



Cranford Primary School
Berkeley Avenue
Hounslow
TW4 6LB

Positive Relationships Policy

Date: Spring 2023

Review Date: Spring 2024 (or sooner if changes
to the law or practice)

Approval Level: Governors

Positive Relationships Policy

Background

Cranford Primary school is committed to building and maintaining positive relationships. We strive to utilise positive relationships to maintain high standards of behaviour. By prioritising building strong relationships as an important focus within the school, staff are able to teach self-discipline and self-control. This echoes our school ethos and values which stem from 'learning hand in hand'. The school uses a number of different initiatives such as: Jigsaw and Behaviour Watch to develop its own behaviour management systems, in line with the UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

This policy does not exist in isolation and links with our school policies on Teaching and Learning, Attendance and Safeguarding.

Legislation and statutory requirements

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- Behaviour and discipline in schools
- The Equality Act 2010
- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Use of reasonable force in schools
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school

It is also based on the special educational needs and disability (SEND) code of practice as we support and safeguard pupils with special educational needs.

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, which outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of its pupils
- Sections 88-94 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, which require schools to regulate pupils' behaviour and publish a behaviour policy and written statement of behaviour principles, and give schools the authority to confiscate pupils' property
- DfE guidance explaining that maintained schools must publish their behaviour policy online

Statement

We aim to create an environment in which children feel happy, secure and confident and in which children are able to learn and to cooperate. Our aim is that each child develops a positive self-image. Being a Unicef Rights Respecting School, we encourage pupils to become self-aware of their own rights and the rights of children across the world. We expect the children and adults in the school to show that they value and respect each other as individuals. Any behaviour, including racist harassment, sexist behaviour and cyber-bullying that undervalues or offends is unacceptable. All forms of child-on child abuse will not be tolerated. Any form of bullying or

behaviour that undermines the confidence and self-image of a child or adult is unacceptable. Bullying may also restrict children's potential to achieve in school. For these reasons, the eradication of bullying is a priority in this school and we have outlined procedures to deal with such incidents within this policy.

The headteacher is responsible for reviewing this policy in conjunction with the Governing Board, giving due consideration to the school's statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1).

We aim to create an inclusive ethos where the staff enable all children to benefit from the teaching and learning environment, whatever the level of their need. We aim to achieve high standards of behaviour by promoting and reinforcing positive behaviour. Everyone at Cranford Primary School is committed to providing a caring, healthy, friendly and safe environment for all. Children are encouraged to think independently and to take responsibility for their actions. Our most important task is to educate and to care for the children at our school and to work in partnership with parents to ensure that children develop independence, self-discipline and the ability to act responsibly.

Our behaviour policy is based on children understanding that at our entire school community have **Rights, Rules and Responsibilities**.

Pupils have the following **Rights**, which stem from the UNCRC:

- **To feel safe**
- **To learn**
- **To be given respect and fair treatment**

At Cranford Primary School, we believe that every child should take **Responsibility** for their actions and behaviour and follow the school **Rules**.

These three Rs: Rights, Rules and Responsibilities should work together to create a caring community within our school.

Our school **Rules** result in everyone striving to be:

- **careful and kind**
- **polite and friendly**
- **helpful to each other**
- **hardworking**

Code of good behaviour

In order to ensure that the correct social and learning environment is provided in school, it is essential that children understand and keep to the following codes of behaviour, all of which are of equal importance:

- To arrive punctually at times specified by the school, and to attend regularly. It puts your child at a disadvantage if he/she is late and disrupts the rest the class.
- To work hard at whatever he or she is asked to do at all times, and take a pride in his/her own and others' achievements.
- To be sensitive and caring towards others.
- To respect and co-operate with every other member of the school.
- To respect school property and other children's work and belongings.
- To be polite to all adults working in the school at all times and not to answer back.
- To do as he or she is asked by members of staff.
- To ask staff for help rather than resort to physical or verbal violence.

- To take pride in their appearance and wear the correct uniform.
- To move around the school in an orderly and safe manner.
- To be polite and helpful to all parents and visitors to the school.

Classroom Rules

Establishing an environment which values and helps to develop wanted behaviour will also help to eliminate unwanted behaviour. To encourage appropriate behaviour, children and teachers, discuss and review the agreed classroom rules at the beginning of the school year. All classes follow the 3 R's Rights System and develop a class contract with specific rules at the beginning of the year.

There is also an e-safety policy and e-safety theme addressed through our assemblies which teaches children how to be safe online and how to use computers responsibly.

Expectations

There are a range of things that the school does to encourage positive relationships.

We hold assemblies at which we discuss and promote issues such as mutual respect, self-discipline and consideration for all. We also discuss basic values such as honesty, fairness and politeness. These key aspects are embedded in the school's PHSCE policy which is based on the Jigsaw programme.

Staff continuously model expected and appropriate behaviour when they deal with conflict, frustration and anger. There is explicit teaching of social skills every week through the Jigsaw program and acknowledgement of children seen using these skills.

Staff meetings are used to share information and concerns regarding children with particular needs. Issues are also highlighted at Progress meetings. Lunchtime procedures are made explicit and reviewed regularly in line with the whole school approach (See SMSA lunchtime guidelines). Any issues with drugs or substances are reported to the Headteacher immediately.

Staff ensure that the physical environment and the planned curriculum meets the needs of the children and promotes opportunities for independent learning and decision making. We regularly train SMSAs and select children as "playground monitors" and "sports leaders" who can then demonstrate new games to others.

Staff incorporate within the timetable, opportunities for the use of music, brain breaks, relaxation techniques, which help the children to learn to control their actions/emotions. This is done as and when needed.

Classes abide by an agreed set of school rights and the class contract and routines are practised and consistently maintained. Each week Merit certificates are presented to children who have behaved appropriately or have tried particularly hard.

Staff talk to children about acceptable use of ICT, including intentional or unintentional cyber-bullying.

Good behaviour is noticed and commented on and privileges and tangible rewards are also used, when appropriate, for additional reinforcement. Rewards may include:

- raffle tickets at lunchtime with a prize draw every week

- smiley faces
- 'well done' merit certificates
- comments written/drawn on work
- showing work in 'sharing' assembly
- letters home
- showing work to previous teacher
- verbal praise to child – including to other children/adults/teachers/parents
- lining up first
- chosen to be VIP e.g. milk/register/cleaning whiteboard duties
- choosing song/game/story
- House tokens across the school and table points in classes
- taking teacher's role e.g. leading activities/initiating game

Inappropriate behaviour is addressed by **all staff** in the least intrusive manner possible in the circumstance e.g. proximity praise rather than direct criticism. **We are careful to label the behaviour and not the child.**

Sanctions

Purposes

- To increase awareness of what is not acceptable behaviour.
- To clarify boundaries.
- To be seen by other children to be dealing with difficulty.
- To enforce code of conduct.
- To provide a future deterrent.

Sanctions must depend on knowledge of the child – we do not use 'blanket' punishments to fit any given crime. Incidents are monitored and followed up by the Headteacher, Deputy or other senior members of staff and class teachers themselves. In most cases of misbehaviour, the following steps will be taken:

- Clear reminders following a 3 warning system
 - First warning- Clear reminder of expectations
 - Second warning- Reminder shared again and explanation of consequences
 - Third warning and time out- Thinking time in the classroom and discussion with class teacher. (Parents will be informed of a timeout)
- If a pupil continues to misbehave, they will be asked to see the Year group leader or Phase leader to discuss any further incidents. (Parents will be informed of any discussion with the YGL/PL)
- Any major behaviour incidents will be discussed with a member of SLT and parents will be invited for a meeting.

Other sanctions may include:

- Putting a child on report after discussions with a parent.
- Loss of privileges.
- Counselling.
- Formal detention.
- Writing apologies.
- Notification to parents.
- Managed moves.
- Internal exclusion.
- Exclusion.

Behaviour Watch

Behaviour Watch is used to log children’s behaviour – both good and bad. In most cases, behaviour can be dealt with in school as part of learning social skills. However, if negative behaviour becomes an issue we will, of course, involve parents.

Positives

House tokens

Teachers award house tokens for effort when completing work and for progress in learning. There are 4 house groups which children belong to: Fire, Water, Earth and Air. At the end of each half term, tokens are counted and the group with the most tokens is provided with a treat. School parliament will work with staff to decide on treats and how we can celebrate House achievements at CPS.

Celebration assembly

Individuals are awarded merits certificates weekly which are recorded on Behaviour Watch and presented in Friday’s celebration assembly.

Negatives

Behaviour Watch logs two levels of inappropriate behaviour as outlined below:

	Level 1	Level 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaking out of turn in playground –rudeness ● Noisy in hall ● Breaking corridor rules ● Equipment used inappropriately ● Talking during assembly ● Interrupting teacher ● Preventing others from working ● Uniform ● Not complying with instructions ● 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hurting another child ● Being rude to a teacher ● Swearing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 x in a week - class teacher logs - 2 x in a week - year group leader informed /teacher speaks to child - 3 x in a week – parent informed and a meeting set up to agree targets for improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 x a week – class teacher logs, child receives a sanction and parent informed - 2 x within 4 weeks - teacher to phone home and set up meeting with Year group leaders/parents. Child put on report -

Please note that the school’s procedures are based on the advice given to Headteachers by the Department for Education. “Teachers can discipline pupils whose conduct falls below the standard which would reasonably be expected of them. This means that if a pupil misbehaves, breaks a

school rule or fails to follow a reasonable instruction the teacher can impose a punishment on that pupil". [*Behaviour & Discipline in Schools: advice for Headteachers and School Staff*, DfE, Feb 2014].

