



**Christchurch Junior School**

A member of Twynham Learning

## Behaviour policy

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**Ratified by the Local Advisory Board 22.01.20**

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*This policy has been reviewed in line with the 8 principles set out in the Single Equality Policy and an initial screening Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out.*

## Behaviour policy

### 1. Introduction

At Christchurch Junior School we recognise the value of a positive approach to managing the behaviour of our children.

This policy is intended to give a clear code of conduct for the guidance of adults. It has been compiled following consultations with staff and children and includes those values and principles that we consider important for the school.

We actively promote good behaviour to help our pupils to be strong in character, having 'respect for people' and 'respect for property'.

### 2. Aims and Objectives

The school's statement of aims and vision emphasises the importance of building a caring community in which "everyone feels safe and secure" and also where "we take responsibility for our actions." In stating our aims and objectives, we recognise that there is no simple or complete solution for every child. Behaviour is a complex area but agreed procedures and high expectations should lead to a positive approach.

At Christchurch Junior School we aim;

1. In our classroom practice, to provide high quality, engaging teaching and fair, consistent management to encourage positive behaviour.
2. To make positive behaviour in and around school an expectation and responsibility of all adults and children.
3. To build positive relationships and partnerships with parents by welcoming them into school through our 'open door' policy. Parents are also made aware of their role in shaping those attitudes which produce good behaviour in school.
4. To communicate this policy fully and clearly to all adults and children, and manage it in a fair and consistent way.
5. To give children responsibilities to encourage them to make a positive contribution to the school community.
6. To take positive action to minimise unauthorised absence. Governors should also carefully monitor suspected incidences of truancy.

### 3. Policy into Practice

High standards of behaviour are dependent upon the ethos of the school. At Christchurch Junior School, all staff are to take a positive lead in this and set a good example. These principles are reflected in the CJS Charter (Appendix i). This should be revisited with classes at the beginning of each school year – and reinforced in assemblies.

Emotional literacy is taught through the PSHE curriculum.

Appropriate behaviour is recognised and rewarded through reward and praise, inappropriate behaviour is dealt with in accordance with the schools Behaviour triangle (see Appendix iii).

We expect teachers to deal with incidents of unacceptable or antisocial behaviour. The Education and Inspections Act 2006 (EIA 2006) now provides for a statutory power for teachers and other school staff to discipline pupils replacing and superseding the previous legal authority based on the common law principle of the teacher being in loco parentis (in place of the parent).

#### 4. Our Rewards and Incentives

Positive feedback	-	verbal praise
	-	written comment
	-	stickers/stamps
Public recognition	-	work displayed
	-	sent to Year Leader/Headteacher
	-	good assembly each Friday
Awards	-	tables badge
	-	certificates
	-	trophies
	-	special privilege
Inform parents	-	special letter/phone call home
Greater responsibility	-	peer mediators, sports leaders, Team Council representative
House points	-	individual points
	-	team shield

#### 5. Expectations for positive behaviour; unacceptable Behaviour

Our children are expected to be considerate towards both children and adults, showing patience, care and respect. We have high expectations regarding standards of behaviour and presentation. The CJS Charter (Appendix i) should be displayed in each classroom. Each class should agree their own "class rules" on the basis of the principles set out in the charter.

Just as we acknowledge and reward effort and achievement, unacceptable behaviour will be firmly dealt with. In most cases, it is anticipated, the matter will be resolved in school. Consultation with parents should happen at an early stage to help encourage good communication and to promote a circle of care. Certainly, there is no place in our school for bullying, harassment or other anti-social behaviour likely to result in physical or emotional harm to others or damage to property. The School does not publish a list of rules but the School's Behaviour Triangle defines the behaviours which are considered unacceptable and the likely consequences of these behaviours.

