



GOVERNING BODY'S STATEMENT OF BEHAVIOUR PRINCIPLES

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all members of the school community to share in this commitment.

Everyone at Alverstone Infant School works towards providing an environment that provides security, praise, tolerance and care. Children and adults are valued and encouraged within an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect, where there is an overriding enjoyment in learning.

The Governing Body has therefore established the following principles upon which the Behaviour Management policy at Alverstone Infant School is based:

- Establishment of a behaviour policy to support staff in managing behaviour, including the use of school rules, rewards and sanctions. The Governing Body reviews this policy every three years.
- Provision of appropriate behaviour management arrangements with regard to safeguarding and the promotion of the welfare of children and to its general duty to eliminate discrimination under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.
- Provision of an effective Anti-Bullying policy giving specific guidance and support to prevent and deal with cases of bullying.
- Provision of a clear Home/School Agreement setting out the expectations for all members of the school community.
- Requires that the head teacher and staff monitor behaviour and, where necessary, involve parents and carers at an early stage.
- Recognises that it is the head teacher and staff's statutory authority to discipline pupils for misbehaviour that occurs in school and, in some cases, outside of school. This would include where behaviour is inappropriate:
 - Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity or
 - Travelling to or from school or
 - Which could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school or
 - Which poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public.
- Recognises that the staff have a statutory authority to confiscate inappropriate items from pupils. Staff authorised by the head teacher have the power to search pupils where they suspect the pupil has a "prohibited item". Prohibited items are defined by the Department of Education as:
 - Knives and weapons
 - Alcohol
 - Illegal drugs
 - Stolen items
 - Tobacco, cigarette papers, lighters and matches
 - Fireworks
 - Pornographic images
 - Any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property
 - Any item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for
- Recognises that all school staff have the legal power to use reasonable force to prevent

pupils committing an offence, injuring themselves or others or damaging property, and to maintain good order and discipline in the classroom. School staff will only use reasonable force to control or restrain, it will never be used as a punishment.

- Requires staff to follow the latest guidance from the Department for Education concerning 'Use of Reasonable Force' and 'Screening, Searching and Confiscation'.
- Requires the head teacher to draw on guidance set out in the 'Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against Teachers and Other Staff' when dealing with an investigation into staff misconduct.

More details of the Behaviour Policy can be obtained from the school office/school website.

This statement of principles is reviewed every three years alongside the behaviour policy.

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Date of next review: October 2023