

Behaviour Policy



February 2025

Policy to be reviewed annually

Recommended by the Full Governing Body

Signature of Chair of Governors _____

Dated: _____

Our job is to teach the **CHILDREN** we have,
NOT those we would like to have,
NOT those we used to have,
But those we have right now,
ALL of them
(Sourced - Dr. Kevin Maxwell)

Aims of the Policy

“Wheelers Lane is a community that nurtures and supports every child; that values everyone’s unique worth and contribution; that empowers every member to achieve their fullest potential; that opens up a world of opportunities.

It is a place of safety where firm boundaries guide and support; where high expectations lead to lifelong learning; where care and respect build self-esteem and self-belief.

It is a gateway to limitless possibilities; to soaring aspirations; to brighter futures”.

OUR CORE VALUES

- RESPECT
- CARING
- FAIRNESS
- TOLERANCE
- RESPONSIBILITY
- HONESTY

INTENT

At Wheelers Lane School we believe that every member of our school community should have an equal opportunity to achieve his or her full potential regardless of race, colour, gender, disability, special educational needs or socio economic background.

We believe that it is the right of all our children to be educated in an environment free from disruption by others. The children will be educated in a safe, calm and nurturing environment. Children will develop behaviours that they need to succeed in life such as concentration, perseverance, imagination, curiosity and resilience. They will learn social skills to ensure they work and play safely alongside each other and show tolerance and respect for all people in our community.

This policy sets out the framework for the behaviour, responsibilities, values and attitudes expected of our community members within a Restorative Approaches philosophy. Restorative Approaches aims to build the Wheelers Lane community and to repair and strengthen relationships within this community. The school embraces Restorative Approaches (RP) as a means of empowering teachers to be successful and effective practitioners within their classroom, raising standards and achievement across the school and developing aspirational, motivated and responsible children. Adaptations are made to the policy to meet the needs of children with SEND. We work closely with parents and outside agencies to arrange a personalised plan of support which includes rewards and sanctions.

Outcomes of Policy

- To create a consistently orderly environment, both inside and outside of the classroom, which will enable everyone to work and learn.
- To reward children for academic achievement, completing and returning homework, being equipped for school and behaving well in lessons.
- To ensure that Every Child Matters agenda is firmly embedded into all aspects of school life.
- To embed the use of Restorative Approaches in all aspects of school life.

Restorative Approaches Philosophy Statement

Effective Restorative Approaches foster awareness of how others have been affected by inappropriate behaviour. This is done by actively engaging participants in a process which separates the deed from the doer and rejects the act not the actor, allowing participants to make amends for the harm caused. Restorative Approaches acknowledges the intrinsic worth of the person and their potential contribution to the school community.

Restorative Approaches framework will:

- Improve behaviour and attitudes;
- Provide explicit tools within a defined framework to challenge unacceptable behaviour, resolve conflict and repair harm;
- Improve relationships; establish rights, accountabilities and responsibilities to the community.
- Provide a safe, philosophical basis for staff, children and parents to share ideas and discuss issues.

There are four key elements of Restorative Approaches. These are:

- Social Discipline Window.
- Fair Process.
- Restorative Questions.
- Free Expression of Emotions.

At Wheelers Lane School we believe it is best to do things WITH PEOPLE. Wherever possible you should use fair process and our responses to challenging behaviour should involve building relationships and repairing harm. It is our aim that our community follows this Restorative Approaches framework.

Role and Responsibilities of the school community:

Staff and Governors	Children	Parents
To lead by example	To respect, support and care for each other both in school and the wider community	To be aware of and support the school's values and expectations
To be consistent in dealing with children in line with the school's policy	To listen to others and respect their opinions	To ensure that children come to school regularly, on time and dressed in school uniform
To encourage the aims and values of the school and local community among the children	To attend school regularly, on time and ready to learn and take part in school activities	To call school when a child will be absent and to provide the school with a written explanation of reasons for any absence.
To have high expectations of the children	To take responsibility for their own actions and behaviour	To take an active and supportive interest in your child's work and progress, attend parents evenings and other school events
To meet the educational, social and behavioural needs of the children through an appropriate curriculum and individual support	To follow instructions from any adult within the school community	To communicate with the school regarding any concerns you may have about your child

To know the procedures to follow when considering how best to meet a child's behavioural needs, both immediate and long term.	To be tolerant of others, irrespective of race, gender, religion and age	To provide school with an up to date emergency contact number
To encourage regular communication between home and school		

All Staff

- All staff who witness incidents must deal with them promptly, firmly and consistently. Depending on the degree of the act the member of staff should either deal with the incident or refer to the Behaviour Coordinator or Phase Leader.
- All staff must lead by the example and reward good behaviour they may see.
- Contribute to the monitoring of behaviour in school by keeping records and liaising with other members of staff where necessary.
- Report any incidents, or parental concerns relating to a bullying, racist, gender or disability issue to the Behaviour Co-ordinator and record on CPOM's.

