

Governors' Written Statement of General Principles on Behaviour

The Department for Education has asked all Governing Bodies to write general advice on behaviour for the Head Teacher to consider when writing the school's behaviour policy.

To do this we have looked at the information given in the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and in DfE Guidance on Behaviour and Discipline in Schools, 2012 (revised 2013).

We have consulted staff, children, parents and governors and have drawn up these principles for the Head Teacher to consider when writing the policy:

Our Lady and St. Anne's is a Catholic school and the behaviour policy should be based on and promote Gospel values.

All children should have equal opportunity to achieve their potential and enjoy their time at school. Any child with a particular need will receive support as needed.

All children need to feel safe in school and be free from discrimination and bullying behaviour.

High standards of behaviour are important in all aspects of school life: in the classroom for learning, at playtime and lunch time, with all people the children work with in school.

Consistency and fairness in school rules, rewards and sanctions are important.

Respect and tolerance are very important.

The Department for Education recommends that the Head Teacher should also consider these issues:

- screening and searching pupils
- the power to use reasonable force or make other physical contact
- the power to discipline beyond the school gate
- pastoral care for school staff accused of misconduct
- when a multi-agency assessment should be considered for pupils who display continuous disruptive behaviour