

Great Tew School Governing Body's Written Statement of Behaviour Principles

The purpose of this statement is to give guidance to the Headteacher in drawing up the Behaviour Policy by stating the principles that the governors expect to be followed.

The aim of the Behaviour Policy should be to ensure that all members of the school community (pupils, staff, parents, volunteers and visitors) feel happy, safe, valued and respected and that, as children mature, they become increasingly considerate of others, responsible and self reliant.

The Behaviour Policy should establish clear school rules and outline any sanctions that might be applied so that everyone knows the standard of behaviour that is expected and the consequences of misbehaviour.

The Behaviour Policy should help create a positive learning atmosphere which fosters good relationships and eliminates discrimination, harassment and bullying. The Behaviour Policy should include an anti-bullying section outlining what the school does to eliminate bullying and the actions to be taken in the event that bullying occurs.

The Behaviour Policy should cover the use of reasonable force or other physical contact. Governors recognise there may be instances when staff may need to use reasonable force to keep individuals from harming themselves or others.

The Governing Body supports the right of the headteacher to exclude children where she considers that allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of other members of the school community.

Governors expect the Behaviour Policy to be applied fairly and consistently, allowing for individual circumstances and taking into account the needs of individual children, for example those who are vulnerable, disabled or have special educational needs.