



**PINEWOOD INFANT
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AND
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Introduction

This document provides a framework for the creation of a happy, secure and orderly environment in which the children can learn and develop as caring and responsible people. It is written for the benefit of all members of the school community and is based on the cooperative core principles of our school values. Staff and governors strive to develop an ethos that will encourage good behaviour in our school. Through our behaviour policy we aim to help children to develop the values and principles that will guide them through the difficult decisions of life and enable them to make a full and positive contribution to society. Every member of our school community is valued and respected. We aim to treat each person fairly and well and to create a caring community, whose values are built on mutual trust and respect for all. The school expects every member of the school community to behave in a considerate way towards others, regardless of our individual differences. Our behaviour policy is designed to support ways in which all members of the school can live and work together in a supportive way. It is written with reference to the 'Behaviour in Schools' advice 2022' and with our 'Values' being at the heart of expectations and vision.

Aims of School Behaviour Curriculum

We have high expectations of behaviour at Pinewood and foster a mutual respect between pupils and between all staff and pupils. We know that every child has the right to learn and no child has the right to disrupt the learning of others. Our 'Values' are embedded throughout school and underpin our practice;

Honesty, Self-Belief, Kindness, Respect, Curiosity, Independence, Resilience and Responsibility. (Appendix 3)



We aim to:

- Create a secure caring and well-ordered environment for the whole school community
- Take responsibility for their own actions and by doing so develop self-regulation and self-discipline
- Raise self-esteem and promote positive behaviour by valuing effort and recognising success
- Ensure that everyone in school follows and understands the principles of the policy
- Ensure that rules, rewards and consequences are implemented fairly and consistently
- Work in partnership with parents/carers to promote the behaviour policy

Our aims for behaviour are that all children will:

- Be tolerant and understanding with consideration for the rights, views and property of others.
- Develop a responsible and co-operative attitude towards learning and others.
- Achieve their potential in terms of self- esteem and academic achievement.

We Encourage Good Behaviour by:

- Explaining and modelling behaviour we wish to see
- Ensuring all children are praised for behaving well
- Recognising and highlighting good behaviour as it occurs
- Supporting children to be responsible for their own behaviour
- Recording and celebrating individuals and groups of children for behaving well
- Letting parents/carers know about their child's good behaviour
- Teaching children what good behaviour looks like
- By prioritising relationships throughout school
- Making learning irresistible and ensuring our school environment promotes excellent behaviour
- Providing an environment which engages children during lunchtime and playtime
- Making instructions clear
- Managing transition well at different stages
- Promote emotional literacy through Relationship Education and PSHE

Our Expectations are set out through our 'Code of conduct'. These behaviours are expected in our learning, the classroom, the playground during playtimes and lunchtimes and in the wider community when representing our school on visits.

Our code of conduct is:

- We have high expectations for our behaviour
- We do as we are asked the first time
- We help each other and are co-operative
- We are polite and well mannered
- We are kind and respectful
- We look after our classroom and school
- We care for our environment and living things

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Bullying:

Children will know:

- That bullying is rated as 'Zero Tolerance' in and out of school
- This type of behaviour is totally unacceptable
- If they feel they are being bullied the action they need to take
- The staff in school know procedures to address concerns
- What bullying means and looks like

Internet Safety Cyber bullying is taken very seriously within school. Any issues or concerns will be dealt with in line with our Internet Safety Policy

- Racist, sexist or homophobic remarks are not acceptable (these are recorded separately and reported to Governors)

Good behaviour is recognised through rewards and privileges. These include:

- Non-verbal praise Smiles, applause, thumbs up
- Verbal Praise - comments refer specifically to the behaviour that is being praised. Beware of stereotyping praise with reference to gender
- stickers
- Dojo points
- Tickets for whole school recognition
- Golden Star of the week
- Pinewood Values person of the week
- certificates
- notes sent home
- class mascot
- electronic messages to parents/carers
- special responsibilities, privileges, additional activities or time
- Special head teacher stickers and visits to her office
- Occasional privileges, e.g. Special service that celebrates good behaviour, extra playtime

Procedures

For ensuring involvement of all members of school community:

- Regular meetings in order to develop and monitor behaviour policy
- Regular meetings with staff to review behaviour issues
- Frank and open debate about behaviour at governor meetings
- Continue to develop good partnerships with parents/carers
- Regular informal contact with teachers
- Information for new parents/carers, which includes the school's behaviour and home school agreement policy and explains parents'/carers role
- Open door policy
- Consultation with parents/carers
- Devising individual programmes where appropriate
- Training for staff on challenging behaviour
- Using formal disciplinary procedures e.g. exclusions (in exceptional cases)
- Rapid and stringent response to incidents of bullying, racial, sexual harassment or disability

Tailoring our Behaviour Management to the needs of individuals

We recognise at Pinewood that sometimes it is necessary to tailor our response of dealing with certain behaviours around particular needs of the child and family. We recognise the need therefore to set up provision and behaviour management strategies on an individual basis in order to meet the needs of all children. We are an emotionally intelligent school and will endeavour to go the extra mile to meet the needs of our children and families. We take a graduated response to behaviour management.