Classroom staff

- Teach behaviour through subjects such as RE, PSHE and using strategies such as Circle Time.
- Teach children that they are responsible for their own behaviour.
- Monitor the behaviour of their class and ensure that appropriate strategies are in place.
- Take action to deal with inappropriate behaviour and praise good behaviour whenever it is spotted.
- Inform the Be Co, or, if unavailable, a member of SLT of matters which require immediate action.
- Inform parents when a child has had name on the behaviour record, 5 or more times in a week or when there is a concern about the child's behaviour and discuss ways in which we can work together to support the child and address any issues
- Record names on the class behaviour record and pass this onto the BeCo for monitoring.

The Head teacher

- Liaison with the SLT to monitor the progress of children with behavioural, social, learning needs and vulnerable groups in school.
- Being the final sanction in the line of referral. The exclusion of a child may only be actioned by the HT, or in her absence the DHT.
- Being part of the decision making process with the Behaviour Co-ordinator to involve outside agencies.

The Behaviour Coordinator

- Ensure that a high standard of conduct and behaviour is maintained throughout the school.
- Monitor behaviour throughout the school.
- Monitor the Lunchtimes books at both Key Stages
- Meet with parents to discuss behavioural problems.
- Liaise with outside agencies.
- Liaise with teaching staff and Learning Mentor to monitor the progress of children through any programme designed to meet their needs.
- Devise and implement strategies and plans for children with extreme behaviour.
- Record and report bullying, racist and any other discriminator behaviour/incidents to the Curriculum Committee of the Governing Body half termly, complete the LA return form.
- Acknowledge and acting upon parental complaints relating to bullying, racist, homophobic and any other behaviour incidents.

- Keep record of exclusions and work closely with the child and family after an exclusion to monitor reintegration.
- To ensure that all staff will receive appropriate induction and ongoing training / career professional development in regard to both school expectations and recognised best practice.

Code of Conduct and Class Rules

Children work with staff to prepare Class Rules and review the School Code of Conduct which determines conduct in and around school. This takes place at the beginning of each academic year. Each class has the opportunity to suggest amendments to the Code of Conduct which is then updated and distributed across the school, this will be led by School Council.

Class Rules are prepared and displayed in each classroom these should be phrased positively, sharing expected behaviours.

Wheelers Lane School Code of Conduct

Children have a right to learn and teachers have a right to teach in a classroom free from disruptive behaviour.

School Core Values

- Respect
- Caring
- Fairness

These core values underpin the school's ethos and should be followed by all who are part of the Wheelers Lane community.

It is important that staff deal with situations to establish and develop their own relationships.

Aim to separate the deed from the doer and the act from the actor as integral to Restorative Practice philosophy.

The following information is communicated to parents via the home/school contract. Children' learning is enhanced by a positive relationship between home and school.

Parents can contribute in the following ways:

- Being interested in their child's learning.
- Understanding and supporting school procedures and rules.
- Being willing to support activities related to school.
- Being aware of their child's role within the community.
- Supporting the school's use of Restorative Practice.

By ensuring their child is ready for the school day by:

- Being punctual.
- Being alert and ready to learn.
- Wearing correct school uniform.
- Having correct equipment and appropriate school bag.
- Communicating with staff.

Restorative Questions to respond to challenging behaviour

1. What happened?
2. What were you thinking about at the time?
3. Who has been affected by what you did?
4. What do you think you need to do to make things right?

