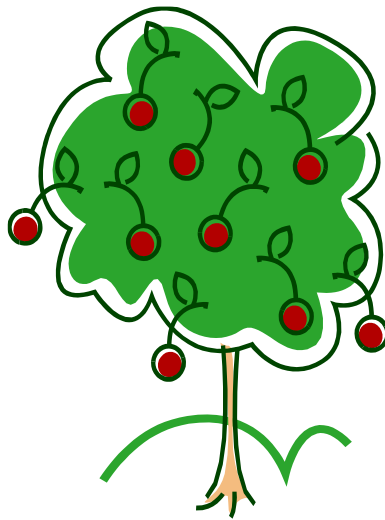


Cherry Orchard Primary School



Behaviour for Learning Policy

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OUR VISION

At Cherry Orchard we recognise that good behaviour is a necessary condition for learning that everyone stands to benefit from.

'Pupils can learn; teachers can teach; staff can do their job and parents have the confidence that their child is safe and supported to do the best they can.' Ofsted 2019.

Our behaviour for learning policy is underpinned with the ethos and understanding that children learn what good behaviours are and why they are important. This links closely with our Rights Respecting School status.

Through a positive approach towards behaviour, we aim to create a calm, emotionally safe environment in which children can develop a sense of responsibility for their own behaviour and adopt a lifelong sense of consideration for others.

Alongside this vision we also adopt an approach that provides a framework for the children to understand the rights and responsibilities they hold within their own school and the community.

As an attachment aware school, we believe that for children to be able to take on challenges, they need to feel safe, valued and inspired. As humans, when we feel safe, we are more likely to explore and be curious about the world around us and this enables us to learn. With this in mind we aim to create the optimum environment where children and staff feel safe through predictability and consistent routines and rules, including rewards and any consequences.

AIMS OF POLICY

- To provide an environment where children can develop their whole self in a safe and secure environment.
- To encourage and model a calm, purposeful learning environment within school.
- To foster Cherry Orchard's core values along with attitudes that celebrate diversity and everyone as an individual.
- To encourage resilience, independence, sense of discipline and self-worth.
- To provide experiences within school that promote health and well-being and continually develop effective partnerships with parents and the wider community.
- To ensure that all children feel they are valued for themselves and their own abilities and strength.

EXPECTATIONS OF STAFF

The following staff expectations should be developed and agreed by staff at Cherry Orchard Primary:

- To apply this policy consistently within all areas of school including assemblies, playtimes and lunchtimes, teaching and learning and at the

beginning and end of the school day

- To be an exemplary role model for children and colleagues
- To respect all children and treat them fairly by the implementation of consistent rules and sanctions
- To raise children's self-esteem and confidence in order for them to develop and grow to their full potential
- To provide a broad, balanced, stimulating curriculum in which all progress is recognised, developed and celebrated
- To create a safe and stimulating environment that supports children's learning.
- To always seek the reason behind behaviours and work within the principles and practice of an attachment aware school
- To teach the children that their behaviour (positive or negative) can and will impact on others. Reference to the UN conventions on the right of a child (RRS)
- To help everyone make appropriate choices through praise, encouragement and leading through example
- Discuss with children the impact of their behaviour on others referencing RRS. through calm conversation and place an emphasis on restorative ways of approaching a solution
- Provide feedback to parents in reports and at parents evening
- Signpost and promote avenues for children and parents to seek support with behaviours/feelings/concerns.
- Ensure all new children to Cherry Orchard understand the commitments, expectations and rewards along with consequences as stated in the Behaviour for Learning Policy.

OUR SCHOOL COMMITMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS OF CHILDREN

- I will follow Cherry Orchard's Core Values and expectations at all times.
- I will listen to others and show that I am listening.
- I will be kind, considerate and polite with what I say and do to others.
- I will respect the rights of others within school and the wider community.
- I will take ownership of my own learning.
- I will always strive to be the best I can be.

SCHOOL/PARENT AND CARER BEHAVIOUR

The school will:

- Treat each case on an individual basis
- Keep parents/carers informed of any issues relating to their child both positive and negative
- Speak to parents politely and with respect
- Listen to parent/carers concerns about their child and investigate them

thoroughly

- Support parents in their child's learning
- Signpost and promote avenues for children and parents to seek support with behaviours/feelings/concerns
- Monitor attendance of all children and act accordingly to support families to improve attendance
- Ensure staff have access to training on behaviour and SEND needs online and face to face
- We do not tolerate any form of sexual harassment, violence, bullying, racism or homophobic behaviours
- Ensure all staff are aware that behaviour and keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. This includes but not limited to:
Child On Child abuse, all staff have the view that it 'can happen here' and we don't downplay certain behaviours as 'banter', 'having a laugh', 'part of growing up' or 'boys being boys'. Staff are aware of the signs and indicators and use the school's Safeguarding policy on referrals to DSL and reporting on CPOMs and the KCSIE 2023 guidance.

Parents/carers will:

Along with our expectations of children and staff we also expect parents and carers to also:

- Bring any concerns about their child to the class teacher as soon as they are aware.
- Speak to staff politely and with respect, particularly in front of children
- Not approach and speak to children or parents where an incident has occurred
- Support staff in their decisions on the child's learning and behaviour in school
- Create a 'team around the child' to ensure that school and home reflect similar values
- Acknowledge parental responsibility for behaviours that happen outside of school.

If a parent/carer or any other adult behaves in a way that is deemed inappropriate (either in person or other forms of communication) the school will take further action. Initially this will be a conversation with the adult concerned. If the behaviour

persists, this may result in a warning letter or a ban from school premises, or in more vexatious and threatening situations, legal proceedings may be initiated.

Any member of staff deeming an adult's behaviour to be inappropriate, rude or aggressive in nature should inform a member of the SLT immediately who will assist in the situation and follow the procedures above.

MOTIVATING APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Measures employed to promote positive behaviours:

- Greet the children individually in the morning at the classroom door and say goodbye daily
- Know the children and their backgrounds well
- Communicate a sense of importance and involvement in school life
- Ensure each child has the opportunity to be successful
- Emphasise children's responsibility to themselves and others through Rights Respecting School Charters
- Display and celebrate children's work
- Ensure children are aware of their responsibility through providing choices
- Model and praise expected behaviours we ask of the children
- Set clear expectations of how we behave as a class and move around school e.g. we walk onto the playground and within school in a calm and courteous manner towards each other ('Wonderful Walking' and 'Legendary Line Ups')
- Focus on the school's core values of equality, respect, honesty, understanding, friendship and courage
- Hold whole school assemblies that focus on citizenship
- Display the British Values around school
- Staff will know the whole child and adopt a holistic view
- Provide 'check in' times for children when needed
- Allow for opportunities of leadership for children.

Well planned curriculum

- Provide quality first teaching which encourages breadth of exploration, representation and balance in the child's experience of the wider curriculum
- Follow the school's ambitious curriculum of Global Citizenship
- Use the PSHE and RSE scheme to teach, promote and model behaviours
- Support pupils' understanding of equality by raising awareness of the protected characteristics
- Ensure lessons are prepared and match the abilities within the class
- Plan for support of SEND/EAL/PP and other groups of children
- Plan for all adults within the room
- Set challenging but achievable goals
- Explain tasks well and scaffold tasks to match children's needs
- Provide a comprehensive programme of personal development, mutual understanding and citizenship education
- Mental and physical wellbeing to be considered through all aspects of learning
- Ensure children receive a consistent approach to teaching and learning

Classroom Management

- Establish clear routines and expectations for the end of lessons/day and transition times
- Establish routines and expectations for classroom behaviours
- Plan quality activities for those who finish early
- Have clear and accessible routes around the classroom
- Discourage wastefulness and promote sustainability
- Ensure resources are easily available and the classroom is tidy
- Use the school reward system
- Discuss any behaviour issues with the child discretely
- Praise publicly