Implementation of the Restorative Approach.

We recognise that all children are unique individuals and therefore we are flexible in the manner in which we address any incidences of negative behaviour. The stages of the Restorative Approach underpin our method in dealing with challenging behaviour, but we are conscious that we adapt our approach to ensure it is suitable for the pupil's age and level of understanding.

When working with pupils in the Early Years Foundation Stage our focus is on the initial stages of the Restorative Approach. Staff working with these pupils focus on helping them to grasp the concepts of feelings and how they are caused. Modelling, small group work, peer support and visual resources such as photographs are all used to support the pupils' understanding and development of empathy. This approach is also adapted for other pupils throughout the school.

Pupils with low levels of emotional maturity or with Special Educational Needs can require support in recognising how their actions have affected others or how they feel about an incident. Pupils are supported in developing their understanding of the Restorative Approach using tailored resources, lessons and at their own pace.

Children identified as having significant social, emotional or mental health needs may require an alternative approach, which will be discussed and decided upon by the team around the child on an individual basis. Staff use their discretion and knowledge of the pupils involved to determine how best to implement this approach and who to involve.

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Roles and Responsibilities

The role or responsibility for dealing with behaviour in the school; it is a shared responsibility. The relationship-based approach applies to all relationships within the school community.

All stakeholders at Pinewood have a responsibility to:

- Read this policy
- Understand it
- Ensure practice is in line with it
- Be proactive in implementing it

- Seek advice from SLT if unsure

All staff (teachers, teaching assistants, midday staff and support staff)

- Use positive language and descriptive praise
Model desirable behaviours at all times
- Use the language of 'choice' and 'values' when managing poor behaviour
- Take responsibility for dealing with any poor behaviour witnessed
- Support the children, with their learning and self-management of their behaviour
- Teach the children how to manage their behaviour through positive language, signs and symbols at all times
- Involve children in determining rules, rewards and consequences
- Complete incident/accident reports as necessary and as shown in guidelines.
- Support children and parents/carers with understanding the school's approach to managing behaviour
- Liaise with the class teacher over incidents/success
- Maintain records on CPOMS incidents or improvements, to monitor progress and to establish patterns.
- Review personal and whole school strategies regularly and adapt if not working
- Develop positive relationships with all parents/carers through conversations to support pupil's behaviour both in school and at home
- Be familiar with and follow the school's policy and guidance with regard to physical intervention
- Refer to and implement whole school rules and routines consistently
- Remain calm and avoid the use of emotive responses to poor behaviour
- Encourage other adults in and around school to follow these

Head Teacher

As all staff responsibilities above and:

- Have ultimate responsibility for the behaviour management strategies adopted across the school
- Monitor and review the impact of the positive behaviour policy with the SLT through the SEF; and to prioritise positive behaviour management where necessary through the School Improvement Plan.
- Delegate responsibilities as appropriate in relation to positive behaviour management and the day-to-day implementation of this policy through the identified roles and responsibilities within the policy
- Work with the SLT to regularly review the policy and practice across the school
- Make strategic decisions with the SLT regarding specific behaviour management issues related to whole school practice or individual pupils

- Make ultimate decisions about consequences for behaviour resulting in fixed term or permanent exclusions.

SENCO

As all staff responsibilities above and...

Regularly review policy and practice

- Advise the SLT on impact of this policy
- To refer and ask for advice from external agencies if needed. Children with serious or repeated behaviour difficulties may need to have an individual behaviour plan in accordance with the Special Needs Code of Practice and or the use of an 'ABC form' to map frequency and triggers. We may ask for an assessment from our Educational Psychologist or, with agreement from parents or carers, refer to CAMHS (Child and adolescent Mental Health Service) through our school nurse
- Arrange and lead meetings with parents/carers and multi-agency teams to understand, support and resolve behavioural difficulties
- Support staff to manage behaviour effectively through continuing professional development and specific skills needed for a more sensitive and differentiated approach
- Advise and support staff on general and specific effective behaviour strategies for class/individual pupils
- Lead the development of Behaviour Management Plans; monitor and review these at least annually with key staff
- Monitor and review Behaviour Logs compiled by staff
- Lead the development of Individual Handling Plans; monitor and review these at least annually with key staff
- Monitor and review Incident Logs and Physical Intervention records compiled by staff
- In a minority of cases carry out risk assessments with key staff and parents/carers with regard to physical intervention planning

Teachers

As all staff responsibilities above and...

- Through quality teaching and learning in the classroom- ensure appropriate differentiation
- Provide a positive classroom climate- ensure that children feel emotionally and physically safe; clear routines, clear expectations, clear rewards and consequences.
- Develop and maintain a positive classroom environment
- Monitor behaviour in lessons and adapt approaches to ensure success for the pupils
- Make observations and contribute to compiling pupil profiles

- Ensure that pupils manage their behaviour positively during the school trips and when off site
- Strategic use of teaching assistants and other resources, to support learning and behaviour

Participate in group solution focussed sessions to support colleagues in developing individual pupil's behaviour management plans

Actively engage with goal planning and implementation of strategies for specifically identified pupils with challenging behaviour

- Take ownership for meeting the needs of special needs children in the class through a graduated response.
- Implement Individual Pupils Behaviour Management Plans and review with SENCO

Teaching Assistants

As all staff responsibilities above and...

- Support teacher with teaching and behaviour management at all times.

Midday Supervisor/Support Staff

As all staff responsibilities above and... • Communicate positive as well as negative comments about an individual's behaviour to key staff/class teacher

- Adopt key staff's strategies and techniques to provide a consistent approach
- Report concerns using appropriate procedures; CPOMS

Governors

- Approve the school's policy
- Support the school with its implementation
- Regularly monitor head teacher's reports on behaviour incidents and fixed term exclusions.

Parents/Carers

- Support the school's approach to behaviour management in line with this policy
- Encourage children to be respectful to school staff at all times and to act as a role model in front of children in communication with school staff
- Discuss the code of conduct and home school agreement with their children and to support them
- Support their child in learning to manage his/her own behaviour
- Take opportunities provided by the school to further develop their own understanding and implementation of effective behaviour management

- Inform the school as soon as possible if something has occurred at home which may affect a child at school
- Respond to the school's concerns about their children; respond to phone calls and letters and to treat all staff with respect in order to support their children's behaviour and learning
- Support the actions of the school if reasonable consequences have been used to discipline a child
Come and see us if there is a problem – no matter how big or small

Our Behaviour System

Pinewood Infant School is adopting a restorative approach to managing behaviour. This approach relies on positive relationships and a willingness for all members of our school to talk through problems that may arise.

Inappropriate Behaviour in School: Children will not:

- Prevent other children from learning/playing
- Behave in a way that puts themselves or others at physical risk
- Hurt or use intimidating behaviours e.g. threaten others, spitting, swearing
- Call people names (including racial, sexist)
- Use behaviour that is dishonest e.g. Steal, tell lies
- Refuse to follow instructions
- Damage other peoples' work or property

Consequences/Consequences

Behaviour is excellent at Pinewood and we rarely have a need to enforce consequences but we are clear about the systems we follow if poor behaviour exists. We always give children a **reminder** first if they are heading towards a consequence for their actions. This will include:

- Encouraging children to take responsibility for their actions.
- Stating clearly what is right and wrong.
- Explaining what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour.
- Providing a clear, consistent structure for behaviour management throughout the school.

If a child continues the behaviour we give a **warning** the child is informed of which rule they are compromising. If this continues a **consequence** is put in place. The child is encouraged to think about their behaviour. The child will be asked to discuss their actions with an appropriate adult and agree a consequ

Consequence suggestions include:

- Reflection time
- Moved away in the classroom to a quieter space
- Restorative conversation
- Seek SLT support

The class teacher will discuss behaviour with the child's parent/carer at end of school day or as soon as possible.

The Restorative Approach and use of consequences

When using consequences at Pinewood, the child/children should always be involved in a Restorative conversation (**see appendix 3**) and take an active part in deciding any consequences, ensuring they are constructive and allow the child to learn from what has happened, as opposed to a consequence being imposed and the child seeing themselves as the victim of punishment.

We aim to help the children look at the harm they have caused to others and see that their consequence is a way of putting things right with the person who has been hurt, as well as with the school community, which expects a high standard of good behaviour.

Some children with social, emotional or mental health difficulties require time to calm down and this is an important part of developing a child's self-management skills. This can be offered to children before an incident is dealt with at the discretion of the adult linked to the need of the child. This is not a punishment but a time to calm emotions before discussing the event. Some pupils may require support or specialised resources to enable this, e.g. visiting a calming space, a walk outside, access to a busy box.

Where there is repeated concerning behaviour, the following will apply:

Where there is repeated concerning behaviour (e.g. significant incident or repeated behaviours) the following will apply: (**see also Appendix 4**).

1. Behaviour logs will be completed on CPOMs
2. Informal contact with the parents/carer by the class teacher.
3. Involvement of the Head Teacher and or Deputy.
4. Formal contact with parents.
5. Individual Behaviour Plan drawn up.
6. Involvement of outside agencies/ support.
7. Internal exclusion.
8. Exclusion – temporary/permanent as set down by NCC guidelines if the incident is serious.

