



**St James's Cof E
Primary School**

Let Your Light Shine

Behaviour Principles Written Statement

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Vision

We believe that every child is made in the image of God; inherently valuable and unique. Jesus is the light of the world and God has placed the light of the Holy Spirit within each of us:

Let your light shine to reach your God-given potential.

Let your light shine courageously.

Let your light shine as a beacon of hope.

Let your light shine ~ be the best we can be!

Written Set of Behaviour Principles

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. This is a statement of principles, not practice; it is the responsibility of the Headteacher to draw up the school's Behaviour Policy, though they must take account of these principles when formulating this. The Headteacher is also asked to take account of the guidance in DfE publication Behaviour and Discipline in Schools: a guide for Headteachers and Staff.

These principles aim 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. This statement is available upon request from the school and can be found on the school's website.

The Governors at St. James's C.E. Primary School believe that high standards of behaviour lie at the heart of a successful school and enable children to make the best possible progress in all aspects of their school life. At St. James's C.E. Primary School, we value everyone as an individual, capable of growth, change and development. Our relationships are underpinned by the principles of honesty, equality, mutual respect, fairness, compassion and consistency. We have high expectations that support the development of our pupils as effective and responsible citizens.

The purpose of this statement is to give guidance to the Headteacher in drawing up the Behaviour Policy by stating the principles that the Governors expect to be followed. The Governors expect any policy or actions to be in accordance with their responsibility under equality legislation.

Principles:

- All children, staff and visitors have the right to feel safe at all times at school.
- St. James's CE Primary School is an inclusive school. All members of the school community should be free from discrimination of any sort. Measures to protect children from discrimination should be set out in the Behaviour and Equality policies.
- The school rules should be clearly set out in the Behaviour Policy and displayed around school. Governors expect these rules to be consistently applied by all staff.
- Governors would like to see a wide range of rewards, consistently and fairly applied in such a way as to encourage and reward good behaviour around school.

- Sanctions for unacceptable/poor behaviour should be known and understood by all staff and pupils and consistently applied.
- It is recognised that the use of rewards and sanctions must have regard to the individual situation and the individual student and the Headteacher is expected to use their discretion in their use. Sanctions should however be applied fairly, consistently, proportionally and reasonably, taking into account SEND, disability and the needs of vulnerable children, and offering support as necessary.
- The Governors strongly feel that exclusions, particularly those that are permanent, must only be used as the very last resort.
- The Governors expect pupils and parents to cooperate to maintain an orderly climate for learning.

The Governors wish to emphasise that violence, threatening behaviour or abuse by pupils or parents towards the school's staff will not be tolerated. If a parent does not conduct themselves properly, the school may ban them from the school premises and, if the parent continues to cause disturbance, they may be liable to prosecution.

The Governors expect the Headteacher to include guidance on the use of reasonable force, within the Behaviour Policy.

The Governors must be satisfied, in all situations arising, that the measures proposed by the Headteacher are lawful and that staff and children know that sanctions can be applied in these circumstances.