Personal Growth

Promote within the school a climate where the following are encouraged and expected:

- To show respect at all times of the days with the whole school community
- Accept that people can be themselves and express their beliefs
- To make mistakes and see this as a learning opportunity
- Be honest
- Take on challenges with their work
- Show and gain trust
- Have respect for differences in learning styles and needs
- Have a collective responsibility for the environment inside and outside of school
- Reflect Cherry Orchard School and British Values in their behaviours in and out of school
- Accept and take responsibility for their own behaviours
- Play an active role in wider school life by taking on additional roles within school.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR ENCOURAGING GOOD BEHAVIOUR

The main aim of creating a positive approach to behaviour management within Cherry Orchard Primary is based on positive practice with praise and rewards being at the centre of encouraging good behaviour. This is opposed to the fear of sanctions or threat of response to behaviour not being good.

All rewards and any consequences in place at school are to support the daily management of behaviours for all staff, regardless of roles, so that the 'school is a safe, calm, orderly and positive environment' (OFSTED School Inspection Handbook, April 2022).

REWARDS

At Cherry Orchard Primary School, we believe there needs to be a balance between extrinsic and intrinsic motivators for good, expected behaviour. A clear system of rewarding positive behaviour is used whilst at the same time, supporting children to see the value in learning and displaying good behaviours for their own sake.

We feel that that our children work hard as a team, but individual children need to be celebrated and recognised for their own successes within school, and for going **above and beyond**.

These rewards can consist of **praise notes** given to the child to take home to take home and show their grown-ups.

Learning ladders are used in all the classrooms throughout the day. Children start every day with their name peg on 'ready to learn', and the class teacher may reward good learning behaviours by moving a child's peg up the ladder. If a child reaches the top of the ladder ('outstanding') by the end of the day, this is recorded on the class chart. When a child has 5 stamps, they receive a **praise note** to take home.

The class teacher also chooses a child who has demonstrated good learning behaviour resulting in a particularly positive outcome each week. Each child receives a **Star of the Week certificate** which is personalised with details of the behaviour/outcome that is being rewarded. This is read out in class by the Headteacher to provide other children with examples of good learning behaviour. They receive a certificate, choose a privilege for the following week, and their name is also placed on the school newsletter.

At the end of each term, a **Headteacher's Award certificate** is given to two children from each class who have demonstrated good learning behaviour resulting in positive outcomes throughout the term. The certificates are awarded in a Key Stage awards assembly to which the parents or carers are invited.

All adults in school may award children with a **raffle ticket** for demonstrating one of the school's core values. At the end of every week, the headteacher picks a ticket randomly and the child may choose a privilege for the following week.

From Reception to Year 6, **house points** are awarded to children for their work in class and homework, and during half-termly house competitions and sports day. Children are awarded with a **praise notes** for every 50 house points and these are presented by the Year 6 House Captains in assembly at the end of each half-term. The highest scoring house at the end of each half-term are awarded the cup and are given extra playtime.

Table points are also used to support classroom management, with the highest scoring table rewarded with privileges such as lining up first or being awarded the classroom jobs for the week. This is at the class teacher's discretion.

EYFS

Nursery and Reception are our youngest children in school and therefore they are at the start of the journey of learning behaviours, values and understanding right from wrong. They are also beginning to learn how to gain self-regulation and control.

Nursery and Reception follow the behaviour for learning policy however, in addition to raffle tickets and the certificate of the week, EYFS may have extra rewards and varying sanctions dependent on the needs of children, such as stickers. Sanctions are more often discussion-based and we expect parents to be part of these conversations, so we have a triangulated approach to helping our youngest children

learn appropriate behaviours. The class teacher will contact the parent/carer to discuss issues as they arise.

RESTORATIVE APPROACHES AT CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Where there is conflict between two or more children every effort is made to get to the root cause of the issue in order to repair the relationship and move forward. If a sanction is necessary and appropriate, this should also be given.

Conflicts will be investigated by a member of staff. This should initially begin with the class teacher and escalated to phase leader and/or Learning Mentor if needed.

Children involved are given the opportunity to share their concerns and views about the conflict.

The member of staff acts as a negotiator between the parties involved, agreeing the way to move forward.

The member of staff then acts as a facilitator to resolve the conflict, encouraging the parties involved to seek a resolution themselves.

Key questions to ask:

- *What happened?*
- *What do you think and feel about that?*
- *Who has been affected and how?*
- *What can you do to put things right?*
- *What can you agree on to help in the future?*

**CONSEQUENCES AT CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY FOR NEGATIVE
BEHAVIOUR CHOICES IN CLASS**

<p>Behaviour requiring verbal reminder</p> <p>LEVEL ONE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of seat • Calling out/interrupting the teacher • Disturbing others from learning • Inappropriate language (not discriminatory) • Unkind words • Improper use of equipment • Refusal to follow instructions • Low level disruption • Unsafe play • Swinging on chair • Messing around in the line • Moving around school incorrectly 	<p>Remind about school values</p> <p>Praise those children displaying the correct behaviours and aiming high</p> <p>Discussion with the child at start of break</p> <p>Re-direction strategies</p> <p>Give a non-verbal cue</p> <p>Pose questions/statements to remind children of the expected behaviours: I notice you have chosen to... Do you remember last week when you...this is who I need to see today. What do you need to meet the expectation of...? I'm wondering why...? Thank you for... Well done for...even better if...</p> <p>Use 'thank you' before the child has complied. This shows you expect they will comply.</p> <p>Allow take-up time</p> <p>Remove any audience – speak to the child in private and inform them that they have a warning.</p>
<p>Behaviour requiring reflection time</p> <p>LEVEL TWO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeating the above behaviours • Refusal to complete learning • Answering back • Hurting another child (unintentionally) 	<p>Repeat all of the above strategies</p> <p>Speak to child on their own and inform them and they now need some space and reflection time in class.</p>
<p>Behaviour requiring consequence</p> <p>LEVEL THREE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent repetition of previous behaviours • Leaving the classroom • Refusal to return to the classroom after lunch/break • Disrupting learning continuously 	<p>Missed playtimes/lunchtimes</p> <p>After 5 minutes a short restorative conversation with the child about behaviours and rules</p> <p>Referral to Learning mentor/SENCo to be made.</p>

		<p>Class teacher to inform parent(s) about behaviours and concerns</p> <p>Log on to CPOMs that you have notified the parents, the incident and other actions.</p> <p>Reasonable adjustments and risk assessment to be put in place and communicated with parents.</p>
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<p>Behaviours requiring Key Stage Leader with support from Pastoral</p> <p>LEVEL FOUR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the behaviours above persist after reasonable adjustments, speaking to parent, child has missed playtime and other strategies employed. • High level of disruption to the rest of the class • Continued refusal to complete tasks • Causing deliberate harm to others • Racist, religious, homophobic language. 	<p>A phase leader/Assistant Head/Deputy Head has a restorative conversation with child about behaviours.</p> <p>Arrangements put in place to complete restorative activities (see Appendix 1) in their own time within the school day.</p> <p>Actions to be logged on CPOMs</p> <p>Key Stage Leader to contact parents to notify of escalating behaviours and the next steps.</p>
<p>Behaviours requiring further action from Headteacher</p> <p>LEVEL FIVE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeating the above behaviours despite interventions • Threatening language • Refusal to cooperate to keep others safe 	<p>Headteacher to contact parents and arrange a meeting to discuss possible next steps.</p>
<p>Behaviours requiring possible suspension or permanent exclusion</p> <p>LEVEL SIX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious physical harm to another child or adult • Extensive damage to school property • Being unsafe and causing others to be unsafe 	<p>Phone call home by the Headteacher</p> <p>Suspension/Exclusion by the Headteacher</p> <p>Suspension/Exclusion Letter sent home</p> <p>Record incident on CPOMs</p> <p>Inform social worker in the case of a child in care.</p>

N.B. A Learning Mentor may contact parents to offer levels of support to families whereby behaviours are influenced by other factors. At Cherry Orchard we strongly believe that behind every behaviour is an emotion and it is a way of communicating, especially for our younger children.

MISSING BREAKTIME OR LUNCHTIME

The class teacher is fully entitled to decide that a child needs to miss a proportion of their break or lunchtime if they have been showing negative learning behaviours within class. The child is to be in a safe space outside at break or lunch (where an adult must be present) where they can reflect and go back into class with a fresh start. The class teacher must take the child out to break and inform who is on duty of the length of time the child needs to miss. At lunchtime the class teacher is to make the lunchtime supervisor aware of the child and this person will then co-ordinate where the child needs to be.

Missing of breaktime or lunchtime is to be taken on the day and not carried over. The breaktime reflection time can vary between 1 minute and 10 minutes dependent on the behaviour. It is important that the child has the opportunity to talk to the class teacher about why they are missing their break time and also that once the breaktime has been missed the matter has been dealt with.

Mobile Phones

Pupils at Cherry Orchard Primary are NOT permitted to bring into school a mobile phone without permission from the Headteacher or another member of the SLT team. If permission is given (which will be in extenuating circumstances) the mobile phone is to be turned off and handed into the member of staff on duty on arrival. The phone will then be placed in a labelled bag and put into the school safe. It is the child's responsibility to collect the phone at the end of the day. If a mobile phone is found on the child or in their bag, it will be confiscated and parents will be contacted.

In addition to the sanctions and consequences listed within the policy other sanctions used in school include:

- Phone calls home to parents/carers
- Playtime or lunchtime being missed.
- Possible removal of any additional responsibilities or privileges such as School Council Representative.

TRANSITIONS AND MOVING AROUND THE SCHOOL AT CHERRY ORCHARD

- All staff members are responsible for the way the children move around school when out of the classroom. Children need to be shown and praised for the correct behaviours.
- Children should line up in register order in silence, facing front, one behind the other with their arms by their sides ('Legendary Line Ups'). Where this is not the case, individuals practice with their teacher in their own time.
- Children should move silently (whole class) or quietly and walk around school on the left-hand side of the corridor in single file with their arms by their sides ('Wonderful Walking'). Where this is not the case, children should be sent back and asked to walk and shown the correct behaviours.

- Doors should be held open for each other and children/adults should ensure they say thank you.

USING MOVEMENT TO PREVENT ESCALATION

For some children, a brief period away from the classroom may help to de-escalate a situation or, in some cases, help to prevent one.

If a child needs a moment out a class, it should be to the year group partner. If the child is younger, they should be accompanied. There is also the use of a red hand card should a teacher need assistance from a member of the SLT or Learning Mentor.

LUNCHTIME SYSTEM AT CHERRY ORCHARD

At lunchtime we have a dedicated team of lunchtime supervisors who have been trained to follow the principles and ethos we hold at Cherry Orchard Primary. Our lunchtime supervisors are trained in attachment and have the authority to praise and sanction children should a child demonstrate positive or negative behaviours. Lunchtime supervisors engage children in purposeful play for them to develop friendships and values along with supporting their development as a whole child.

POSITIVE REWARDS AT LUNCHTIME

Children at Cherry Orchard are also recognised for their behaviours at lunchtime. This is because we are aware that some children find unstructured times more difficult. The recognition helps to boost confidence, self-esteem and well-being. Children recognised for these rewards are looked upon as role models that are promoting the Cherry Orchard Values at lunchtimes.

Lunchtime supervisors may hand out **raffle tickets** to children they witness showing any of the core values we hold at Cherry Orchard, such as excellent table manners, helping each other, being kind and showing respect to each other and adults.

A message to the teacher to inform them of the child's '**above and beyond**' behaviour.

Recognition boards are used at lunchtimes to display the names of children who have met the behaviour targets outlined on the board. These targets can be changed every week and the children on the board are acknowledged in the headteacher's weekly assembly.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NEGATIVE BEHAVIOUR CHOICES AT LUNCHTIME

<p>Verbal Warning</p> <p>LEVEL ONE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate language/unkind words • Not following or listening to instructions • Not following rules of a game or activity • Causing disruption to a game or activity • Answering back 	<p>Remind about relevant school core values</p> <p>Praise those children displaying the correct behaviours and aiming high</p> <p>Re-direction strategies</p> <p>Give a non-verbal cue</p> <p>Pose questions/statements to remind children of the expected behaviours</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">I notice you have chosen to...</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">How can I help you to...?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">I'm wondering why...?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Thank you for...</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Well done for...even better if...</p> <p>Use 'thank you' before the child has complied. This shows you expect they will comply.</p>
<p>Time Out</p> <p>LEVEL TWO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeating any of the above behaviours 	<p>5 minutes time out. Child is to stand by the wall.</p>
<p>Lunchtime supervisor Class teacher support</p> <p>LEVEL THREE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further misbehaviour following 'Time Out' • Causing physical harm to others such as continuing to play rough games • Threatening language 	<p>10 minutes time out. Child is to stand by the wall.</p> <p>The lunchtime supervisor who will inform the class teacher briefly at the end of lunch before the child goes back into class.</p> <p>Lunchtime supervisor is to record incident and email the class teacher.</p> <p>Class teacher or pastoral staff to have restorative conversation with child.</p> <p>Class teacher to record on CPOMs and inform parent/carers at the end of the day the incident occurred.</p>

<p>Additional Support from Pastoral and SLT</p> <p>LEVEL FOUR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent behaviours from other levels above • Causing physical harm to adults and other children intentionally • Fighting • Persistent offensive/abusive language • Racist, religious, homophobic incident 	<p>Find a member of Pastoral or SLT who will talk to the child and take them to a calm space.</p> <p>SLT to have a restorative conversation with child.</p> <p>SLT member to phone parents/carers</p> <p>Record incident on CPOMs</p> <p>Internal exclusion missing lunchtime/breaktimes (length of time determined by member of SLT).</p> <p>Attachment/Restorative/Rights respecting tasks to be carried out with child in the child's own time (See Appendix 1).</p>
<p>Behaviours requiring further action from Headteacher</p> <p>LEVEL FIVE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeating the above behaviours despite interventions • Threatening language • Refusal to cooperate to keep others safe 	<p>Headteacher to contact parents and arrange a meeting to discuss possible next steps.</p>
<p>Behaviours requiring possible suspension or permanent exclusion</p> <p>LEVEL SIX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious physical harm to another child or adult • Extensive damage to school property • Being unsafe and causing others to be unsafe 	<p>Phone call home by the Headteacher</p> <p>Suspension/Exclusion by the Headteacher</p> <p>Suspension/Exclusion Letter sent home</p> <p>Record incident on CPOMs</p> <p>Inform social worker in the case of a child in care.</p>

SERIOUS INCIDENTS

A serious incident is any incident which endangers children or staff, either physically or otherwise.

At Cherry Orchard we have the right to take measures to keep children and staff safe. These measures include:

The legal right to confiscate inappropriate items from pupils such as mobile phones or other items not allowed in school

The legal right to search bags and other items should we suspect a pupil has a

weapon, mobile phone, stolen property or any other prohibited items.

Statutory powers to discipline pupils who behave badly on the way to and from school, for instance when walking to school through the community, travelling on public transport.

The Headteacher (in the absence of the Headteacher, another Senior Leader) has the power to search pupils and/or their property if they suspect one of them is carrying a knife, offensive weapon or other prohibited items.

A legal duty to make provision to tackle all forms of bullying.

Physical Restraint

Restraint occurs whenever a member of staff, using intentional force, physically restricts a child's movement against his or her will. Physical restraint does not include the use of

gentle physical prompting or guidance where the child is happy to comply and the aim is to assist him or her to participate appropriately in activities.

It must not be used as a form of punishment. Deliberate use of physical contact to punish a pupil, cause pain or injury or humiliation is unlawful, regardless of the severity of the pupil's behaviour or the degree of provocation.

Restraint will only be used in circumstances where there are good grounds for believing that the pupil is placing him/herself or other people in immediate danger or where there is a likelihood of significant damage to property. Restraint should be used rarely to secure compliance with staff instructions; other methods should always be considered first. If we are aware that a pupil is likely to behave in a way that may require physical restraint it will be sensible to plan how to respond, should such a situation arise.

Physical contact

There are situations where physical contact may be necessary e.g. demonstrating exercises in PE lessons; administering first aid; or offering comfort to a distressed pupil, working with children who may have sensory needs or a specific programme outlined such as OT.

This does not constitute restraint but staff should be conscious of pupil perceptions and recognise that for some pupils touching may be unwelcome and misinterpreted despite good intentions.

Reasonable force

Sometimes it is appropriate to use reasonable force to safeguard children and young people. 'Reasonable' means using no more force than is needed in the circumstances and covers a broad range of actions involving a degree of physical contact to control

or restrain children.

This may be

- guiding a child to safety by the arm,
- breaking up a fight
- where a pupil needs to be restrained to prevent violence or injury
- passive physical contact, such as standing between pupils or blocking a pupil's path
- active physical contact such as leading a pupil by the arm out of the classroom.

Before using reasonable force, staff should consider the risks carefully and carry out a dynamic risk assessment to ensure the most appropriate course of action.

Reasonable Force must never be used as a form of punishment or when a less severe response might have effectively resolved the situation. Deliberate use of physical contact to punish a pupil, cause pain or injury or humiliation is unlawful, regardless of the severity of the pupil's behaviour or the degree of provocation.

The use of physical restraint

Restraint will only be used in circumstances where there are good grounds for believing that the pupil is placing him/herself or other people in immediate danger or where there is a likelihood of significant damage to property. Restraint should be used rarely to secure compliance with staff instructions; other methods will always be considered first. It is a procedure for dealing with an unsafe or crisis situation and is in line with DfE guidance on the use of reasonable force in schools.

If we are aware that a pupil is likely to behave in a way that may require physical restraint a Risk Assessment will be in place to support a planned response to potential situations that may arise. This will include information on: de-escalation strategies; the manner in which the pupil will be held; how support can be summoned if needed; any medical factors to be considered.

This plan will be shared with parents and other staff taking account of the school policy and legislation. If physical restraint is likely to be necessary, as well as having a Risk Assessment in place, key information should also be reflected within the child's Learning Passport.

Identified school staff receive Positive Handling training from REACT UK. Staff are trained in and actively engage with de-escalation and positive handling strategies to ensure that physical restraint is only used when necessary and proportionate to the situation. All incidents are recorded comprehensively and in detail.

POST INCIDENT SUPPORT FOR PUPILS AND STAFF

Pupils should be given the time and space to calm down after an incident and when ready reintegrated back into their normal timetable/school day as possible.

Staff should be offered a short break out of the classroom where possible after an incident it is important to ensure that staff and pupils are given the emotional support and any basic first aid that may be required.

Immediate action should be taken to ensure that medical help is accessed for any injuries that require other than basic first aid.

All injuries should be reported and recorded on an accident/incident form. These are reviewed on a weekly basis by SLT.

Following a case of child-on-child abuse, any further risk should be assessed and a risk management plan may be necessary. Please see the school safeguarding and anti-bullying policy for the processes and procedures.

In the event of an incident involving violence towards staff, risk management plans are reviewed and next steps are considered by SLT.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT PLANS

The vast majority of children will follow our core values and expectations. However, there will be occasions when an individual support plan is required. This will be co-ordinated by the SEND lead, Learning Mentor and Class teacher. Risk management plans, pupil passports, personalised timetables may also form part of the child's provision map and will be drawn up by the SEND lead and class teachers. Such plans must be followed consistently by all members of staff and shared with parents. They should therefore be up to date and available for all staff to access.

SUSPENSIONS AND PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS

At Cherry Orchard we will always aim for suspensions and exclusions to be rare, however we are aware that there are occasions when all support and options have been explored to support the child and there is no other option. With any suspension or exclusion, we aim to ensure the process is applied fairly and consistently, the process is understood by Governors, staff, parents and pupils, and pupils in school are safe.

Any suspensions or exclusions are based on statutory guidance from the Department of Education. A pupil's behaviour outside school can also be considered grounds for a suspension or permanent exclusion.

Suspensions

A pupil may be suspended for one or more fixed periods (up to a maximum of 45 school days in a single academic year). A suspension does not have to be for a continuous period.

A suspension may be used to provide a clear signal of what is unacceptable behaviour as part of the school's behaviour policy and show a pupil that their current behaviour is putting them at risk of permanent exclusion.

(See Appendix 2 for the proforma to be used during the reintegration meeting with pupil and parent following a period of suspension.)

Permanent exclusion

A decision to permanently exclude a pupil will be taken only in response to a serious or persistent breach of the school's behaviour policy, and if allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education and welfare of others.

Before deciding to exclude a pupil, either permanently or for a fixed period of time, the headteacher will:

- Ensure appropriate investigations have been carried out
- Consider all the relevant facts and evidence, including whether the incident(s) leading to the exclusion were provoked
- Allow the pupil to give their version of events where practicable
- Consider if the pupil has SEND (this does not automatically mean the child is exempt but careful consideration must be made according to the individual's needs and the circumstance)
- Consider any 'contributing factors'
- Check that appropriate support has been provided

MALICIOUS ALLEGATIONS

If a pupil makes an allegation against a member of staff, this will be thoroughly investigated and, where appropriate, referred to the LADO.

If the allegation is found to be malicious, support for the pupil will be put in place through the SEND lead. If appropriate, a consequence may be given.

Support will be given to the member of staff through the mental health lead.

LEGAL DUTIES

The school has a legal duty under the Equality Act (2010) and those in respect of safeguarding and supporting all children, particularly those with SEND.

This policy should be supplemented with guidance from the SEND code of practice (2015) and other documents which promote the safeguarding of children, such

as Keeping Children Safe in Education (2019).

LINKED GUIDANCE OR POLICIES

- Anti-bullying Policy
- Equality Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- SEND Policy
- Parent and Carer Conduct Policy
- Online Safety and Acceptable Use Policy
- Positive Handling Policy
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/behaviour-and-discipline-in-schools>
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/921405/20170831_Exclusion_Stat_guidance_Web_version.pdf
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1101498/Suspension_and_Permanent_Exclusion_from_maintained_schools_academies_and_pupil_referral_units_in_England_including_pupil_movement.pdf

Put it Right



What happened? How did this make me feel? How did it make the other person/people feel?

How can I put this right? Who can help me?

Next time, what could I do instead? What strategies could I use to help me?

Name:

Date:

Time:

Appendix 2



Cherry Orchard Primary School Restoration Meeting



A restoration meeting will take place after a pupil is suspended. The aim of the restoration meeting is to address any issues, support needs and move forward in a positive way.

Name of pupil:			
Date of meeting:			
Present:			
Reason for suspension:			
Number of days suspended for (include dates):		Previous suspension days for academic year 2024-25:	
Discussion points: <i>Support needs</i> <i>Refer to EHCP section F, risk assessment and one page profile</i> <i>Complete positive handling plan if needed</i>			
Resolution actions agreed: <i>Include by whom and timescales</i>			

Save in pupils' file (T: Inclusion).

Without delay, report any safeguarding concerns to a DSL and record on CPOMs.

Please share a copy with appropriate adults on staff team.