Lunchtimes and Playtimes

The same behaviour system will be in place at lunchtimes and playtimes. Our midday supervisors will apply the same rules, rewards and consequences.

Identified children who find unstructured times challenging may be offered the opportunity to go on the library bus or alternative area/ resources at playtime.

An identified area will also be made available each day during lunchtime (in each Key Stage) for children that may need to bring themselves inside for a quiet space to calm. This will be supervised by a member of staff.

Children who find the busyness of the playground challenging will be offered the alternative of going on the school bus daily. Children can opt to stay inside and choose an activity such as colouring, reading Lego. This is not a consequence but a choice.

Stopping Inappropriate Behaviour

At Pinewood, we do everything possible to work with children to promote positive behaviour. Positive reinforcement is more effective than issuing a consequence. At our school we understand that;

1. Behaviour is a form of communication of an unmet need. Therefore, to change behaviour, we must respond to the unmet need.
2. Children's behaviour cannot be fully understood in isolation, without considering their individual influences.
3. Relationship-based, restorative approaches offer an evidence-based alternative to zero-tolerance behaviour management systems.



Continued Inappropriate Behaviour (see Appendix 1,2,3 and 4)

Children's behaviour is monitored through the use of a recording incidents on CPOMs, ABC charts and Positive Behaviour Plans.

On occasions, additional or individual measures may need to be implemented in order to address a range of needs. Members of staff will work with parents/carers and external agencies to develop a plan that is appropriate.

Repeated incidents of inappropriate behaviour or a significant incident will be discussed with parents/carers and either the relevant Head teacher, Deputy Head teacher. In these instances, children may be placed on an 'Positive Behaviour Plan' this will be regularly reviewed and updated with parents. During this period of monitoring, children may also have nurture sessions or other interventions, individual reward systems, a Boxall Profile may be completed, and external agencies may be requested for support.

If the child shows risk of flight or violent outbursts, they will have an Individual Risk Assessment; these will be shared with all staff at the school.

Individual Behaviour Plans for individual pupils, will be written in collaboration with parents/ carers, the

child themselves (if appropriate), school practitioners, school SENCO and outside agencies may be sought for advice e.g. School Special Services, GAP. For school trips, reasonable adjustments may have to be made to ensure that a child's behaviour will not prevent others from being safe and having a good time. In these instances, a child's parents/carers will be informed of the measures being put into place.

Use of Reasonable Force

What is the Use of Reasonable Force?

As a school we are firmly committed to creating a calm and safe environment which minimises the risk of incidents arising that might require the use of reasonable force. We use a curriculum which endeavours to explore and strengthen emotional responses to situations.

We will only use force as a last resort and strongly believe in de-escalating any incidents as they arise to prevent them from reaching a crisis point. Staff will be skilled in promoting and rewarding positive behaviour and will utilise various appropriate techniques in the management of a class environment.

Staff will only use reasonable force when the risks involved in doing so are outweighed by the risks involved by **not** using force.

Staff Authorised to Use Reasonable Force

Under Section 93 of the Education and Inspection Act (2006) and subsequent guidance published by the DfE in January 2016 entitled 'Behaviour and Discipline in Schools – Guidance for Head Teachers and Staff' the head teacher of our school is empowered to authorise those members of his/her staff to use reasonable force.

Here at Pinewood, the head teacher has empowered the following members of staff to use reasonable force:

- Teachers and any member of staff who has control or charge of pupils in a given lesson or circumstance have permanent authorisation.
- Other members of staff such as site management and administrative teams also have the power to use reasonable force if a circumstance should arise in which immediate action should be taken.

Deciding Whether to Use Reasonable Force

Under English law, members of staff are empowered to use reasonable force to prevent a pupil from or stop them continuing:

- committing any offence;

- causing personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil himself); or,
- prejudicing the maintenance of good order and discipline at the school or among any pupils receiving education at the school, whether during a teaching session or otherwise.

All members of staff will make decisions about when, how and why to use reasonable force. To help staff in making decisions about using reasonable force the following considerations may be useful:

