



## Lydden and River Primary Schools Federation

### Behaviour principles – written statement

This written statement of behaviour principles is reviewed and approved by the full governing body annually.

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Developing children's social and moral character is as important as their academic achievements. Our school values are put into practice to support children proactively; identifying what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour and helping children to learn. Children do not start school with a clear understanding of right from wrong and need our guidance, lessons and time to reflect to support them in developing their integrity, empathy and responsibility. Through routines and clear expectations, we strive to ensure behaviour in our schools is consistently enabling learning and keeping everyone safe.

- Every child understands they have the right to feel safe, valued and respected, and to be able to learn free from the disruption of others.
  - All children, staff and visitors are free from any form of discrimination.
  - Staff and volunteers set a positive example to children at all times.
  - Children make mistakes.
  - The school and parents have a responsibility to teach children explicitly what good behaviour looks like (we don't expect children to know).
  - Rewards, sanctions and reasonable force are used consistently by staff, in line with the behaviour policy.
  - The behaviour policy is understood by pupils and staff
  - Staff respond promptly, predictably and with confidence when children's behaviour is inappropriate.
  - The behaviour policy explains that exclusions will only be used as a last resort, and outlines the processes involved in suspensions and exclusions
  - Children are helped to take responsibility for their actions
  - Families and carers are expected to work together with the school to support children where behaviour is a concern.
- Our Dysregulated Behaviour policy helps staff, parents and children who are consistently breaching the school's expectations to plan for success.

The governing board also emphasises that violence or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated in any circumstances.