To help those harmed by others actions:

1. What did you think when you realised what had happened?
2. What have your thoughts been since?

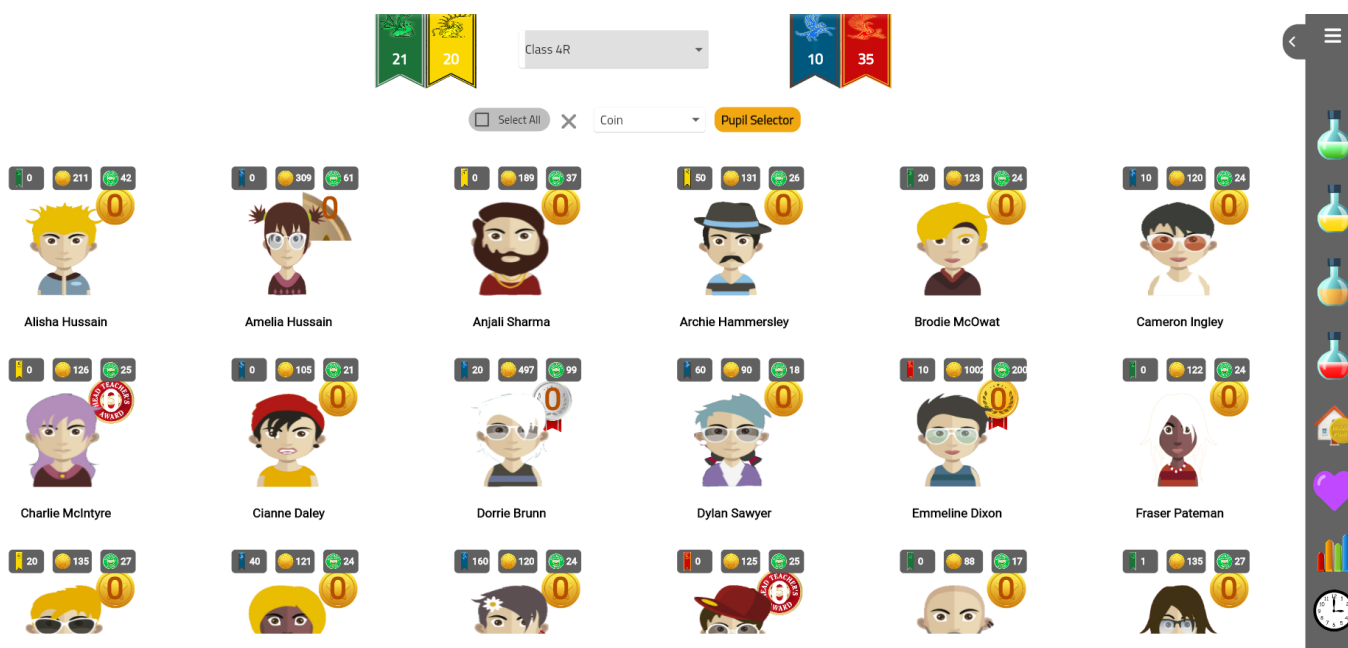
3. How has this affected you and others?
4. What has been the hardest thing for you?
5. What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

Rewards and Sanctions

Each day is a fresh start. Sanctions or rewards should not be carried over to the next day.

REWARDS

In each classroom from Nursery to Year 6 there is a SMARTboard with access to the behaviour software for each class: track-my-behaviour.web.app The software has all of the children's names on where points are recorded throughout the day.



- Awards
 - 5 Daily Points (Appears as gold coins on the SMARTboard) = Teacher's Award (Green sticker)
 - 5 Teacher's Awards = Headteacher Award (Red sticker)
 - 25 Teacher's Awards = Bronze certificate
 - 50 Teacher's Awards = Silver certificate
 - 75 Teacher's Awards = Gold certificate
 - 100 Teacher's Awards = Outstanding

Each time a child achieves one of the awards listed above, they will be given the option to personalise their avatar.

In addition staff can use:

- Verbal praise
- Stickers
- Celebration assemblies

- Class Points (Class will earn points over a term and this will result in a whole class reward – replacing Golden Time). The class at the start of each term will agree rewards for different amounts of points and what points can be given for, lining up, walking in and out of assembly, walking out at break time/lunchtime, etc. Any adult can give a class points. The points can be recorded as the class agrees, stickers, jigsaw, marbles in a jar etc.
- Wheelers Lane Wonders
- House point rewards

A house point token can be given individually, by any adults in school who wish to reward a child. Tokens are added to the four class 'pots'. When the 'pot' is full this is added to the whole school 'pot'. Each child will be part of a whole school House point team, there will be four teams in the school. The whole school pot will be counted up and the winning team across the school will have a reward (See appendix).

SANCTIONS

Sanctions are given when a child breaks the school rules.

In the first instance, the child is reminded about the school rule they have broken and school expectations.

If the behaviour continues, an orange warning is given and the child has some time out in their own

classroom. 

If the behaviour is repeated a warning is given to the child and the teacher records the rule breaking on

the software which is a yellow warning. 

If there is no improvement, a red warning is given and the child will be escorted to another classroom by

another child or adult for a period of 10-15 minutes for their time out.  This will need to be recorded on cpoms.

During time out children should be encouraged to:

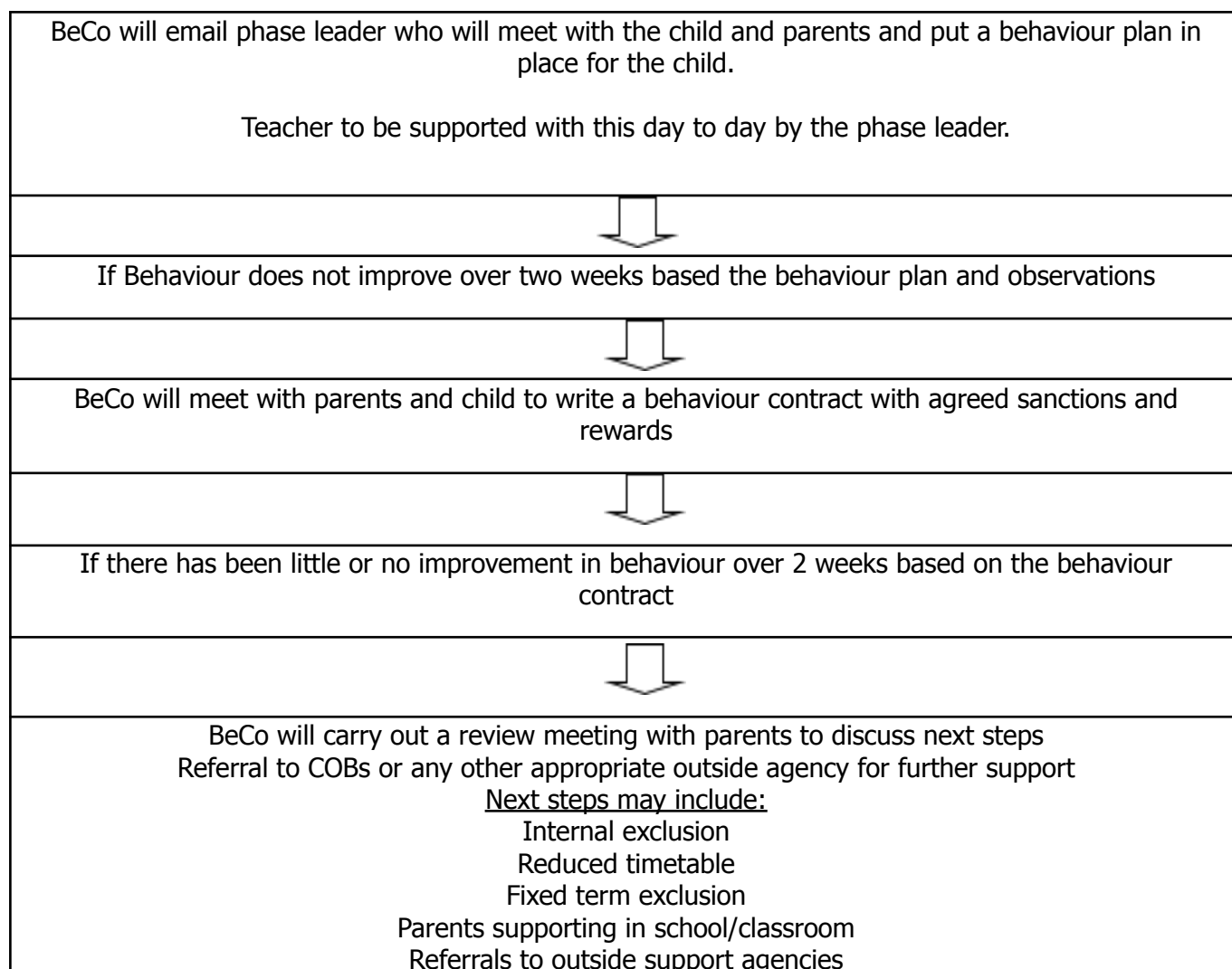
1. Reflect upon their behaviour
2. Consider the class rule or code of conduct which has not been followed
3. Think about what they would do differently next time

Actions from a child's name recorded on the behaviour software for above behaviours

If a child has a yellow warning more than 5 times within a week

BeCo will email the Phase Leader who will speak to the teacher and child.