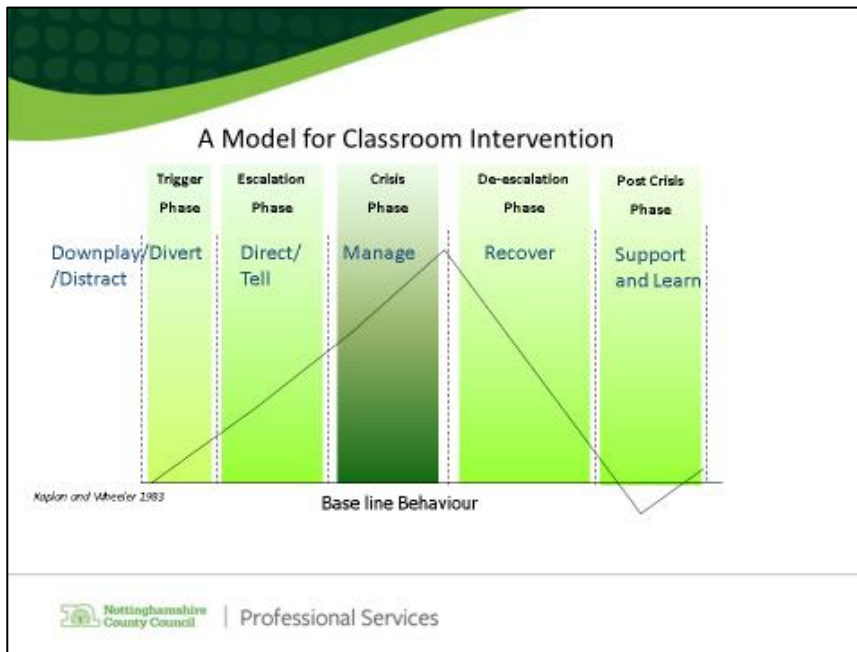
- whether the consequences of not intervening would have seriously endangered the wellbeing of a person;
- whether the consequences of not intervening would have caused serious and significant damage to property;
- whether the chance of achieving the desired outcome in a nonphysical way was low;
- the age, size, gender, developmental maturity of the persons involved.

Staff are also expected to remember that physical intervention is only one option and for behaviours involving extreme levels of risk it may be more appropriate to gain support from other agencies, including the police.

Staff will be kept informed and have a duty to inform others about the plans around specific pupils who can present risks to themselves and others. This may include information about SEN, personal circumstance and temporary upset.

Using Reasonable Force

When using force members of staff should only use the minimum amount of force required in achieving the required outcome. Staff should also use force within the context of existing good practice in nonphysical skills and techniques, such as in model for classroom practice outlined:



Staff should, where possible, avoid any type of intervention that is likely to injure a pupil, unless in the most extreme of circumstance where there was no viable alternative. Also, staff should try to avoid using force unless or until another member of staff is present to support, observe or call for assistance.

Staff training

Staff at Pinewood Infant School and Foundation Unit, who have been identified as needing training in this area, will access Physical Intervention training, known as CRB training (Coping with Risky Behaviours) through the County Council co-ordinator who delivers certified courses.

These courses provide participants with an insight into recent legislation and guidance that could impact on policy and practice, as well as a range of physical and non-physical strategies to help manage the risks posed by children and young people's behaviour.

Training programmes will be delivered to staff via whole school inset or by accessing specialist training events, details of which can be found on Schools Portal.

Staff who receive this training will be certified by the Local Authority for a defined period as stated on their certificate. Staff will be expected to attend a refresher course to update their skills and renew their certification every 12-15 months.

Recording and Reporting Incidents

The governing body will ensure that a procedure is in place, and is followed by staff, for recording and reporting, significant incidents where a member of staff has used reasonable force on a pupil, in line with the most recent Safeguarding requirements issued to Governors and the latest advice given to OFSTED inspectors.

The record must be made as soon as practicable after the incident. While ultimately only a court of law could decide what is 'significant' in a particular case, in deciding whether or not an incident must be reported, staff should take into account:

- an incident where unreasonable use of force is used on a pupil would always be a significant incident;
- any incident where substantial force has been used (e.g. physically pushing a pupil out of a room) would be significant;
- the use of a restraint technique is significant;
- an incident where a child was very distressed (though clearly not over reacting) would be significant.

In determining whether incidents are significant, schools should consider:

- the pupil's behaviour and the level of risk presented at the time;
- the degree of force used and whether it was proportionate in relation to the behaviour;
- the effect on the pupil or member of staff.

Staff should also bear in mind the age of the child, any special education need or disability or other social factors which might be relevant. Sometimes an incident might not be considered significant in itself, but forms part of a pattern of repeated behaviour. In this case, although there is no legal requirement to record such incidents, schools are advised to let parents know about them.

Records are important in providing evidence of defensible decision-making in case of a subsequent complaint or investigation. Staff may find it helpful to seek the advice of a senior colleague or a representative of their trade union when compiling a report.

The Pinewood Infant School and Foundation Unit School will use the Nottinghamshire County Council electronic health and safety recording system 'Well-Worker'. This system enables members of staff to report, using a standardised format, any significant incident where force has been used, or any incident where violence to staff has occurred or been threatened. Staff can access well worker via Schools Portal.

Post-incident support

Following the use of physical intervention staff and pupils will be supported, the immediate physical needs of all parties will be met and staff will ensure that positive relationships are maintained.

Any particular Special Educational Need and/or disability that a pupil might have will be properly taken into account under the Equalities Act 2010, before any member of staff exercises the power to use force. Where Restrictive Physical Intervention has been used, a record must be made (on the County Council System) and parents/carers must be informed as soon as practical after the incident.

Removal from classrooms

In response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy, the school may remove the pupil from the classroom for a limited time.

Pupils who have been removed will continue to receive education under the supervision of a member of staff that is meaningful, but it may differ from the mainstream curriculum.

Removal is a serious consequence and will only be used in response to serious misbehaviour. Staff will only remove pupils from the classroom once other behavioural strategies have been attempted, unless the behaviour is so extreme as to warrant immediate removal.

Removal can be used to:

- Restore order if the pupil is being unreasonably disruptive
- Maintain the safety of all pupils
- Allow the disruptive pupil to continue their learning in a managed environment
- Allow the disruptive pupil to regain calm in a safe space

Pupils will not be removed from classrooms for prolonged periods of time without the explicit agreement of the head teacher.

Pupils should be reintegrated into the classroom as soon as appropriate and safe to do so. The school will consider what support is needed to help a pupil successfully reintegrate into the classroom and meet the expected standards of behaviour. Parents will be informed on the same day that their child is removed from the classroom.

The school will consider an alternative approach to behaviour management for pupils who are frequently removed from class, such as

- Use of teaching assistants
- Positive behaviour plans
- Multi-agency assessment

Staff will record all incidents of removal from the classroom along with details of the incident that led to the removal, and any protected characteristics of the pupil in the behaviour log.

Recognising the impact of SEND on behaviour

The school recognises that pupils' behaviour may be impacted by a special educational need or disability (SEND).

When incidents of misbehaviour arise, we will consider them in relation to a pupil's SEND, although we recognise that not every incident of misbehaviour will be connected to their SEND. Decisions on whether a pupil's SEND had an impact on an incident of misbehaviour will be made on a case-by-case basis.

When dealing with misbehaviour from pupils with SEND, especially where their SEND affects their behaviour, the school will balance their legal duties when making decisions about enforcing the behaviour policy. The legal duties include:

- Taking reasonable steps to avoid causing any substantial disadvantage to a disabled pupil caused by the school's policies or practices ([Equality Act 2010](#))
- Using our best endeavours to meet the needs of pupils with SEND ([Children and Families Act 2014](#))
- If a pupil has an education, health and care (EHC) plan, the provisions set out in that plan must be secured and the school must co-operate with the local authority and other bodies

As part of meeting these duties, the school will anticipate, as far as possible, all likely triggers of misbehaviour, and put in place support to prevent these from occurring. Any preventative measures will take into account the specific circumstances and requirements of the pupil concerned.

This may include:

- Short planned movement breaks
- Adjusting seating plans
- Adjusting uniform requirements
- Use of separation spaces (sensory or nurture Zones) to support regulation

Adapting consequences for pupils with SEND

When considering a behavioural consequence for a pupil with SEND, the school will take into account:

- Whether the pupil was unable to understand the rule or instruction?
- Whether the pupil was unable to act differently at the time as a result of their SEND?
- Whether the pupil is likely to behave aggressively due to their particular area of need?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, it may be unlawful for the school to consequence the pupil for the behaviour.

The school will then assess if it is appropriate to use a consequence and if so, whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made to the consequence.

Considering whether a pupil displaying challenging behaviour may have unidentified SEND

The school's special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) may evaluate a pupil who exhibits challenging behaviour to determine whether they have any underlying needs that are not currently being met.

Where necessary, support and advice will also be sought from specialist teachers, an educational psychologist, medical practitioners and/or others, to identify or support specific needs.

When acute needs are identified in a pupil, we will liaise with external agencies and plan support programmes for that child. We will work with parents to create the plan and review it on a regular basis.

Pupils with an education, health and care (EHC) plan

The provisions set out in the EHC plan must be secured and the school will co-operate with the local authority and other bodies.

If the school has a concern about the behaviour of a pupil with an EHC plan, it will make contact with the local authority to discuss the issue. If appropriate, the school may request an emergency review of the EHC.

Liaison with Parents/Carers

We have frequent conversations with parents/carers about children's behaviour at Pinewood and aim to celebrate the positives as much as possible. The class teacher and on some occasions if deemed appropriate the SENCO or head teacher will make contact with parents/carers to discuss a child's behaviour so that we can work together to ensure excellent behaviour at Pinewood. We will also make contact through the home/school diary where appropriate or electronically.

We pride ourselves on the excellent open-door policy we have at Pinewood and our school community is centred around mutual respect for all and we recognise that the best behaviours in school are achieved through continual informal communications with parents/carers.

Suspension

Exclusion is a consequence used by the school only in cases deemed as serious breaches of the School Behaviour Policy.

A pupil may be at risk of suspension from school for:

- Verbal or physical assault of a student or adult.
- Persistent and repetitive disruption of lessons and other students' learning.

