



**Downsway
Primary
School**

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF BEHAVIOUR PRINCIPLES

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Safeguarding Statement

Downsway Primary School takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and young people in its care. The welfare of the child is paramount (Children Act 1989). At Downsway Primary School we respect and value all children and are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our pupils so they can learn, in a relaxed and secure atmosphere.

We believe every pupil should be able to participate in all school activities in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from harm. This is the responsibility of every adult employed by, or invited to deliver services at Downsway Primary School. We recognise our responsibility to safeguard all who access school and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

Written Statement of Behaviour Principles

Under the Education and Inspections Act, 2006, the Governing Board is charged with the duty to set the framework of the school's policy by providing a written statement of general principles relating to behaviour and discipline, taking into account the needs of all pupils. The purpose of this statement is to give guidance to the Headteacher in drawing up the behaviour and discipline policy by stating the principles which governors expect to be followed. The policy aims to underpin the governors' duty of care to pupils and employees; promote teaching and learning and high standards of attainment and preserve the reputation of the school.

Vision Statement

Our vision is:

Children have the confidence to aim high and to be curious about their world. They work successfully with others and have a tolerant and responsible attitude towards them.

Value Statements

Our values:

- **Aspiration** - *Dreaming big, aiming high, working hard to achieve goals*
- **Tolerance** - *Respecting, accepting and embracing others*
- **Self-Belief** - *Believing in and valuing yourself*
- **Responsibility** - *Learning to make good choices and understanding the importance of honesty*
- **Curiosity** - *Showing enthusiasm, asking questions, imagining and exploring*
- **Co-operation** - *Listening, supporting and sharing*

We, the Governing Board of Downsway Primary School, believe that all members of our school community should be able to learn and achieve their full potential in a safe, secure and orderly environment. We value the strong relationships that exist throughout the school, which leads to the mutual respect that encourages good behaviour. We have high expectations of everyone and we will actively promote equality of value whether race, gender, age, sexuality, religion or disability. The behaviour policy is based on our belief in, and respect for, the value and contribution of all members of our community and their right

to succeed. We seek to eliminate all forms of discrimination, harassment and bullying. We promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

The policy will be applied with consistency and fairness, with regard to each individual situation. The emphasis will be on encouraging positive behaviour through high expectations; a focus on learning; and praise and rewards. It is recognised however, that on occasions educational and protective consequences are necessary to demonstrate that misbehaviour is not acceptable. Educational and protective consequences will enable the pupil to reflect on, and learn from, their behaviour and to make reparation wherever possible. Because of our focus on positive behaviours and the opportunities for pupils to learn from their mistakes, we expect lower than the national average rates of suspensions/exclusion.

Some pupils, for example those with special educational needs, physical or mental health needs, and looked after pupils can experience particular difficulties with behaviour and the school will seek to ensure that such pupils receive behavioural support according to their need. However, when making decisions the school must balance the needs of the individual with those of the school community and where pupil behaviour places others at risk, the safety of the pupil body as a whole is paramount.

Given the importance of the safety of the pupil body, the Governing Board support the right of the school to permanently exclude for a single offence where it is considered that allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the pupil or others in the school. Similarly, given the overriding need to keep children safe, the school will utilise their powers to search and to use reasonable force in order to keep individuals from harming, or further harming, themselves or others.

We work with parents and carers to understand their children and their circumstances and believe this relationship is an important part in building a strong learning community. Similarly, given our duty of care to the pupils, this written statement and the policies that both stem from it and are influenced by it (for example, appropriate contact, behaviour, anti-bullying and exclusions) applies to all pupils when in school, when travelling to and from school, and when engaged in extra-curricular activities such as educational trips and visits (residential and non-residential) and when being educated as a member of Downsway off-site.