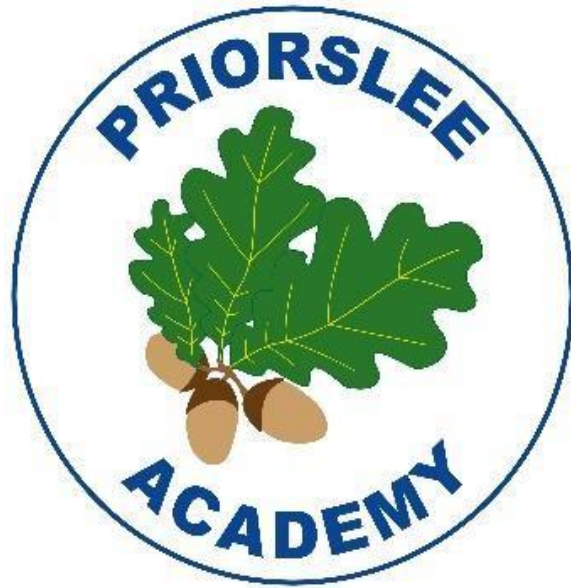


Behaviour Policy



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POLICY STATEMENT

At Priorslee Academy we are committed to creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same.

AIMS

- To create a culture of exceptionally good behaviour: for learning, for community for life
- To ensure that all learners are treated fairly and shown respect
- To promote good relationships
- To help learners take control over their behaviour and be responsible for the consequences of it
- To build a community which values kindness, care, good humour, good temper, obedience and empathy for others
- To promote community cohesion through improved relationships
- To ensure that excellent behaviour is a minimum expectation for all
- To not give learners attention and importance for poor conduct

PRIORSLEE ACADEMY SCHOOL RULES

In our school, everybody has a responsibility to abide by the rules so that we are all **READY, RESPECTFUL & SAFE**.

- We are always **ready** to learn: we listen, we are organised and we follow instructions
- We **respect** each other and each other's property
- We keep ourselves and each other **safe** and happy with kind words and gentle hands
- We always try our best

Behaviour for excellent teaching and learning

High quality behaviour for learning is underpinned by relationships, lesson planning and positive recognition.

The **READY, RESPECTFUL & SAFE** rules are displayed in each learning space and referred to by staff in conversations around conduct.

Staff will

1. **Meet and greet** children at the door in the classroom.
2. **Always deal with unwanted behaviours.**
3. Refer to the '**Ready, Respectful, Safe**' rules.
4. **Model** positive behaviours and build relationships.
5. **Plan** lessons that engage, challenge and meet the needs of all learners.
6. Use **positive reinforcement** throughout every lesson.
7. **Prevent** behaviours before having to give sanctions.
8. **Follow up** every time, retain children's responsibility for their behaviours and engage in reflective dialogue with learners.

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT & REWARDS

At Priorslee, we recognise and reward learners who go 'over and above' our standards. Although there are tiered awards, our staff understand that a quiet word of personal praise can be as effective as a larger, more public, reward. The use of praise in developing a positive atmosphere in the classroom cannot be underestimated. It is the key to developing positive relationships, including with those learners are hardest to reach.

Individual Rewards

REWARD	
Dojos (house points)	Awarded by all staff for effort, behaviour and achievement. These will count towards house totals and individual silver star awards.
Star of the Week	Selected by class teachers for consistent effort, behaviour and achievement. A certificate is awarded every week in a celebration assembly.
Silver star	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silver star stickers are awarded by class teachers for CONSISTENT, OUTSTANDING effort and achievement.• Once children have been awarded ten silver stars, a certificate and a small prize will be awarded in a celebration assembly.
Praise Postcard	Awarded by all staff for exemplary effort, behaviour and achievement. A postcard will be presented to the child to take home and share with their families.
Headteacher's Award Letter	This is awarded half-termly by the headteacher following a recommendation from the class teacher for individual achievement.
Headteacher's Gold Award	This is a very special award presented to pupils who show outstanding, exceptional acts of kindness, bravery or resilience.

Group Rewards

REWARD	
School Values Jar	Each class has a school values 'jar'. Children collect tokens from all staff members for demonstrating our school values. Once a class has collected 100 tokens, they will be able to choose a class reward.
House Reward	At the end of every term, the school house (Saturn, Mars, Pluto, or Neptune) with the most class dojos (house points) are allowed to come to school in their own clothes.

CONSEQUENCES

All children begin their day on a green card on the class behaviour display. The majority of the children will stay there for the entire day as they listen to and follow staff instructions. For children who do not follow adult instructions, staff follow school procedures to deal with this.