- Extreme misbehaviour which is deemed outside the remit of the normal range of consequences.

A Suspension from the school can only be authorised by the Head Teacher or Acting Head Teacher. A Permanent suspension can only be authorised by the Head Teacher or Acting Head Teacher and must only be done after consulting with the Chair of Governors about the intention to impose this consequence, although the final decision rests with the Head Teacher of the school.

The school seeks to reduce the number of incidents leading to exclusions by promoting a positive atmosphere of mutual respect and discipline within the school, as outlined in our Restorative Practice and Behaviour Policy.

Should it be decided for whatever reason that the matter needs to be put in the hands of another agency i.e. the incident leads to the discovery that there is a child protection issue, the school will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with that agency.

Suspension

Suspensions are rare, but in the event of suspensions taking place, the school will monitor the number of suspensions to ensure that no group of students is unfairly disadvantaged through their use and that any underlying needs of individuals are being fully met.

In any incidence of exclusion parents will be contacted. This will be done by the Head Teacher on the day of the exclusion, either by direct phone contact or a face-to face meeting. A written confirmation of the reason(s) for the exclusion will be sent to parents the same day. A student who has been excluded will have the reason for his/her exclusion explained to them by a member of staff so that they understand the nature of their misbehaviour.

The Chair of Governors, LA Inclusion Officer and relevant school staff will be notified of all suspension the same day of the production of the suspension letter, which they will receive a copy of; it will clearly outline the reasons for the exclusion.

The school will also work to put in place a programme for the pupil on his/her return 'Return to School Plan'. This will include input from staff at the school, parents and any other appropriate bodies e.g. School Home Support Practitioner, Attendance Service or the Local Authority. This plan will seek to establish practical ways in which further suspension can be avoided and behaviour modified to acceptable standards in partnership between student, parent and school.

It is hoped that in most cases following a suspension, the child will be able to return to school and that further input will promote in him/her a more positive attitude and a subsequent improvement in behaviour.

Permanent Suspension

A school will usually only permanently exclude a child as a last resort, after trying to improve the child's behaviour through other means.

In the case of a permanent suspension parents will be notified by the Head Teacher in a face-to-face meeting.

In exceptional circumstances, a Head Teacher may decide to permanently exclude a pupil because of ongoing issues or even for a 'one-off' incident. If your child has been permanently suspended, be aware that:

- The school's governing body is required to review the Head Teacher's decision and you may meet with them to explain your views on the exclusion.
- If the governing body confirms the exclusion, you can appeal to an independent appeal panel organised by the local authority.
- The school must explain in a letter how to lodge an appeal.
- The local authority must provide full-time education from the sixth day of a permanent suspension.

All correspondence regarding an exclusion from the school will inform parents of their right to appeal to the Governing Body against the decision to exclude. This procedure is clearly set out in the statutory guidance. The person who should be contacted to initiate an appeal is the Clerk to the Governors.

The Suspension Policy should be read in tandem with the school's Behaviour Policy as well as other relevant school policies, particularly the Inclusion Policy, Special Educational Needs Policy and the Equality & Diversity Policy. It also has a close interrelationship with the Anti-Bullying Policy and Attendance Policy.

Recording and Reporting

The relevant forms required for recording children's behaviour are in the Appendixes of this policy. Each class teacher is responsible for recording daily each behaviour incident as it occurs and completing, reviewing and updating Individual Behaviour Plans, Reward Systems and Incident Logs/ Forms.

When Should Behaviour Incidents Be Logged? (CPOMs)

1. When a pupil has been reminded and then warned and or the behaviour is escalated.
2. When a pupil damages property on purpose (belonging to school or to another individual in school).
3. Racist incidents (these also need to be reported separately to the Head Teacher).
4. Severe swearing/verbal abuse.
5. Incidents in which another individual (child or adult) has been injured/assaulted with proven intent.
6. Incidents in which another individual has been injured/ assaulted, the victim reports that this was on purpose, and there is a visible injury, whether or not intent can be proved.
7. Incidents relating to ongoing issues with a child that need recording (for example, incidents between two children that are not up to the level of assault, but give extra evidence and a broader picture for multi-agency meetings, etc. Alternatively, a child

may have confided that they are being bullied, and any incidents between them and the 'bully' should be logged).

8. If any of points 1-6 occur during lunchtime, the Midday Supervisor involved should report this to the class teacher. The class teacher will take responsibility for logging this and will liaise with relevant practitioners regarding further action (e.g. communication with home).

Points 1-6 must always be reported to parents/carers. The method used is up to the discretion of the class teacher and it is their responsibility to follow through both with communication, consequences in line with the restorative approach.

Behaviour Logs

Class teachers and the midday supervisors keep a record of inappropriate behaviour written on CPOMS. These are monitored termly by the DHT/SENCO who looks for any patterns or triggers in behaviour. This will be fed back to the appropriate staff teams and parents/carers. Any child causing concern will form part of a SLT discussion and appropriate action will follow, taking into consideration the holistic view of the child and their circumstances. A Graduated Response will be used to inform future actions.