Class teachers, lunchtime supervisors or other adults should always listen to the child whose behaviour is unacceptable and try to understand the purpose behind the behaviour. It is accepted that inappropriate behaviour, whilst often chosen because of a range of emotional or circumstantial difficulties, must still carry a consequence. Dealing with unacceptable behaviour is the responsibility of all members of staff and a consistent approach is the most effective one. In the majority of cases (e.g. low level disruptive behaviour) early and good humoured intervention is often the best approach. The use of rewards and sanctions within the year group should be designed to support staff in maintaining a safe and purposeful learning (and playing) environment.

#### 6. Communication

Communication is an essential part of improving pupil behaviour. Pupil information slips are the main way in which we record concerns and copies of these may be kept at the discretion of teachers. These forms should be sent electronically to the Headteacher. (NB Any information regarding Safeguarding matters and Looked After Children are recorded on the online MyConcern system).

## **7. Consequences and sanctions**

The school Behaviour Triangle (Appendix iii) clearly defines unacceptable behaviour and appropriate consequences. Children were consulted in the original creation of this triangle; it is displayed in classrooms and is discussed at the start of the school year with children so that they are aware of the consequences of unacceptable behaviour. The adult dealing with the problem should establish with the child the seriousness of the offence and work out how the difficulty can be resolved using the Behaviour Triangle as a reference point. Sanctions need to be reasonable and proportionate, and may include lunchtime or even after school detentions or isolation. Obviously it would be impossible to include every type of behaviour and staff will use their professional judgement when dealing with individual children and behaviours.

Persistent, unacceptable behaviour leads to the child being given a behaviour plan (see Appendix ii). This is drawn up by the school in consultation with parents and the child. It includes a description of the behaviour and the context or antecedent (triggers). It sets out the strategies that will be used to improve behaviour. These may include:

- changes to the environment
- focused support
- teaching of new skills
- clear expectations and consequences

Where a pupil's behaviour may cause a risk to the safety of other children or indeed themselves, the teacher responsible should draw up a risk assessment for that child and the management of that risk. This should be done in consultation with the school's senior leaders.

## **8. The power to screen or search and to confiscate items**

The Department for Education issued advice in 2012 to Headteachers and Governors. This advice is clear that school staff can search any pupil for any item if the pupil agrees. The advice also states that Headteachers have a statutory right to search pupils or their possessions, without their consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item (e.g. knives or weapons, stolen items, alcohol, illegal drugs) or any item that the member of staff believes has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or cause injury or damage.

The matter of searching without consent can be sensitive and needs to be considered in the context of Article 8 of the European convention of Human Rights. For this reason we expect that any instance where a member of staff believes that they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that a pupil has a prohibited item would be discussed with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher (or a Year Leader) who would then either carry out the search or authorise the colleague to do so.

The 2012 advice also states that school staff can seize any prohibited item found as a result of a search. They can also seize any item, however found, which they consider harmful or detrimental to school discipline.

## **9. The power to use reasonable force**

2012 advice from the Department for Education states that all members of school staff have a legal power to prevent pupils from hurting themselves or others, from damaging property or from causing disorder. The same advice reminds that it is always unlawful to use force as a punishment. The School holds its own policy on Restraint and we would refer colleagues to the guidance therein.

## **10. Discipline beyond the school gate**

We recognise our responsibility for the conduct of our pupils does not always end at the school gate. Where a pupil of Christchurch Junior School behaves outside of the school in a way that is clearly not consistent with our expectations, and this is witnessed by a member of the school staff or reported to the school, we have a legal right to deal with the matter in a way consistent with our dealing with incidents within the school. Examples where this would be appropriate would be where a pupil is:

- taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity or
- travelling to or from school or
- wearing school uniform or
- in some other way identifiable as a pupil at the school.

and the pupil is behaving in a manner which:

- could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school/educational visit
- poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public
- could adversely affect the reputation of the school.

In these circumstances the Headteacher would consider whether it would be appropriate to notify the police or the local anti-social behaviour officer in dealing with an incident. If the behaviour is criminal or poses a serious threat to a member of the public, the police should always be informed. Likewise if the incident involves a child suffering harm, we would act in line with our Safeguarding policy.

