Governor Statement of Behaviour Principles

October 2025

This is a statement of principles, not practice.
Practical applications of these principles are the responsibility of the Co-Headteachers.
The Governors at Whingate Primary School believe that high standards of behaviour lie at the heart of a successful school and enable children to make the best possible progress in all aspects of their school life.

1. All pupils, staff and visitors are free from any form of discrimination.
2. Every pupil understands they have the right to feel safe, and learn free from disruption caused by others.
3. Staff and volunteers set an excellent example and model respectful interactions to pupils at all times.
4. Rewards, sanctions and reasonable force are used consistently by staff, in line with the behaviour policy.
5. The **behaviour policy** (copy on website) is understood by pupils, staff and volunteers.
6. The governors will support staff in disciplining pupils for incidents occurring outside school as set out in the behaviour policy.
7. Staff facing allegations of misconduct will be supported in line with government guidance.
8. Pupils may be searched and items confiscated which are banned, deemed inappropriate or dangerous in school. Any search will be carried out in accordance with the behaviour policy.
9. Exclusions will only be used as a last resort, processes involved in permanent and fixed-term exclusions can be found in the behaviour policy.

10. Pupils are helped and supported to take responsibility for their actions.
11. Families are involved in our investigation of and response to behaviour incidents, in order to foster and maintain good relationships between the school and our community.

The governing board also emphasises that violence or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated in any circumstances.

This written statement of behaviour principles is reviewed and approved by the governing board every year.