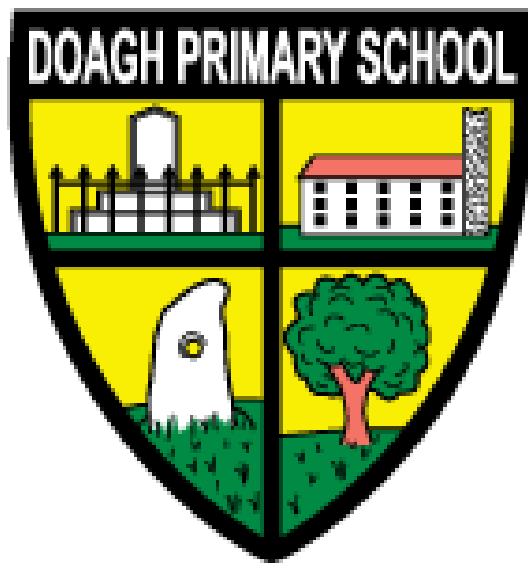


Doagh Primary School



Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy

Parental Summary

May 2024

INTRODUCTION TO POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Doagh Primary School's policy on promoting positive behaviour is based on the principles of mutual respect, self-control and proper regard for others. The aim is to create a safe, happy and secure environment in which children learn consideration and respect for others. In all of this, strong emphasis is placed on the co-operation and support of parents as the attitude of parents is regarded as playing a significant part on the pupil's response to authority in school.

The Principal and Staff at Doagh Primary School believe firmly that effective learning cannot take place without a requisite standard of good behaviour. In the context of this school, good behaviour is defined as conduct which assists the school to fulfil its function, namely the full development of the potential of all its pupils. Conversely, inappropriate/poor behaviour would be defined as conduct which prevents this: either when an individual prevents his/her own development by behaving badly or when unacceptable conducts disrupts the development process for other members of the community.

We do not see the promotion of positive behaviour within our school as a series of rules and regulations. Rather we view it in a pro-active way, where praise and reward are fundamental. It is our desire to cultivate in pupils an acceptance and recognition for their own decisions, their actions and consequences. We hope to train and guide children to behave in a socially acceptable way whilst in the care of teachers and others in the education process.

Pupils have a right to:

- Work and play in a calm and safe environment.
- Receive a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Be listened to in a sensitive manner.
- Be made aware of the school's standard of expectations with regard to work and behaviour.
- A fair, consistent, clear and calm approach to unacceptable behaviour.



Pupils have a responsibility to:

- Follow the school's code of conduct including rules relating to attendance, punctuality and uniform.
- Show respect for staff, visitors and other pupils in school.
- Show respect for their own and other's property.
- Behave in an acceptable manner in class and in the playground.
- Listen attentively in class and work to the best of their ability.
- Follow the directions of staff, both teaching and non-teaching.
- Represent the school in a positive way.





Role of Parents/Guardians

We believe in the principle of **partnership** and therefore encourage parents and guardians to establish and maintain a relationship with the class teacher and Principal.

Active co-operation with staff is absolutely essential if an acceptable standard of behaviour is to be achieved.

The co-operation of parents is sought in relation to maintaining high standards of pupil attendance, punctuality, pupil appearance, wearing the school uniform, caring for learning materials (particularly those belonging to the school) and supervision of homework.

Parents have a **right to expect:**

- A safe and happy learning environment for their child.
- Up to date information on the school's Promoting Positive Behaviour policy and procedures.
- To be kept informed should their child not meet the standards set regarding acceptable behaviour.
- An opportunity to discuss matters with the class teacher or Principal including sanctions imposed in accordance with policy procedures.
- A consistent and fair approach to unacceptable behaviour in line with the seriousness of the misdemeanour.
- A school community which is sensitive to the needs of the child.
- An acceptable level of courtesy and respect to be shown to their children by staff.

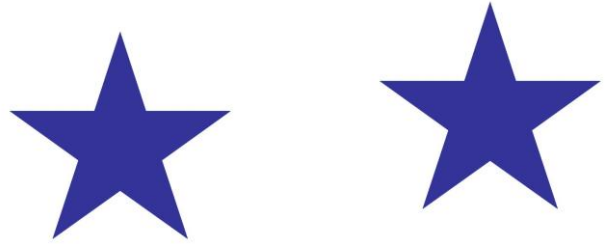
Parents have a **responsibility to:**

- Promote an understanding of what is acceptable and unacceptable in terms of behaviour. A contract of school rules will be sent home at the start of every year. Parents will be expected to discuss these with their child, sign and return a consent form to agree to these rules.
- Advise school at the earliest opportunity of any problems concerning their child.
- Support the school in implementing this policy and in maintaining a high standard of behaviour.
- Ensure that children comply with school rules regarding uniform, attendance and punctuality.
- Encourage children to show respect to all staff, school visitors and peers.
- Encourage children to value their own property, school property and that of others.
- Encourage children to complete school work and homework to an acceptable level.
- Work in conjunction with the teachers and Principal should any issues arise.

We expect parents to behave in a reasonable and civilised manner to all school staff. Any incidents of verbal or physical aggression to staff by parents will be reported to the Principal who will take appropriate action.

In Doagh Primary School we have established a number of School Rules. These are to:

- ✓ Be ready
- ✓ Be respectful
- ✓ Be safe



THE PLAYGROUND

In the playground, children should abide by the following rules:

- In dry weather, children should be outside at break and lunch-time.
- Pupils should not use unacceptable language and gestures.
- Pupils should not climb trees, walls, railings, fences or hedges in school grounds.
- Children must not throw stones.
- Children must play safely, respecting others in the playground.
- Teachers and supervisors should be obeyed at all times.
- Equipment is to be used in a safe and acceptable manner.



ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE BY CAR OR ON FOOT

The safety of your child is our ultimate concern. Parents are therefore asked to comply with the following regulations:-

- Do not obstruct the entrance to the school.
- Pupils should not leave school during the day without the permission of the Principal or teacher. All children must be 'signed out' before departure.
- School staff reserve the right to verify the identity of any individual collecting a child from school and will retain a pupil until verification is obtained.
- **Parents should inform the school immediately if there are any access restriction orders placed on individuals who may attempt to make contact with a child during school hours.**

REWARDS AND SANCTIONS

As stated, it is intended that promoting positive behaviour within our school should be a positive process. Therefore, children will be encouraged and rewarded for progress and achievement through a range of systems such as Pupil of the Week, Monthly Good Values award, stickers and House Points. The severity of any incident of unacceptable behaviour will determine which sanction is imposed. Most incidences of misbehaviour are dealt with by an oral reminder of our School Rules. However, cases of serious misbehaviour are dealt with by Mrs Brown and parents informed. Please see the full school policy for more specific details.