

SILVERSTREAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF BEHAVIOUR POLICY

The Education Reform Act (Northern Ireland) demands that every school has its own Behaviour Policy. This school has had such a policy for many years, with the following general aims:

- (i) to develop in our pupils a sense of self discipline and an acceptance of responsibility for their own actions;
- (ii) to create the conditions for an orderly community in which effective learning can take place, and in which there is mutual respect between all members.

In the class system the emphasis will always be on the positive approach of encouragement and praise. However, there are times when some form of punishment is necessary, and a range of sanctions has been agreed by the teachers.

Teachers will keep a record of bad behaviour. In instances of physical or verbal aggression towards other pupils, disobedience to teachers or impertinence to teachers, lines will be given which must be completed for the next day. Repetitions will be punished by detention. Sometimes we give children time in another class, they will be given work to do that is being completed in their own room. Extreme cases of bad behaviour will always be brought to the attention of the Principal who will contact the parents personally.

If a pupil/parent engages in an act of violence or intimidating behaviour against the person or property of a member of the school staff, or to an immediate member of the member of staff's family, at any time whether inside or outside school, disciplinary action will be taken against the pupil which may include consideration of the option to expel.

As we are responsible for the safety and well-being of all pupils during the school day it is essential that no child leaves the school premises without permission. Any child leaving school without permission will be suspended for two days. Children will not be permitted to go home during the school day to fetch forgotten items, so they must come to school each day fully equipped for that day's lessons, eg with PE kit when required.

Class roll books are marked first thing in the morning, and latecomers are marked accordingly. These roll books are checked each month by the Education Welfare Officer, who is therefore able to note not only those children who are frequently absent but also those who are frequently late for school, and she will visit the home if necessary to discuss the problem and take the appropriate action.

Silverstream Primary School has always enjoyed close parent/teacher links. The vast majority of its pupils are well behaved, courteous and obedient. It is essential for the smooth running of the school that parents and teachers work together to reinforce this Behaviour Policy to ensure that a pleasant atmosphere conducive to learning is maintained. This school has a zero tolerance attitude to violence and intimidation towards all members of staff.

Ms A Moth, Principal

PARENTS - PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS SLIP TO SCHOOL

I/We have received and read the summary of Silverstream Primary School's Behaviour Policy, and will support this Policy.

Signed: _____

Child's Name: _____

Dated: _____