

Statement of Behaviour Principles

The Department for Education requires governing boards of maintained schools to publish a Statement of Behaviour Principles for their school. The Governing Board therefore has a duty to produce and review a written statement of general principles to guide the Headteacher in determining measures to promote good behaviour and discipline amongst pupils.

This is a statement of principles not practice. It is intended that this set of principles reflects the school Values, Vision and Ethos and is used to guide the Headteacher in drawing up the whole school behaviour policy.

There is an expectation that policy and the actions within are in accordance with the school responsibilities under equality legislation.

This statement outlines Downlands Community School's commitment to fostering a positive and supportive, kind, successful learning community. The school aims to cultivate a culture of respect, responsibility, and integrity, ensuring that the students develop into well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to their community.

Every student understands they have the right to be safe, valued and respected, and to be able to learn free from the disruption of others.

All staff and volunteers set an excellent example to students at all times.

Rewards and sanctions are used consistently by staff, in line with the Discipline and Student Behaviour Policy.

The Discipline and Student Behaviour Policy is known and understood by students and staff.

Consequences of breaching the Discipline and Student Behaviour Policy are designed to improve behaviour.

Some children, such as those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and some vulnerable children, may need additional support to meet behaviour expectations. Policies recognise that staff will need to make reasonable adjustments.

Pupils are helped to take responsibility for their actions; are supported with strategies to regulate themselves and are encouraged to develop emotional resilience via the ROCKS programme.

The school will communicate effectively and work in partnership with families and carers to foster good relationships between the school and home.

The Governing Board also emphasises that the Discipline and Student Behaviour Policy is an important tool to protect and support the school staff.

This Statement and the Discipline and Student Behaviour Policy will be reviewed annually, unless changes at national or local level necessitate an exceptional review.