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Policy Statement on Behaviour

This policy statement reflects the Vision, Values and Aims of Lumsden Primary School.

We strive for all children to be Happy, Nurtured and Respected, and that we all Cooperate. We believe that this can only be achieved by having high expectations of good behaviour.

A restorative approach to good behaviour is taken at Lumsden Primary School. Children will make mistakes, but we hope they will learn from their mistakes. This is true in both learning and behaviour.

If a pupil makes a behavioural mistake, they will have a conversation with a member of staff about the mistake they have made, the impact it has had on any member of the school community and what they will do next time, to avoid making the mistake again. An apology may be appropriate for any low level, unrepeated behaviour.

For most day to day behavioural mistakes this approach will be enough. However, if poor choices of behaviour are persistent or serious, such as involving the injury of another child, consequences may have to be used.

Consequences

A class teacher may feel that it is necessary to speak to a pupil out with class time – at a break or lunchtime. This should not be seen as ‘detention’ but allows the adult to have a lengthier restorative conversation.

It may be appropriate for the Head Teacher to have a discussion with the pupil, if another member of staff feels the behaviour needs further discussion. The Head Teacher may decide that the pupil’s parent or carer should be informed.

If the behavioural mistake appears to involve bullying, parents will be informed, and the bullying policy followed. (This is found in a separate policy Statement)

We have a strong ethos of forgiveness in our school and understand the rights of others around us. Good behaviour is rewarded with praise and noted in the Celebration Book at assembly. We also have a series of certificates – Community Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, Leadership Award and Sporting Achievement Award, which celebrate the children’s achievements beyond the class environment and school. All staff are encouraged to nominate a pupil for a mention in the Good Behaviour Book or an award.