



## **Behaviour principles written statement**

Downlands Community School is committed to ensuring high behavioural standards for all pupils, and this statement sets out the broad values and principles with regard to behaviours that are expected and promoted. This statement has been approved by the headteacher and the governing board, believing it accurately reflects the school's ethos and that effective learning and development relies on good standards of behaviour.

Actual, practical applications of these principles are the responsibility of the headteacher, who will view each case in light of these principles and any relevant policies.

### **Principles**

The school's primary concern is the safety, wellbeing and education of all pupils; actions taken in cases of bad behaviour are with the intention of upholding their wellbeing and academic progress, as well as fulfilling our safeguarding responsibilities.

The school will create a calm and orderly environment to enable pupils to learn effectively.

The school prioritises inclusion and will ensure that all members of the school community are able to enjoy the activities of the school free from any discrimination. The school will create and maintain an atmosphere and ethos of acceptance, equality, diversity, respect, understanding and kindness throughout the school community in everyday practice. The school aims to foster a collective ethos amongst all members of the school community, and promote values of caring, empathy, teamwork and coordination.

The school endeavours to ensure that all pupils, staff and visitors feel safe in the school environment at all times through a high quality of care, support and guidance.

All pupils have a right to fulfil their greatest academic and personal potential and feel they are valued members of the school community, and should be free from bullying, discrimination and distracting peer behaviour.

The school ensures that rules that reflect and are consistent with the messages taught across the curriculum are consistently applied across the school and, where consequences are used,

they are in line with the school's Relationships Policy. Good behaviour at school is acknowledged and rewarded at the discretion of all staff, who will judge appropriately.

The school offers comprehensive support to pupils displaying dysregulated and/or anti-social behaviour, before and/or alongside educational or protective consequences, taking into account pupils' home circumstances and any SEND.

Any kind of violence, threatening behaviour or abuse between pupils, or by members of the school community towards the school's staff, will not be tolerated. If a parent does not conduct themselves properly, the school reserves the right to ban them from the school premises and, if the parent continues to cause disturbance, they may be liable to prosecution.

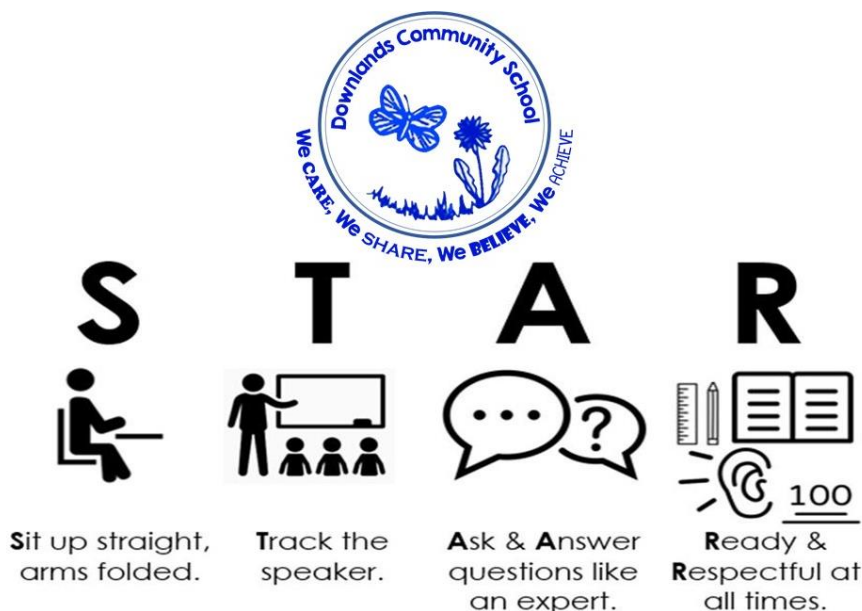
Guidance on the use of physical intervention will be agreed upon by the headteacher and governing board, and is clearly set out within the school's Relationship Policy.

The school upholds clear and effective policies with clearly defined consequences for poor behaviour choices, that are applied consistently and fairly by all staff.

## General expectations

The school has high expectation for pupils' behaviour. It asks all classes to define a class charter underpinned by the school values: **We Care. We Share. We Believe. We Achieve.** These class charters define behaviour expectations for each class.

The school also uses the STAR acronym to make clear the learning behaviours which will promote the most progress in lessons:



These expectations are commonly understood and applied consistently and fairly. The school also sets clear routines and expectations for the behaviour of pupils across all aspects of school life, not just in the classroom.

The school makes behavioural expectations and the related policies clear and accessible to members of the school community, and ensures the community agrees they are fair and

reasonable. These will be made readily available to read and general expectations will be displayed in classrooms and around the school. The school's emphasis is on encouraging and praising good behaviour and supporting individuals who are struggling to meet the expected behavioural standards. Each pupil receives the necessary behavioural support according to their specific needs, using Pastoral Support Plans where behaviour is routinely dysregulated or antisocial in nature.

The school creates a positive and respectful culture in which staff know and care about pupils, underpinned by strong relational practice.

The school does not tolerate offensive or insulting language in any circumstances and expects polite and considerate behaviour to be maintained by all. Bullying, discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and sexual violence are not tolerated, online or offline. Pupils are encouraged to report any case of bullying they experience or observe to school staff, and wherever such behaviour occurs it will be dealt with quickly, consistently and effectively as outlined in the school's Anti Bullying Policy.

The school supports pupils to play a highly positive role in creating an environment in which commonalities are identified and celebrated, difference is valued and nurtured, and bullying, harassment and violence are never tolerated. Indeed, it identifies pupils to promote this cause as part of the Bold Voices pupil leadership group. All pupils are taught to actively support the wellbeing of other pupils through our PSHE programmes and I Can Problem Solve (KS1).

Pupils are held to high standards of attendance. The school will take swift and appropriate action to ensure that problems of lateness and absence are handled effectively.

Staff lead by example and model their behaviours in line with the school's code of conduct. This statement, and the policies that are influenced by it, applies to all pupils and staff inside and outside of school.