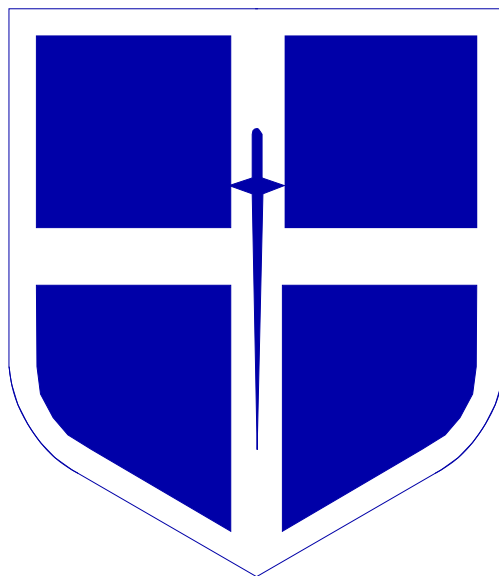


St Paul's Church of England Combined School

**GOVERNORS' STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES WITH REGARD TO  
BEHAVIOUR**



This policy was adopted: October 2023

Reviewed by: E Arnold and L Willis

The policy is to be reviewed: October 2025

## Rationale and purpose:

1. This statement has been drawn up in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act, 2006, and DfE guidance (Behaviour and Discipline in Schools, 2012).
2. Staff should be confident that they have the governors' support when following this guidance.
3. This is a statement of principles which have been taken into account in the school's Behaviour Policy. The Behaviour Policy must be publicised, in writing, to staff, parents/carers and children and is available on the school website.
4. This statement has been designed to work alongside the School Values of: Courage, Respect, Hope, Enjoyment and Community; whilst also reflecting the intrinsic Christian ethos held within St Paul's Church of England Combined School.

## Principles:

1. *High standards of behaviour:* The governors of St Paul's Church of England Combined School strongly believe that high standards of behaviour lie at the heart of a successful school that enables all its children to make the best possible progress in all aspects of their school life and work and all staff to be able to teach and promote good learning without interruption.
2. *Right to feel safe at all times:* All children and staff have the right to feel safe at all times in school. There should be mutual respect between staff and children and between children. All visitors to the school should feel safe and free from the effects of inappropriate behaviour at all times and in all parts of the school.
3. *Inclusivity:* St Paul's Church of England Combined School is an inclusive school. All members of the school community should be free from discrimination of any sort (as laid down in the Equality Act, 2010). To this end the school has a clear and comprehensive Anti-bullying Statement that is known and understood by all, which is consistently applied and monitored for its effectiveness. Measures to protect pupils from bullying and discrimination as a result of gender, race, ability, sexual orientation or background are clearly set out and regularly monitored for their effective implementation.
4. *Equality:* The school's legal duties under the Equality Act, 2010 in respect of safeguarding pupils with Special Educational Needs and all vulnerable pupils should be set out in the Behaviour Policy and made known to all staff.
5. *Home-School Agreement:* Parents/carers should be encouraged and helped to support their children's education, just as the children should be helped to understand their responsibilities during their time at school. The responsibilities of children, parents/carers and school staff with respect to children's behaviour must be outlined in the 'Home-School Agreement' which children and parents/carers must be asked to sign when a child joins the school.
6. *School Rules:* The School Rules are clearly stated in the Behaviour Policy. These set out expected standards of behaviour. They are displayed in all classrooms and other, relevant parts of the school and shared with and explained to all children. The governors expect the rules to be consistently applied by all staff.
7. *Rewards:* Governors would like to see a wide range of rewards consistently and fairly applied in such a way as to encourage and reward good behaviour in the classroom and elsewhere. These should be made clear in the Behaviour Policy.
8. *Unacceptable/poor behaviour:* Sanctions for unacceptable/poor behaviour should be known and understood by all staff and children and consistently applied. The range of sanctions are described in the Behaviour Policy so that children, staff and parents can understand how and when these are applied. The governors strongly feel that exclusions, particularly those that are permanent, must be used only as a very last resort.
9. The policies should include the following in some detail:
  - a. Power to use reasonable force or make physical contact: the situations in which reasonable force may be used (including removing disruptive pupils from classrooms, or preventing them from leaving). A definition of 'reasonable force' should be included,

- which should also explain how and when pupils may be restrained. Governors would expect appropriate staff to be trained in the use of reasonable force and restraint.
- b. The power to discipline outside the school gates: disciplining beyond the school gates covers the school's response to misbehaviour and bullying that occurs anywhere off the school premises that is witnessed by a member of staff or reported to the school. This includes any misbehaviour when the child is taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity.

### **Review:**

This Statement of Principles will be reviewed every two years, or as necessary. The school Behaviour Policy will be reviewed annually.

### *Associated resources:*

*www.education.gov.uk*

*A guide to the law for school governors*

*Equality Act 2010*

*Use of Reasonable Force*

*Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against Teachers and Other Staff\**

*\* Pastoral care for school staff*

*Employers should not automatically suspend a member of staff who has been accused of misconduct, pending an investigation. The governing body advises the head teacher to draw on the advice in the 'Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against Teachers and Other Staff' guidance when setting out the pastoral support school staff can expect to receive if they are accused of misusing their powers.*