If the child's name continues to be recorded on the behaviour software over the next 2 weeks at any level

- For extreme behaviours e.g. physical aggression towards another child or adult, escalating verbal abuse and leaving school premises. Staff should move directly to final steps of the behaviour record.

EXCLUSION

There are three types of exclusion:

- o Fixed term – internal
- o Fixed term - external- now referred to as suspension
- Permanent

INTERNAL EXCLUSION

Children may be withdrawn from lessons for longer periods, to work under supervision in the 'internal exclusion' area

- ☛ Work will be provided and the child will work independently and silently in their allocated area
- ☛ Children will not be allowed free time at break time or lunch time
- ☛ Parents/carers will always be informed of an internal exclusion and a letter will be sent home
- ☛ Parents/carers will be invited into school at the end of the internal exclusion period for a reintegration meeting with the Assistant Headteacher in charge of behaviour (where necessary) and phase leader. This must take place before the child is allowed back into the classroom
- ☛ During the reintegration meeting any actions will be agreed and a document detailing these actions will be signed by all relevant parties. If an agreement cannot be made, then the child may not be reintegrated

☛ Regular monitoring will be carried and reported to SLT so as to target specific support for children and staff

FIXED TERM EXTERNAL EXCLUSION-this is now referred to as suspension November 2022

In most cases a fixed term exclusion will be the last resort after a range of measures have been tried to improve the child's behaviour. We follow DfE guidelines on exclusions and the final decision to externally exclude can be made only by the Headteacher or through delegation to the Deputy Headteacher. When deciding to exclude a child, the Headteacher will ensure that there has been a thorough investigation. The standard of proof currently applied in school exclusions is the balance of probabilities. A child can only be fixed term excluded up to 45 days in any one school year.

☛ The length of a fixed term suspension will be decided by the Headteacher with reference to the severity of the incident and whether or not it is a first offence

☛ When a child is sent home as a consequence of their actions we record this formally, as fixed term suspension.

☛ The incidents or offences that could lead to a fixed term suspension are detailed on cpoms.

☛ If a child is excluded from school the parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that the child is not in a public place during school hours. Parents/carers may be given a fixed penalty notice or prosecuted if they fail to do so

☛ When a child is excluded from school, we will:

- o Notify the parents/carers of the decision to exclude their child and the reasons for this
- o Send a letter to parents/carers detailing the reasons for the exclusion along with details of the reintegration meeting
- o For suspensions longer than 1 day, child's will be provided work to complete at home
- o Arrange a reintegration meeting for the parents/carers and children to attend at the end of the exclusion period
- o At the reintegration meeting strategies will be discussed to support the behaviour modification of the child

☛ The school will notify the Governing Body of fixed term exclusion leading to more than five days in any one term and exclusions resulting in a public examination or national curriculum test being missed

☛ Should a parent/carer disagree with the justification for the suspension, they can contact the Governing Body

PERMANENT EXCLUSION

In most cases, permanent exclusion will be a last resort once all other avenues have been exhausted

☛ The decision to permanently exclude a child should be lawful, reasonable and fair

☛ The following incidents or offences will normally lead to a permanent exclusion. This list is intended to indicate the degree of severity of offences but it not intended to be exhaustive;

- o Actual or threatened violence against a member of staff
- o Theft from the school, a child or member of staff
- o Serious actual violence/assault against another child
- o Sexual assault or abuse
- o Possession, carrying or intent to supply an illegal drug
- o Carrying an offensive weapon with the intent to cause harm

☛ If a child is permanently excluded the school will;

- o Notify parents/carers of the decision to permanently exclude their child
- o Notify parents/carers that it is their responsibility to ensure their child if not present in public areas during school hours during the first five days of the exclusion
- o Advise parents/carers that in the first week of the permanent exclusion that the Local Authority will arrange to assess the child's needs and how to meet them; arrange a meeting with them to discuss options;
- o Arrange a Governors Disciplinary Committee (GDC) meeting in line with the recommended DfE guidance

Lunchtimes

- During lunchtime it is the responsibility of supervisors to monitor behaviour outside. Supervisors should diffuse potential issues arising and deal with any incidents witnessed. They should support each other when dealing with difficult behaviour. Supervisors have responsibility for all children during lunchtime. Members of SLT will be on duty at lunchtime to monitor the consistency of behaviour management.
- Lunchtime Supervisors will have regular training on Behaviour Management and should reflect the Behaviour Policy in their dealings with children.
- Lunchtime Supervisors should be made aware of any children with behavioural difficulties. The class teacher should advise the Lunchtime Supervisor for their class on the best way to deal with those children.
- Any incidents of inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with by the Lunchtime Supervisors, referring them, as necessary, to the senior Lunchtime Supervisor and the class teacher.
- The Supervisors will record serious incidents in the Lunchtime Book and on CPOM's.