Monitoring of Behaviour

Class teachers will monitor the behaviour of their children each week and where they have ongoing concerns and feel it is necessary, they will contact the child's parents/carers to discuss the concerns. At this point, class teachers will begin to complete ABC charts to log concerning behaviours. **(Appendix 1)**.

Should the concerns persist, it may be the case that a meeting is held with the SENCO to discuss the strategies that can be put in place to best support the child to develop the high standards of behaviour we are striving for. If necessary, outside agencies will be invited to support **(see Appendix 4)**.

The class behaviour logs will be monitored whole school by the Deputy Head/ SENCO on a termly basis and overseen by the link governor for behaviour. An overview of behaviour in the school will be reported each term to the governing body.

The regular review of behaviour across the school also allows the school to continually review the effectiveness of the system and to make necessary changes.

Monitoring and Review of the Policy

The impact of this policy will be reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team and the governors annually.

The Head Teacher and Deputy Head will provide the Committee with regular monitoring reports which will help it to evaluate the effectiveness of the policy and procedures.

The policy and procedures will be reviewed and amended in the light of such evaluation and in consultation with representatives of all key stakeholders.

This policy is written with in accordance with the Equality Act 2010, our school code of conduct, with our SEND policy and in accordance with school safeguarding policies.

Leigh Symmons

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(To be reviewed Autumn 2026 and shared with staff, parents/carers and governors annually)

Appendices:

Appendix 1: How to use an ABC chart

An ABC chart is an observational tool that allows us to record information about a particular behaviour.

The aim of using an ABC chart is to better understand what the behaviour is communicating. The behaviour is recorded as the 'A' Trigger or the event that occurred before the behaviour was exhibited. This can include what the child was doing, who was there, where they were, what sights / sounds / smells / temperatures / number of people that were in the environment. 'B' refers to clear description of the behaviour that occurred e.g. X threw item on the floor. 'C' refers to what occurred after the behaviour e.g. children moved away from X, noise levels in the room decreased. It is important to decide on one or two target behaviours to record initially. Place the ABC chart in an accessible place to make it easier to use after the target behaviour has been exhibited.

Having recorded the behaviour on numerous occasions check for triggers or situations where the behaviour is most likely to occur:

- When / what time is the behaviour most likely to occur?
- During what activities is the behaviour most likely to occur?
- Are there any times or activities during which the behaviour does not occur?
- Where is the behaviour most likely to occur?
- With whom is the behaviour most likely to occur?

It is also important to look at what might be maintaining the behaviour:

- What does the behaviour achieve for the child?
- Does the child avoid or escape any activity by engaging in the behaviour?
- Is the child rewarded in any way by engaging in the behaviour?
- What might the child be attempting to communicate by engaging in this behaviour?

Having identified the triggers for the behaviour and what may be maintaining the behaviour you are now ready to develop a 'positive behaviour plan'.

1. What alternative or more appropriate skill can you teach the child in order to eliminate their need to engage in this behaviour?
2. What changes can you make to the environment or the child's schedule in order to decrease their exposure to triggers?

3. How have you addressed the need that the child was trying to communicate?
4. Is there any need for a reward / incentive scheme in the short-term?
5. Have you communicated your plan to everyone who will be caring for the child?

PINEWOOD ABC BEHAVIOUR FORM V1

Name:		YR Group/Class:		Date:
Any factors for the day (tick any that apply)				
Difficult morning	Tired	Bad weather	Other (specify)	
Late to school	Feeling unwell	Change in routine		
Location/Time	A Trigger	B What the child did	C What did you do immediately after?	Function of Behaviour: Why do you think it occurred?

APPENDIX 2



Pinewood: Positive Support Plan		Name:		Year Group/Class		Date:
What does my behaviour look like when I'm regulated?	Known triggers	What does the behaviour look like?	What can we say?	What can we do?	Possible function of behaviour	

Staff signature: _____

Parental signature: _____

Appendix 3

Restorative Prompt Card
Tell me what happened.
What were you thinking at the time?
What do you think about it now?
Who was affected? How were you affected?
What's needed to make things, right?
How can we make sure this doesn't happen again?

Pinewood Code of Conduct
1. Reminder 2. Warning 3. Consequence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have high expectations for our behaviour • We do as we are asked the first time • We help each other and are co-operative • We are polite and well mannered • We are kind and respectful • We look after our classroom and school • We care for our environment and living things
<p><u>PINEWOOD VALUES</u> Honesty, Self-Belief, Kindness, Respect, Curiosity, Resilience, Independence, Responsibility</p>

Behaviour Flow map: Pinewood Infant School and Foundation Unit