Detention

Staff may consider a detention is an appropriate sanction either because putting on report has not helped the behaviour to improve or because the nature of the behaviour is severe enough, for example fighting, bullying, rudeness or swearing, to warrant an immediate detention.

Detention will be held during lunchtimes and supervised by a senior member of staff. This will be a formal detention. Children may be asked to write sorry letters and complete reports of incidents. Restorative justice discussions will take place during these sessions.

Handling and restraint

If it has proved necessary to use holding or restraint in a situation where staff have had to physically intervene to prevent harm or injury to a child or staff member, this should be noted in the serious incident folder and parents informed. If possible staff should summon another adult before restraining a child and to send an SOS card to the office. They should continue to communicate with the child throughout the incident. They should maintain a calm and measured approach to the situation. They should make it clear to the child that the restraint will be removed as soon as it ceases to be necessary. All staff must be aware of Borough guidelines on positive handling.

In certain circumstances it may be helpful to follow these steps especially in playground:

- Establish what has happened by talking to all involved (use professional judgement to assess seriousness of situation).
- Encourage children to participate in conflict resolution by using a mediation approach and encouraging them to use the appropriate language and to begin explanation with "I" and "you".
- Remind children of rules and encourage them to realise why the behaviour is inappropriate and to think of better choices they could have made.
- Ask the children what could now be done in terms of restitution and reparation (but don't force apologies).

We need to be aware that children's behaviour may not always be so easily slotted into the above procedure as some extreme incidents can sometimes be triggered off by very specific circumstances. In such an extreme case refer straight to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Monitoring

All staff are responsible for reporting incidents. Parental involvement is an important part of our procedures and parents. Senior staff are responsible for monitoring trends in behaviour and discussing remedies with the staff.

Procedures to deal with Bullying

Bullying is always unacceptable, and claims of bullying will always be taken seriously and acted upon quickly. We intend to maintain an ethos of openness and awareness where bullying is recognised where it exists and dealt with where it occurs. Our approach will be proactive - building

on skills of co-operation, assertion and self esteem, as well as reactive when necessary. We have an anti-bullying code which is referred to when dealing with incidents.

What do we mean by bullying?

Bullying is the on-going or repeated intimidation of another child by a more powerful child or group of children with the intention of causing physical and emotional hurt and distress. However, bullying can take place in all relationships: between students, between students and staff, or between staff.

Bullying can take many forms, physical, verbal and indirect.

It may include

- Threats of violence both verbal and non-verbal
- Ignoring/shunning
- Teasing
- Name-calling
- Interfering with property
- Racial offensive remarks and/or behaviour
- Sexual offensive remarks and/or behaviour
- Incitement by others to commit an act of bullying
- Ridiculing, mimicking, sarcasm
- Fighting (even between equals)
- The use of ICT deliberately to upset someone.

What behaviour do we expect /encourage in our pupils?

Children in our school are expected to be kind and considerate of one another's feelings. Children need to be accepting of others and supportive of each other. We want to provide an environment where children feel safe and secure in the knowledge that someone will listen and act to support them.

Our approach - All staff must:

- Be alert
- Investigate
- Record findings
- Respond
- Follow-Up

ALERT

Staff need to be alert to overt physical signs of bullying as well as more subtle reactions to covert bullying. The effects of bullying may be shown at home and at school. A bullied child may want to avoid coming to school by feigning illness. He/she may become withdrawn, moody, aggressive or display behaviour that is out of character. Toileting problems such as enuresis (bed-wetting) may also be a sign of anxiety.

In school he/she may be reluctant to go outside to play e.g. wanting to do jobs for the teacher. He/she may become overly attached to an adult or a friend in his/her class. Staff also need to be alert to potential victims who may be judged as being different and bullied as a result. Bullying needs to be dealt with as a priority.

INVESTIGATE

We shall endeavour to investigate every incident as soon as possible. The teacher, or associate member of staff, to whom it has been reported in the first instance, will do this. (Reported instances could come from a parent, a child, a teacher observation, or a colleague.) All parties will be interviewed individually at first to avoid intimidation and to produce an accurate report. Care should be taken to deal with those involved sensitively and away from onlookers.

An example of what might be said: "I have heard that _____ has been feeling scared and unhappy recently. Can you tell me what you know about it?"

Teachers will not accept any excuses, which explain the behaviour away as 'only a game' or 'just a joke'. Notes should be taken to ensure accuracy of reporting and given to a member of senior management team, preferably the Headteacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

RECORD

Record every incident in a manner which reinforces the school's anti-bullying policy. All parties should be encouraged to record the incident in writing. Pupils may be told, "We have a written record of this incident". Staff must record all incidents on Behaviour Watch so that a Senior Leadership Team member can be assigned to deal with the incident. A record should also be made of what was agreed by the Headteacher and the agreed action plan.

RESPOND

A response should be immediate and the style should be 'matter of fact' (not accusatory) and relate to the severity of the incident.

The Victim

In the first instance our priority would be to take steps to make the victim feels safe. Staff must take steps to prevent the bully access, without an adult present, to the victim. The Senior Leadership Team should impress on all involved that the situation is being taken seriously and is being thoroughly investigated. Where appropriate create a situation where the bully is able to make reparation.

The Bully

The bully in the first instance should be made aware that the incident is now out in the open. When ascertaining events teachers should not use their power to inflict hurt or discomfort towards a bully. Teachers should model strategies to encourage the development of appropriate social relationships. Teachers should use appropriate vocabulary to help the bully to empathise and reflect upon his/her actions.

An example of an approach to use could be " _____ seems unhappy. Why do you think this could be?"

If a serious case of bullying is identified, then the staff must ensure appropriate sanctions are put in place as well as counselling.

The Victim, Bully and School Community together

The aim would be to improve the self-esteem and emotional literacy of both the victim and the bully. This could be through peer support using:

- PHSCE scheme of work

- Circle times
- School behaviour reward systems
- Targets on I.E.P.s if appropriate

FOLLOW UP

After an incident has been recorded the Senior Leadership Team person responsible must arrange a follow up meeting to monitor the situation e.g. “We can all meet together this time next week and see how things have been going.”

This allows further time to follow up incidents, review strategies if there is a repetition of an incident and it reassures pupils that something purposeful is being done. The school should:

- Set up systems for the continued monitoring and observation of those involved in the incident.
- Set up review dates to meet with those involved.
- Inform parents.
- Use assemblies to raise awareness of issues as a whole school focus.

Remote learning:

Pupils who are using remote learning to access their work will be asked to use the school’s online safety policy whilst not on site. Any pupil who is not following the rules/ reminders outlined by the policy will be spoken to over the phone with a parent present.

Handling and restraint

It is advised that staff only physically intervene to prevent harm or injury to a child or staff member where absolutely necessary. Staff should notify a member of SLT who will be able to provide support during an incident. If a staff member does have to restrain a pupil, they should follow the hygiene guidance provided by the DfE and wash their hands thoroughly.

Malicious allegations

Where a pupil makes an allegation against a member of staff or another pupil and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

In all cases where an allegation is determined to be unsubstantiated, unfounded, false or malicious, the school will consider whether the pupil who made the allegation is in need of help, or the allegation may have been a cry for help. If so, a referral to children’s social care may be appropriate.

The school will also consider the pastoral needs of staff and pupils accused of misconduct.

Please refer to our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy and our Allegations against Staff policy for more information.



Cranford Primary School
Berkeley Avenue
Hounslow
TW4 6LB

Cranford Primary School Behaviour Principles Written Statement

Our behaviour policy is based on children understanding that at our school children have Rights, Rules and Responsibilities.

Pupils have the **Right**:

- To feel safe
- To learn
- To be given respect and fair treatment

At Cranford Primary School, we believe that every child should take **Responsibility** for their actions and behaviour and follow the school **Rules**. These three Rs: Rights, Rules and Responsibilities should work together to create a caring community within our school.

The Governors at Cranford Primary School believe that the three Rs 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 Cranford Primary School we value everyone as an individual, capable of growth, change and development. Our relationships are underpinned by the principles of justice, equality, mutual respect, fairness 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 Head teacher in drawing up the Behaviour and Anti Bullying 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
- Cranford Primary School is an inclusive school. All members of the school community should be free from discrimination of any sort. Measures to protect children should be set out in the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy and in the Equal Opportunities Policy
- The school rules should be clearly set out in the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying 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 Head teacher is expected to use her discretion in their use. Sanctions should however be applied fairly, consistently, proportionally and reasonably, taking into account SEN, 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 Cranford Primary School has a zero tolerance policy towards violence, threatening behaviour or abuse by pupils or parents towards the school's staff and such behaviours will not be tolerated. If a parent does not conduct himself/herself properly, the school may ban them from the school premises and, if the parent continues to cause disturbance, he or she may be liable to prosecution
- The Governors expect the Head teacher to include guidance on the use of reasonable force, within the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy.

Ms Noorian Riaz
Chair of Governors

September 2021