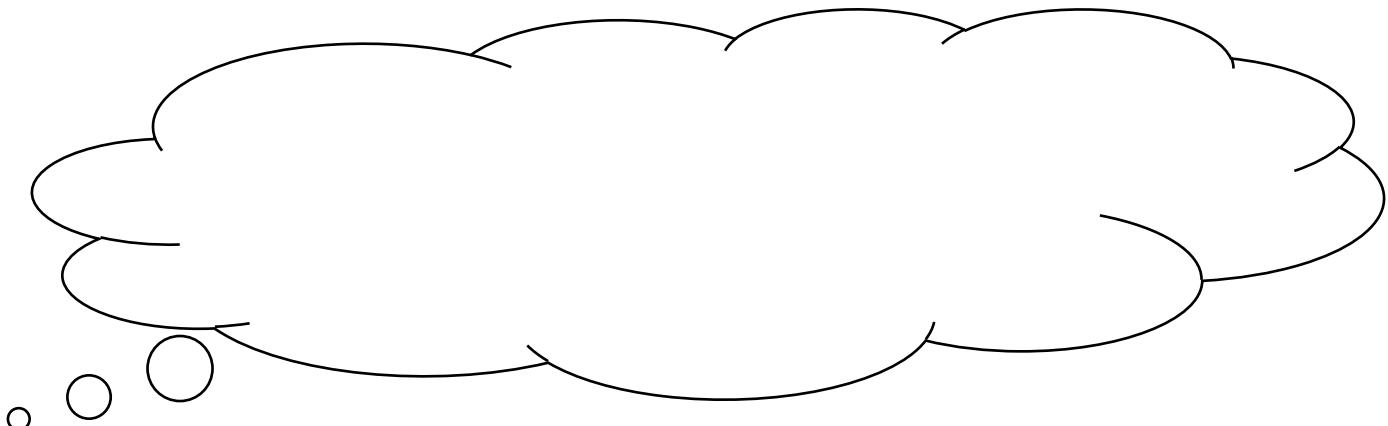


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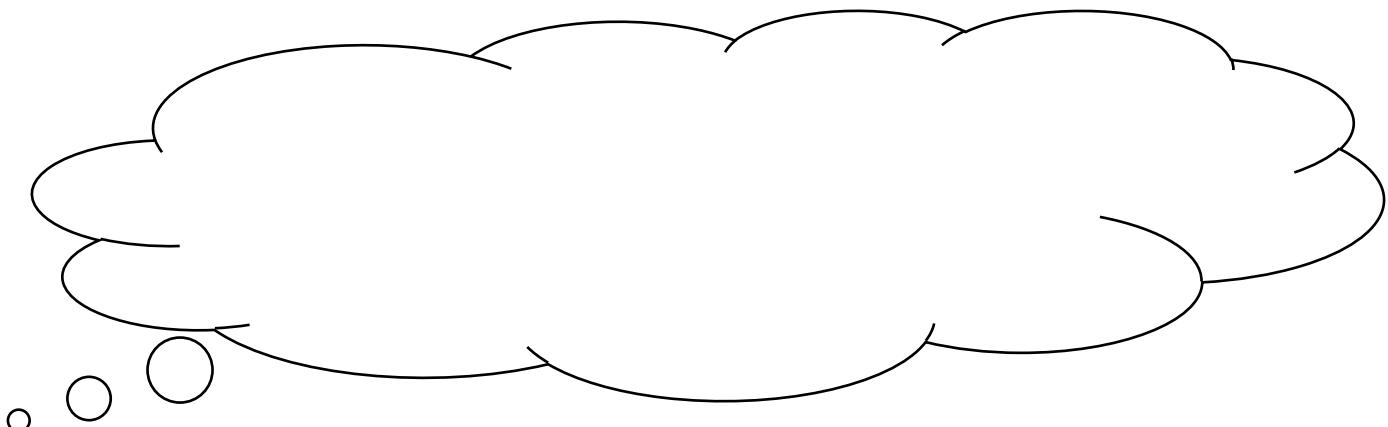
What went wrong?



What made me do it?



What can I do to make it right?



Discussed with ..... Signed.....