For low-level disruptive behaviour **within the classroom**, this is the procedure that staff follow:

1. Child is given a verbal warning.

If the child's behaviour continues

2. Child sits on their own table in the class to complete their work.

If the child's behaviour continues

3. Child moved to another class to complete their work.

(THIS IS CLASSIFIED AS A YELLOW CARD.)

If the child's behaviour continues

4. Child is sent to senior teacher to complete their work for half of the school day.

(THIS WOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS A RED CARD AND AN INTERNAL EXCLUSION.)

Teachers may inform parents about yellow cards as necessary, especially if the behaviours are persistent.

For low-level disruption **on the playground**, the procedure that staff follow:

1. Child is given a verbal warning by a member of staff on duty.
2. Child has time out and stands by the member of staff who has spoken to them.
3. Staff report behaviour to class teacher.

INSTANT RED CARDS

These may be given if there are any serious incidents, including

- Fighting
- Bullying
- Persistent refusal to follow instructions from an adult
- Making staff and other children feel unsafe
- Hurting or endangering others
- Disrespecting staff
- Bad language
- Racism
- Homophobia
- Intentionally damaging school / other people's property

All red cards will be logged on CPOMS and reported to parents by a teacher on the day of that the incident occurs. Reporting will be via phone call in the first instance, or via email if a phone call is not possible.

A red card will result in the loss of playtime(s).

In order for children to take responsibility for their behaviour, they are given the opportunity to 'repair' what they have done, after the event.

Children may repair their behaviour in one of the following ways:

- Taking time out to reflect
- Repairing the physical damage they have caused
- Apologising to another child / adult for the specific behaviours they have demonstrated
- Discussing better choices and behaviours that could be made in the future.

CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

On some occasions, we recognise that some children may need extra support to follow the school behaviour policy. Staff may use their discretion in applying the policy, if necessary. We will always aim to understand the causes of children's inappropriate behaviours and for pupils to develop positive relationships with appropriately trained adults to encourage emotional regulation.

To support children who struggle to regulate their emotions, staff will follow the principles of emotion coaching. This technique teaches children to recognise their own emotions and to make good choices before they become dysregulated. Our SENCO assistant (Mrs Richens) is also highly skilled and supports both staff and children to develop strategies to help with emotional regulation further.

Some children are encouraged to follow instructions and to encourage emotional regulation by using visual timetables so that they can identify what they have to do first and what the next activity will be. Some children with additional needs may also be given short rewards

after completing a task in order to celebrate small successes and to maintain positive behaviours. Some pupils may have an individual reward chart so that they can physically see their successes throughout the school day.

When children show signs inappropriate behaviours staff begin with less intrusive measures for dealing with the behaviour (e.g. tactically ignoring negative behaviour by praising children using positive behaviour statements; non-verbal cues; visual reminders; private verbal reminders; planned ignore of behaviours; giving limited choices.) This gives pupils the opportunity to make the correct choices and to continue to follow the school rules.

Behaviour Support Plans

Some pupils may also need behaviour support plans. This is a process agreed by the staff, children and parents. A support plan puts strategies in place to support the child to achieve positive behavioural outcomes. It details any changes in routines, timings, locations and adults to support positive behaviours. The behaviour support plan is shared with all relevant staff, who hold a collective and individual responsibility to read, respect and follow behaviour support plans to ensure consistency for the child. This consistency will give the child the best chance to succeed.

Outside Agency Support

Outside agency support may be sought by the SENCO for some children who are struggling to follow the behaviour policy, even when behaviour support plans are in place:

- Behaviour Support Advisory Team (BSAT)
- Educational psychology team
- Strengthening Families
- BEAM
- BeeU
- SPECTRA

These agencies work with school staff to develop targets and strategies to develop positive behaviour outcomes for our children.

Physical Safety Intervention (linked to the Positive Handling Policy)

Staff will not give or threaten corporal punishment to a child. Physical safety interventions will only be used when all other strategies have failed, and, therefore, only as a last resort. However, there are other situations when physical handling may be necessary, for example, in a situation where a child puts themselves, or others, in danger. Some pupils may become distressed, agitated, and out of control, and need to be moved and calmed with a brief restrictive physical intervention that is unresisted after a few seconds. The safety and well-being of all staff and pupils is considered at all times. Under certain conditions this duty must be an over-riding factor. Any incidents involving physical safety intervention will be recorded and parents notified by staff on the same day.

Exclusions

In certain situations, the Head of School may have to consider more serious measures. Incidents involving violence against staff and repeated violence towards other children will not be tolerated. Such behaviours could result in either a fixed term exclusion (suspension) or a permanent exclusion.

Exclusions are exceptionally rare at Priorslee Academy and are used as a last resort. Please refer to national guidelines regarding the use of exclusions for further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion>