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Behaviour at SPES

Rather than responding reactively to escalated behaviour incidents, we want to cultivate an effective pupil culture. This in turn prevents frequent disruption, fosters learning behaviours and therefore enables all pupils to be more successful at school. Through pupil culture, we can encourage pupils to behave in ways that are more conducive to them accessing learning (Coe et al, 2020; Bennett, 2017).

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**What are the current
issues?**

Our new behaviour policy- clear expectations and boundaries

- **5 step policy**
- **In playground**
- **Wrap around care**

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**What's the key to
making this work?**

Building an effective pupil culture is likely to take time, as behaviours become ingrained over a long period of time and are difficult to change. It is for this reason that a concerted whole-school effort is needed that can consistently and repeatedly normalise positive behaviours (EEF, 2019).

Our new behaviour policy:

- sees behaviour as communication;
- recognises that children need to learn to become aware of their feelings/emotions, communicate them, and be able to regulate them in order to manage their behaviours;
- focuses on developing positive relationships.

Emotion coaching steps

Step 1	Recognise, show empathy, sooth and calm	“I understand.... I know it’s hard”
Step 2	Validate feelings and label	“I can see/I wonder if you feel”
Step 3	Set limits on behaviour	“Even when we feel like that, we mustn’t”
Step 4	Problem solve together	“Let’s sort this out together.”

An enabling environment to support emotional literacy development

- Zones of regulation displays- vocabulary around emotions/tools(strategy cards)
- A 'Thinking table/area – containing zones strategy cards
- A calm box/area with calming activities such as jigsaws, sorting, counting, putty/plasticine
- A movement zone/movement breaks
- Level Up energy references to zones.
- A calm environment with no shouting or sarcasm with an emphasis on building up relationships with the children.
- Posters of St Peter's way and ladders

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