Appendix 5 – behaviour form



St Felix Roman Catholic Primary School



**Accident and Incident Record**

**Name of child** ..... **Year** .....

**Date** ..... **Time** ..... **Recorded by**.....

**Location of incident** .....

**Type of incident:**

- Fighting/physical act
- Violent behaviour
- Damaging property
- Prejudicial language
- Swearing
- Verbal incident
- Disobedience
- Rudeness
- Other

**Type of accident:**

- Trip/fall
- Collided with another pupil
- Collided with a static fixing

**Resulting in:**

- Graze
- Bumped head
- Bruising
- Other

Brief description of incident:

**Action taken (MDSA):**

- Restorative conversation
- Further action - YELLOW / RED
- Class teacher informed
- Head informed

**Action taken (teacher):**

- Restorative conversation
- Restorative Conference planned
- Child sent to another class
- Parent/carer informed verbally (F2F or phone)
- Letter to parent/carer
- Refer to SLT

**Action taken:**

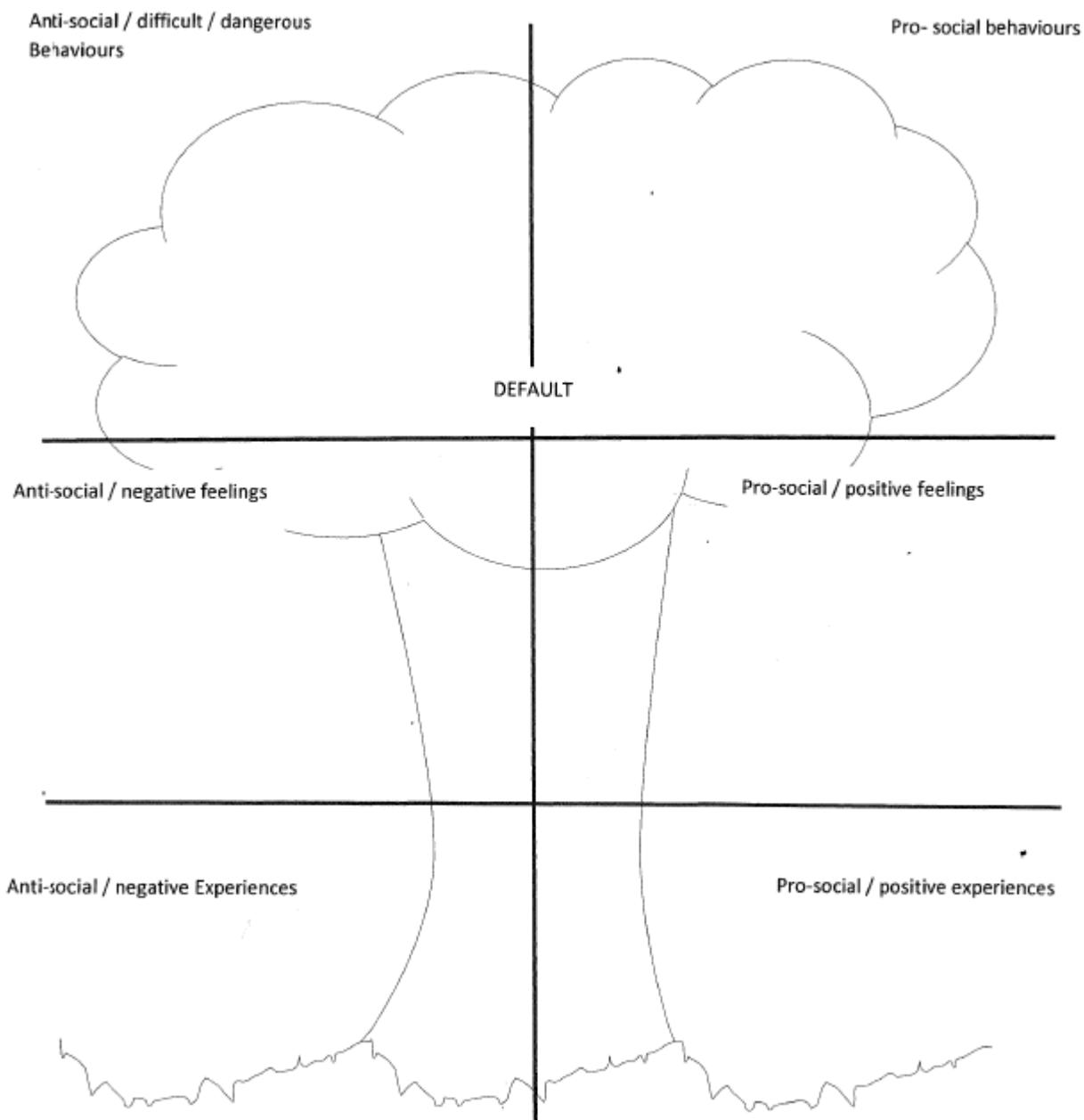
- Graze cleaned
  - Plaster applied
  - Ice/cold compress applied
  - Head Form given
  - Office informed
  - Parent/carer informed by phone
  - Pupil continued in school
  - Pupil sent home\*
- \* refer to SBM for formal accident form

Further comments and actions taken by class teacher/head

## Appendix 6 – Roots and Fruits



Name	
Supporting Staff	
Date	
Review Date	



Appendix 7



**Bullying Incident Form**

	Name	Gender	Ethnicity	Year Group
Complainant				
Alleged child who has been bullied				
Alleged child who has displayed bullying behaviour				

**Date of incident:**

**Location of incident:** Classroom Playground Corridor Other:

**Type of incident:**

- Physical bullying (includes jostling, physical intimidation, interfering with personal property, punching/kicking, any other physical contact which may include a 'weapon')
- Verbal bullying (includes name calling, insults, jokes, threats, spreading rumours)
- Indirect bullying (includes isolation, refusal to work with/talk to/play with/help others)

**Theme (if applicable)**

- Cyber (through technology such as mobile phones and internet)
- Disability (related to perceived or actual disability)
- Homophobic (related to perceived or actual sexual orientation)
- Racist (related to race, ethnic, national origin, colour and nationality)
- Sectarian (related to religious belief and/or political opinion)

**Details of incident:**

Action/Support for child(ren) who has been **bullied** (please tick all that apply):

- Discussion of the incident with peers/class
- Defined ongoing support/monitoring from staff
- Counselling
- Parents involvement (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="radio"/> Referral to other agencies (please specify) _____
<input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) _____
Action/Support for child(ren) who has been displaying <b>bullying behaviour</b> (please tick all that apply): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Restorative Conversation/Conference</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Defined ongoing support/monitoring from staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Counselling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fixed exclusion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Permanent exclusion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parents involvement (please specify) _____</li> </ul>
<input type="radio"/> Referral to other agencies (please specify) _____
<input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) _____

<b>Outcome (level of satisfaction) To be completed by teacher or member of leadership team.</b>			
Good = 1	Satisfactory = 2	Poor = 3	Unresolved = 4
Child who has been bullied			
Parents of above child			
Child who has displayed bullying behaviour			
Parents of above child			

Name and designation of teacher completing this form:	Date:
Signed:	

**This form must be given to the Head of School.**

The purpose of the form is to gather as much information about bullying incidents that are brought to the school's attention. This form can also be used to record a cyber-bullying case that was instigated outside of the school premises but which affects another pupil within the school. In this case, you should be sure to inform the Online Safety Leader.

This form should be completed in partnership with the complainant, agreeing the type and theme of the bullying incident. More than one type and theme can be ticked.

The large text box enables you to add in the details of the incident – please use to clearly describe what happened, including times, witnesses, and any immediate responses that were given before this reporting form was completed. More than one action/support can be ticked

Follow up is required to ensure all people involved feel the case has been resolved, checking their individual level of satisfaction with the school's procedures – this also reiterates the message that when bullying is reported, schools will respond and monitor to check that bullying has ceased.

Whilst more than one child that displayed bullying behaviours can be recorded using the one form (if group based bullying to one individual) each incident needs to be recorded individually. You may therefore have a number of incident forms for a child who is experiencing bullying in your school.

## Appendix 8



### Record of Conversation with Parent/External Agency

Name of St Felix staff member:	Name of parent/external agency:
Date and time:	Telephone / Face to Face

Brief factual description of the conversation:

**Parents must be advised to contact the school again should they feel further investigation is necessary.**

## Appendix 9



## St Felix EYFS Behaviour Expectations



### Beginning of the Day and Registration.

- Children will wait quietly in waiting area with parent/carer, not run or play with the stones.
- Children will leave their parents/carers at the gate and walk carefully up the slope to the classroom door with their teachers who come out to greet them.
- Children will be encouraged to show new members of the class what to do by setting a good example.
- As they enter, children will hang up their coats on their own peg, put their bag in the boxes provided and self-register on our "I am Here Board" by selecting their own name card.
- When called for formal registration/teaching time, children will leave the working areas tidy and chairs tucked in and sit on the carpet gathering area in an appropriate manner.
- All children will be encouraged to join in with our Morning/Afternoon prayer as we dedicate our work and play to Jesus.

### Break and Lunchtime

- The Reception children join with KS1 for one playtime each week in the summer term so that they can become familiar with the routines and expectations ready for their transfer into full time school.
- Reception pupils remain in school for lunch, where they are supervised by familiar members of staff and midday supervisors.

### Rewards and Sanctions

- Children are taught that behaviour involves making choices, good choices are rewarded, there are consequences for bad choices.
- The children have simple rules for classroom behaviour which are shared with the parent in their induction pack. The rules are expressed pictorially so that all children can access and understand them.
- New rules are added at the request of the children.
- Children are encouraged to express themselves in words rather than actions, i.e. ask to join in with play rather than taking equipment etc.
- Good, caring behaviour is rewarded verbally and verbal praise is used as a reminder to others of our expectations, following the principles in the Behaviour Policy of the school.
- Gestures such as thumbs up are also used on occasions where words are not possible i.e. assembly.
- Children are also rewarded with stickers issued by the Head of School./Headteacher
- The staff regularly tell parents about instances of good, kind and caring behaviour.
- Examples of good behaviour are regularly shared between all Foundation Stage staff and children.
- In our outdoor classroom, children have one warning re rules and then come back inside.
- When inappropriate behaviour takes place, children will be warned and if the behaviour continues they will be asked to leave the activity/place where the incident has taken place and take some thinking time. After a cooling off period they will be asked to say sorry.
- If the inappropriate behaviour is verbal the child will be encouraged to say something positive as part of their apology.
- Parents are informed of incidents of inappropriate behaviour and a behaviour programme may be agreed on, using reward charts.
- If inappropriate behaviour persists the EYFS Leader or Head of School/Headteacher may become involved.

## **Confiscation**

The Education Act 2011 allows for schools to confiscate property as a sanction. Staff members have the authority to confiscate a pupils belongings but this must be applied reasonably and proportionately.

The Head of School, or a senior member of staff is authorised to search pupils or their possessions without consent where they suspect that the pupil may have a prohibited item. Teachers can also search with consent from the pupils for banned items. These include:

- knives or weapons;
- alcohol;
- illegal drugs and stolen items;
- inappropriate images.

Again, searching and confiscation are extremely rare occurrences in our school.

## **Physical contact**

At St Felix School we promote positive and appropriate physical contact, to enable our staff to deliver a nurturing environment, to ensure that the pupils thrive. For example: -comforting a distressed child (see DfE Guidance 2013).

## **Strategies for Dealing with Challenging Behaviour**

All challenging behaviour will be addressed using the guidelines set out in the behaviour policy. Should an incident require further intervention then staff will use physical intervention to prevent a child harming him or herself, others or property. The form of physical intervention may involve staff doing the following:

- physically interposing themselves between pupils
- blocking a pupil's path
- escorting a pupil
- shepherding a pupil away

Under some circumstances, and as a last resort a pupil maybe restrained to prevent them committing any offence, injuring themselves or others, damaging property or to maintain the good order and discipline in the classroom (DfE guidance). The Head Teacher will be informed immediately, or in their absence a member of the senior management team. A report of the incident will be recorded.

## **Who can use reasonable force?**

All members of school staff have a legal power to use reasonable force. This power applies to any member of staff, who has lawful control or charge of the pupils at the school. It can also apply to people whom the Head Teacher has temporarily put in charge of pupils such as unpaid volunteers or parents accompanying pupils on a school organised visit.

## **When can reasonable force be used?**

The decision on whether or not to physically intervene is down to the professional judgement of the staff member concerned and should always depend on the individual circumstances. We will make reasonable adjustments for children with SEND and vulnerabilities.

**Equalities Impact Assessment**  
**October 2021**

		Yes / No	Comments
1.	Does the Policy/Guidance affect one group less or more favourably than another on the basis of:		
	• Age (for policies affecting staff)	N	
	• Disability	Y	Exemption For SEND may apply
	• Sex	N	
	• Gender reassignment	N	
	• Pregnancy/maternity	N	
	• Race (which includes colour, nationality and ethnic or national origins)	N	
	• Sexual orientation	N	
	• Religion or belief	N	
	• Marriage / civil partnership	N	
2.	Is there any evidence that some groups are affected differently?	Y	Previous exclusion records
3.	If we have identified potential discrimination are any exceptions reasonable, legal and justifiable?	N	
4.	Is the impact of the policy/guidance likely to be negative?	N	
5.	If so, can the impact be avoided?		Adjustments for SEND included
6.	What alternatives are there to achieving the policy/guidance without the impact?	N	
7.	Can we reduce the impact by taking different action?	N	

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