### **11. Headteacher's responsibilities**

Serious incidents should be reported to the Headteacher (or Deputy). The Headteacher (or Deputy) will interview the children and discuss the matter with the class teacher and Year Leader to decide what sanctions will be applied or if parents should be informed. It is our policy to inform parents early in the proceedings where appropriate. They will be invited to discuss the incident with staff and to find an agreed approach to improvement. The Chair of Governors may be informed for the record as well.

### **12. Exclusion**

The decision to exclude a pupil would only be taken in response to a serious breach, or persistent breaches, of the School's Behaviour Policy or where behaviour threatens the health, safety, education and welfare of other children or staff. The exclusion will either be for a set period, or permanently, with parents' right of appeal to the Local Advisory Board.

Under the terms of the EIA, 2006 the Headteacher must:

- inform parents of the reasons for the exclusion; the period of time of the exclusion; their responsibility to ensure that their child is not present in a public place in school hours during the first five days of any fixed period exclusion; their right to make representations about the exclusion to the Local Advisory Board and how such representations should be made.
- Notify the Local Advisory Board and the local authority of a permanent exclusion, an exclusion for more than five days; an exclusion which would result in a pupil missing a national curriculum test. For all other exclusions the Headteacher must notify the LA and Local Advisory Board once a term.
- provide full-time education (off-site or in a shared provision) from the sixth day of any period of fixed period exclusion of six days or longer;
- inform their own and, if different, the pupil's home LA immediately of each permanent exclusion.

Appendix i

# CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL CHARTER

We have a right to be individual but should take responsibility for our actions. This means we should:-

- Help each other
- Respect everything and everyone
- Keep healthy and safe
- Always do our best
- Look smart and leave a good impression



This charter was drawn up by all the pupils and staff at Christchurch Junior School in July 2009

## Appendix ii

Christchurch Junior School		Individual Behaviour Plan				Date:		
Name: Date of Birth: Class:		SEN Stage: Date of Review:		Other comments;				
<b>Recent Test Results:</b>	Chronological Age:	Reading SATs:	Reading Age:	Comprehension Age:	Spelling Age:	Writing Assessment:	Mathematics SATs:	NRIT:
<b>Targets to improve behaviour</b>	<b>Context</b> Describe antecedents	<b>Risk Assessment</b> Who/what is the risk?	<b>Strategies, resources and consequences</b> New skills/environment, focussed support/reactive strategies			<b>Evaluation / review</b> Has the behaviour improved?		
We will endeavour to keep..... in school, however, our behaviour policy is clear; that behaviour that persistently or severely compromises the health, safety, welfare and education of other children can result in exclusion. (please refer to the parent guide received)							Signed:	
Parent/Carer contribution							Date:	
Student contribution							Signed:	
Other Agencies							Date:	

