



# Governors' written statement of behaviour principles

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Under the Education and Inspections Act, 2006, the governing body is charged with the duty to set the framework of the school's policy by providing a written statement of general principles relating to behaviour and discipline, taking into account the needs of all pupils.

The purpose of this statement is to give guidance to the Head teacher in drawing up the behaviour and discipline policy by stating the principles which governors expect to be followed. The policy aims to underpin the governors' duty of care to pupils and employees; promote teaching and learning and high standards of attainment and preserve the reputation of the school. The statement is available upon request from the school and can be found on the school's web site. It is also held in the school office.

This statement and the behaviour policy will be reviewed on a three yearly basis, unless changes at national or local level necessitate an exceptional review.

This statement is informed by our mission and value statements:

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Barham Church of England Primary School provides an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages every child to become an enthusiastic and independent learner for life through a rich and creative curriculum and by nurturing their individual gifts and talents.

### **CHRISTIAN VALUES**

Our Values are thankfulness, compassion, humility, service and endurance.

We, the Governing Body of Barham Church of England Primary School, believe that all members of our school community should be able to work, learn and achieve their full potential in a safe, secure and orderly environment. We value the strong relationships that exist throughout the school, which leads to the mutual respect that encourages good behaviour. We have high expectations of everyone and we will actively promote equality of

value whether race, gender, age, sexuality, religion or disability. The behaviour policy is based on our belief in, and respect for, the value and contribution of all members of our community and their right to succeed. We seek to eliminate all forms of discrimination, harassment and bullying.

The policy will be applied with consistency and fairness, with regard to each individual situation. The emphasis will be on encouraging positive behaviour through high expectations; a focus on learning; and praise and rewards. It is recognised however, that on occasions sanctions are necessary to demonstrate that misbehaviour is not acceptable; to express the disapproval of the school community and to deter other pupils from similar behaviour. Sanctions will enable the pupil to reflect on, and learn from, their behaviour and to make reparation wherever possible. Barham School focuses on positive behaviours and the opportunities for pupils to learn from their mistakes and as such we expect lower than the national average rates of exclusion.

Some pupils, for example those with special educational needs, physical or mental health needs, and looked after pupils can experience particular difficulties with behaviour and the school will seek to ensure that such pupils receive behavioural support according to their need. However, when making decisions the school must balance the needs of the individual with those of the school community and where pupil behaviour places others at risk, the safety of the pupil body as a whole is paramount.

The Governors strongly feel, that exclusions, particularly those that are permanent, must only be used as the very last resort and they expect pupils and parents to cooperate to maintain a positive climate for learning. Violence, threatening behaviour or abuse by pupils or parents towards the school's staff will not be tolerated. If a parent does not conduct himself/herself properly the school may ban them from the school premises. The Governors expect the Head teacher to include guidance on the use of reasonable force to prevent a child harming themselves or others, within the Behaviour Policy.

We work with parents and carers to understand their children and their circumstances and believe this relationship is an important part in building a strong learning community. Similarly, given our duty of care to the pupils, this written statement and the policies that both stem from it and are influenced by it (for example, appropriate contact, behaviour, anti-bullying and exclusions) applies to all pupils when in school, when travelling to and from school, and when engaged in extra-curricular activities such as educational trips and visits (residential and non-residential) and when being educated as a member of Barham Church of England Primary School off-site.

## **References**

Behaviour and discipline in schools: a guide for head teachers and school staff. DfE 2016

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