



Scott Creek Primary School

Behaviour Support Policy

Scott Creek Primary School's 'Behaviour Support Policy' guides:

- the behaviour we expect of children and young people
- how staff, parents and carers will support positive behaviour
- the safe inclusion of children and young people.

Our school's policy aligns with the Department for Education - [Behaviour Support Policy](#).

About Behaviours

Children and young people's behaviours fall along a continuum. This means behaviour can range from safe to unsafe.

Range of Behaviours

- Positive, inclusive and respectful behaviours.
- Developmentally appropriate boundary testing - can interrupt learning but can be redirected.
- Behaviours that cause concern due to their severity, frequency and duration. This behaviour significantly interrupts learning and needs consistent guidance and support.
- Complex and unsafe behaviour which can place children, their peers and others in danger.

All along the continuum, the policy and practice approach is proactive, consistent, responsive and tailored to the child or young person's needs.

How we Implement the Department's Policy

We will support the safe inclusion of children and young people in learning with these actions.

PROMOTE

We will promote, model and support productive and positive behaviour.

How? Promote a school wide 'Positive Behaviour' approach. We will continue to work on this with our Governing Council, staff, children and young people, parents and carers.

TEACH

We will explicitly **teach** positive behaviour and expectations about behaviour.

How? Create predictable structures and routines in the learning environment. This guides children and young people's in how to positively participate in learning. We also teach children and young people self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and social management.





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INTERVENE

We will **intervene** to prevent, reduce or redirect behaviours of concern. We will use methods that are the least exclusionary possible.

How? Staff use proactive strategies to co-regulate children/young people to prevent behaviours of concern. Withdrawal spaces are provided for children and young people to use as needed. These spaces are supervised by an educator. The educator supports children and young people to feel safe and calm and return to their learning environment when they are ready.

WORK WITH OTHERS

We will **work with children, their families, professionals and other key adults** to understand the environmental, social and family context of a child or young person's behaviour. We will draw on these people to support positive behaviour change.

How? Use case management and 'Team Around the Child' approaches to coordinate, assess, plan, monitor and review behaviour interventions.

RESPOND

We will **respond** to behaviour visibly and fairly. Responses will help grow confidence and trust.

How? Tell those who raise behaviour concerns about the process to respond to the concern. Do this without disclosing personal information of the parties involved. Investigate concerns about behavioural incidents. Understand the nature of the incident and the experience of the incident by those involved.

REPAIR AND RESTORE RELATIONSHIPS

We will repair and restore relationships harmed by behaviours of concern.

How? Children and young people who have acted inappropriately recognise the impact of their actions. They have the chance to apologise and express remorse. They have the chance to repair and restore relationships when appropriate, safe and consented to by all parties.

CREATE SAFETY AND WELLBEING

We will create safety and wellbeing for people involved in behaviour incidents.

How? Provide strategies to reduce the risk of harm to children, young people and staff following behavioural incidents. Refer children, young people, staff and others who have been harmed by unsafe behaviours to counselling or other support.

- Engage Department supports when responding to serious incidents. For example, the 'Social Work Incident Support Service'. Responses might include telling parents and carers of those involved in or effected by the behaviour.



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Behaviours of Concern

These behaviours:

- are challenging, complex or unsafe behaviours
- are more serious, happen more often or last a long time
- significantly interrupt learning for the child or others
- could put the child or others in danger
- need consistent guidance and support.

Behaviours that disrupt learning or safety will always receive a response that considers:

- the needs of the child or young person with behaviours of concern
- other people's rights to learning and safety.

How we Respond to Behaviours of Concern

At Scott Creek Primary School, we use specific responses to behaviours of concern.

Educator responses

- Provide quality differentiated teaching practice. This is a way to meet each child and young person's learning styles and needs. For example, the teacher plans ahead to clearly teach values and safe and inclusive behaviours.
- Create plans that support positive behaviour change. Partner with families and others to do this.
- Provide time and space for students to self-regulate with appropriate support and supervision. This might include sitting quietly, talking quietly, doing calming activities (for example breathing and yoga) or physical activity (for example running, shooting hoops or bouncing a ball).

Leader responses

- Monitor behaviour. Act on any reports about behaviour of concern. This includes incidents that happen out of hours or off-site that impact relationships at Scott Creek Primary School.
- Consider the use of suspension and exclusion from school to support safety. This is after we consider all other options to reduce danger.
- Report criminal offences to the police.
- Provide leadership and / or external assistance to facilitate restorative processes (including re-entry meetings) where staff and children or young people directly involved require impartial assistance to resolve the issues.

Department level responses

- Negotiate other learning options away from school to make sure the school community is safe. This is after we consider other options to reduce danger.
- Support staff and local leadership in how they respond to a child or young person.



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Responsibilities

Children and young people

- Treat others with kindness, respect and inclusiveness.
- Make sure their actions are safe, respectful and inclusive. This includes verbal, physical and online.
- Seek help from adults to intervene when they see behaviours of concern in person or online.
- Report behaviours of concern to school staff.

Parent and Carers

- Report any child or young person's concerning or unsafe behaviour to school staff.
- If an incident happens, work collaboratively with us to resolve concerns.
- Follow the complaint resolution process to deal with concerns. A copy of the complaint resolution process is on our website or in our front office.
- Show and encourage safe, respectful and inclusive relationships with: their own children; other children and young people; other parents and carers and staff.
- Support their children to develop safe behaviours at home. Check on and supervise their children's social interactions, including online.
- Seek support from our staff to create consistent responses to behaviours of concern. This includes at home and at our school.
- Know about our 'Behaviour Support Policy' and procedure. Know how to identify and report behaviours that are concerning or unsafe.
- Do not approach other children or parents about behaviours of concern. Report this to us for follow up.
- Understand that, because of confidentiality, we cannot share information about other children.

END OF POLICY

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