Date	Name	Type of incident	Details
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3x name in behaviour book = referral to B. Co.

6x name = letter to parents from BeCo

9x name = meet with parents – may result in exclusion from lunchtime session internally or externally. (HT is the only person who may authorise this)

Each term is a new start.

Rewards and sanctions at Lunchtimes

- Key Stage 1 – any child who behaves inappropriately walks around with the supervisor for 5 mins, if the behaviour is repeated for 10mins and so on. This will be reported to the classteacher by the lunchtime supervisor and recorded in the Lunchtime Behaviour Book.
- Key Stage 2 – any child who does not behave appropriately walks around with the supervisor for 5 minutes. If the behaviour is repeated the child's name should be recorded in the behaviour book for refusal.
- Supervisors can pass on any concerns or praise to the classteacher.
- For a positive lunchtime the class teacher may reward the class with class points and individuals can be awarded House points.

Team Teach

In extreme circumstances it may be necessary for a member of staff to use reasonable force to control or restrain a child. This can range from guiding a child to safety by the arm through to more extreme circumstances such as breaking up a fight or where a child needs to be restrained to prevent violence or injury.

All school staff have a legal power to use reasonable force for example:

- to remove disruptive children from the classroom where they have refused to follow an instruction to do so
- prevent a child leaving the classroom where allowing the child to leave would risk their safety or lead to behaviour that disrupt the behaviour of others

- preventing a child from attacking a member of staff or another child or to stop a child who is attacking a member of staff or another child
- restrain a child at risk of harming themselves
- to stop a child who is damaging property and endangering others and self

BULLYING

We believe bullying is:

- repeated targeted actions/verbal abuse
- intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally
- often aimed at certain groups (e.g. race, religion, gender or disability)

It takes many forms and can include:

- physical assault
- verbal abuse – teasing, making threats, name calling
- cyberbullying - bullying via mobile phone or online (eg email, social networks and instant messenger)
- non-verbal communication (e.g. a silent intimidating look)

Bullying must be dealt with rigorously with counselling given to both the victim and the perpetrator (attention given to "How do you think the other person felt?"). The incident should be recorded and closely monitored. Parents should be informed if the bullying persists (both victim and perpetrator) and an Inclusion Manager consulted. (Please refer to the 'Anti – bullying and Discriminatory Policy')

Dealing with a report of Bullying

1. All incident of bullying must be recorded onto CPOM's
2. A member of staff will investigate the allegation and talk to all children involved.
3. Staff will then speak to parents and share the result of investigation within a reasonable timeframe.
4. If staff feel the allegation is unfounded then this will be logged on CPOM's (coding changed) and parents will be informed – the behaviour incident should be dealt with appropriately.
5. If the incident is proven to be bullying, then staff will pass the investigation onto BeCo
6. The BeCo will organise a Formal Restorative Justice Conference this will take place within two weeks once all people involved have been supported to prepare for the conference.
7. Outcomes of the conference will lead to a contract being formed with all parties involved.
8. This contract will be monitored by BeCo.

Outside Agencies

Wheeler Lane Primary School works closely with the City of Birmingham School (COBS). Through them we are able to access support and advice for staff, children and parents. A COBS teacher visits school regularly to discuss any children whose behaviour may be of concern and advise on strategies to manage them.

Support for Supply teachers

- ❖ Sign in to the SMARTboard using wlpsupply (username). They will need a password from the office when they sign in.
- ❖ The behaviour software is bookmarked on the board which will take them straight to the behaviour system.

Banned items

Children, staff and parents understand that the following items are banned from school premises and actions will be taken related to the risk/danger caused by the banned item.

knives

cigarettes

matches

offensive signs/symbols

vaping equipment

drugs

Monitoring and Review

Behaviour Management will be under constant review throughout the school on a class and individual basis.

This document is freely available to the entire school community.

It will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Review date: _____

Signed: _____

Chair of Governors:_____

Date:_____