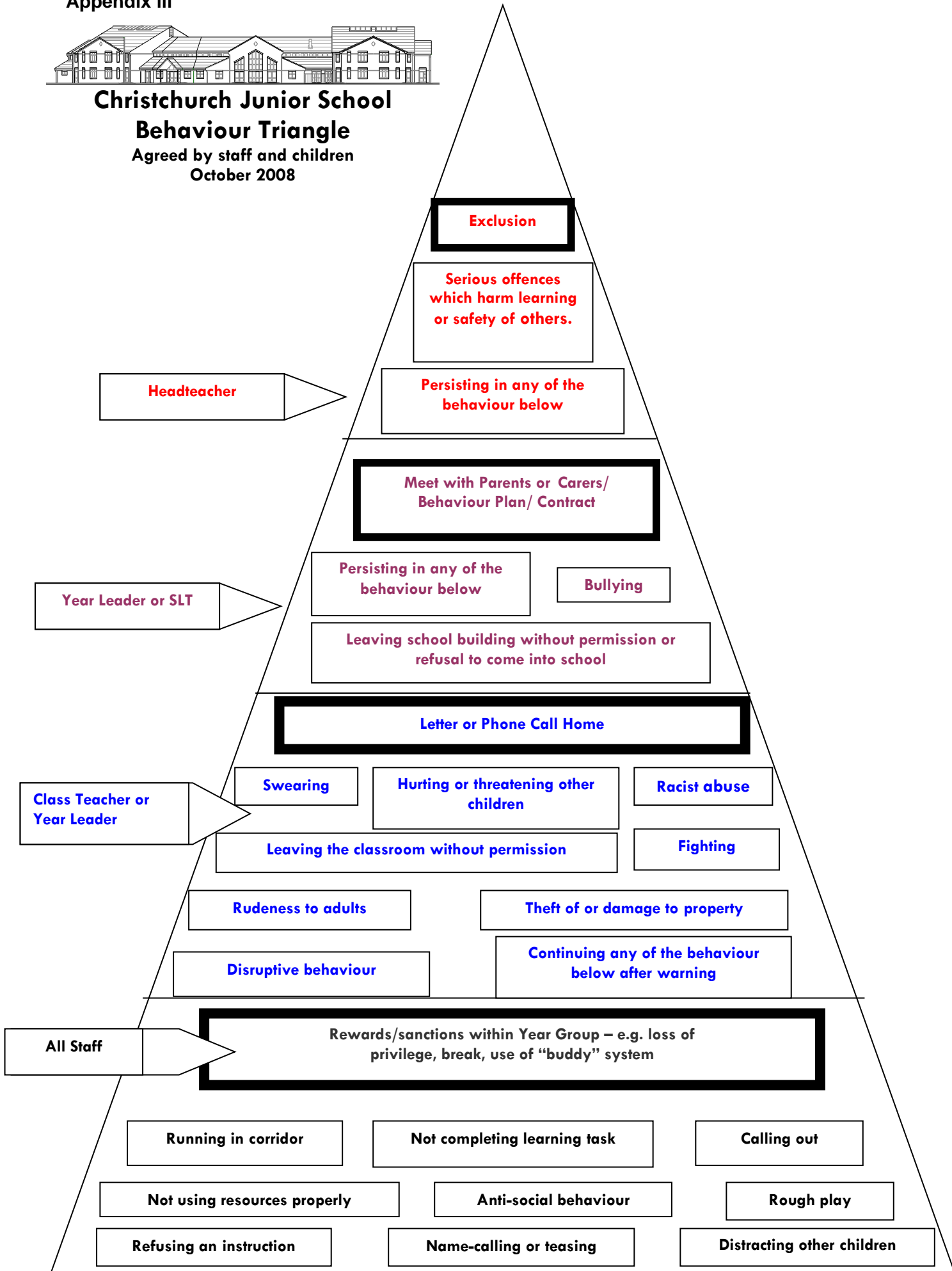
Appendix iii



### Christchurch Junior School

### Behaviour Triangle

Agreed by staff and children  
October 2008





## Equality Impact Assessment – Initial Screening Record

1. What policy is being reviewed?

Behaviour policy

2. Upon whom will this impact?

The Christchurch Junior School Community

3. How would the work impact upon groups; are they included and considered?

<b>The Equality Strands</b>	Negative impact	Positive impact	No impact
Minority ethnic groups			√
Gender			√
Disability			√
Religion, faith or belief			√
Sexual orientation			√
Transgender			√
Age (N/A to pre-school and school children)			√
Rurality			√

4. Does data inform this work, research and/or consultation, and has it been broken down by the equality strands?

	NO	YES	Uncertain
Minority ethnic groups	√		
Gender	√		
Disability	√		
Religion, Faith or belief	√		
Sexual Orientation	√		
Transgender	√		
Age	√		
Rurality	√		

Does the initial screening highlight potential issues that may be illegal? NO

Further comments:-

Do you consider that a full Equality Impact Assessment is required? NO

Initial screening carried out by Finance and Staffing Committee on 20.11.18, reviewed by Local Governing Body 05.12.18

Comment by Headteacher: