

# CRYNALLT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Rules

Every two years pupil representatives work with the Headteacher to develop whole school rules. These rules are kept to a minimum in order to ensure that all children understand them. They are as follows:

- ✓ We are honest
- ✓ We are kind and we don't hurt others
- ✓ We listen carefully and work hard
- ✓ We respect other people
- ✓ We look after all our things

The class teacher discusses the school rules with each class at the beginning of each half term.

In addition to this the Headteacher works with pupil representatives to classify different behaviours using a traffic light system. Posters outlining green, amber and red behaviours are displayed around the school. These posters describe the behaviours and the associated rewards and consequences (see Behaviour Rocks poster)

## Rewards and consequences

Rewarding pupils for positive choices is an important aspect of our behaviour policy. As such all staff are aware of the reward systems and how they are used. The rewards used regularly in school are as follows:

- Class dojos. Points are awarded to pupils for hard work, teamwork, perseverance, helping others and other good behaviour;
- Pupils who complete work well will visit the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher to receive a sticker and praise;
- Lunchtime staff use stickers to reward good lunchtime behaviour;
- A 'Seren Yr Wythnos' assembly each Friday provides an opportunity to congratulate pupils who have done especially well over the week;
- Achievements outside school are recognised in the Merit Assembly and often in our 'Weekly News' which is shared electronically.
- Special achievement postcards are sent home termly to celebrate consistent excellence in attitude, work or behaviour;
- Individualised reward programmes may be established for pupils who display challenging behaviour. These vary in nature and are designed to maximise the effect on the pupil's behaviour.

The school uses a variety of consequences to promote positive behaviours and to ensure a safe and positive learning environment for all pupils. We employ each consequence appropriately to each individual situation. Consequences include:

- A discussion with the pupil to ascertain the nature of the problem.
- A further conversation with the pupil, reminding them of the choices they should make;

- Time to reflect which may be in a classroom quiet area or in another classroom. Completion of a 'Reflection Sheet' with a member of staff. At this point a record of the incident will be kept;
- Sent to the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher to discuss behaviour;
- Parents/carers are invited to school to discuss the behaviours and strategies that could be used. This would usually happen after several incidents of low-level disruption or a single more serious incident ;
- Behaviour log recorded on SIMS to help to identify 'flashpoints' and give an opportunity to put support in place.
- A reduced timetable (pastoral support plan PSP) may be offered if a child is struggling with full time school. This would happen if a pupil significantly struggled.
- In the case of serious incidents, a fixed term or permanent exclusion may be used.

"Children are not born with an understanding of the rules of acceptable behaviour - they have to learn them, and need adults help to do this"

## Interventions

Crynallt Primary School is fully committed to ensuring all pupils have the maximum opportunity to succeed. We appreciate that some pupils may have experienced disruption or upset in their lives and that this may affect their behaviour and ability to regulate. As such, we offer the following interventions to maximise the opportunities for pupils and offer support at an early stage:

1. All pupils benefit from Zones of Regulation 'check-ins' and specific lessons which focus on **recognising & managing emotions** and **growth mindset**;
2. **Emotion Coaching** is used throughout the school to deal with issues and incidents effectively;
3. We run regular **Relationship Based Play (RBP)** groups for pupils and parents/carers;
4. We have a **safe adult** system for our most vulnerable pupils. They can check in with this safe adult during the school day;
5. We have **safe zones** for pupils who need to 'take a break';
6. We have **Well-being groups** which provides pupils with a chance to develop emotional intelligence and social and communication skills;
7. Interventions such as **ELSA, Nurture, Lego Therapy, Bereavement** work and **Talkabout** are run with pupils as appropriate.



## **The role of class teachers and support staff**

All the class teachers and support staff at Crynallt Primary School are fully committed to the behaviour code in school. They have the following responsibilities in supporting our behaviour code:

- To ensure that the pupils are aware of school rules/expectations and that pupils behave in a responsible manner during lesson time;
- To treat each pupil fairly, considering any needs.
- To keep an accurate and up to date record of behaviour on Sims;
- To liaise with external agencies, as necessary, to support and guide the progress of each pupil; To report to parents/carers about the progress of each pupil in their class;
- To inform the Headteacher if there are concerns about the behaviour or welfare of a pupil.

## **The role of the Headteacher**

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher, under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, to implement the school behaviour policy consistently throughout the school, and to report to governors on a regular basis, on the effectiveness of the policy. The Headteacher will also be responsible for the following:

- To ensure the health, safety and welfare of all pupils in the school;
- To organise the intervention programme in collaboration with the ALNCo;
- To support the staff by implementing the policy and by setting the standards of behaviour;
- To keep records of all reported serious incidents;
- To give fixed-term exclusions to individual pupils for serious incidents. For repeated or very serious acts of anti-social behaviour, the Headteacher may permanently exclude a pupil. Both these actions are only taken as a last resort.

## **The role of parents/carers**

At Crynallt Primary School we work collaboratively with parents/carers to ensure that pupils' needs are met and that understand expectations of behaviour. Behaviours are reviewed regularly and if a pupil has been involved in several serious incidents over a term, parents/carers are always notified. The Headteacher will then agree action to be taken which could involve strategies such as regular contact with the parent/carer or the use of a behaviour log. Parents/carers are asked to support the school in the following ways:

- Discussing the behaviour expectations/ school rules with their child and emphasising their importance;
- Keeping in close contact with the school regarding their child's behaviour/well-being;
- Keeping the school informed if there are any circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour/well-being in school;
- Contacting the school with any concerns or worries they may have.

## **The role of governors**

At Crynallt Primary School the Governing Body has the responsibility of setting down these general guidelines on standards of discipline and behaviour, and of reviewing their effectiveness. Although the

Headteacher has the day-to-day responsibility for behaviour in school, the governors support the Headteacher by giving advice about particular disciplinary issues. The Headteacher takes this into account when making decisions.

### **Fixed-term and permanent exclusions**

At Crynallt Primary School we see exclusion, whether it is temporary or permanent, as a last resort when dealing with behavioural problems. Instead, our emphasis is on preventative measures. However, there may be occasions when an exclusion is necessary. On these occasions the Headteacher (or the acting Headteacher) is the only person who has the power to exclude a pupil from school. The procedure is as follows:

- The Headteacher will decide, after consultation with governors and staff, on the length of the exclusion;
- The parents will be informed immediately, and they will be given information about the reasons for the decision, the appeals procedure and the telephone number for pupil parent support;
- The Headteacher informs the LEA and the governing body about any permanent exclusion, and about any fixed-term exclusions.

The governing body itself cannot either exclude a pupil or extend the exclusion period made by the Headteacher. They have a discipline committee which is made up of between three and five members. This committee considers any exclusion appeals on behalf of the governors. When the appeals panel meets to consider exclusion, they consider the circumstances in which the pupil was excluded, consider any representation by parents and the LEA, and consider whether the pupil should be reinstated. If the governors' appeals panel decides that a pupil should be reinstated, the Headteacher must comply with this ruling.

### **Monitoring**

The Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher have regular communication with staff and parents/carers to identify any persistent issues and ensure that behaviour expectations are clear. The Headteacher monitors the effectiveness of this policy on a regular basis. She also reports to the governing body on the effectiveness of the policy and, if necessary, makes recommendations for further improvements.

The governing body reviews this policy annually.



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## Behaviour Rocks

**If you feel GREEN try**

- Spend your smile.
- Help someone.
- Give compliments.
- Keep learning - challenge yourself!

<p><b>Excellent Behaviour :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working hard</li> <li>Using a growth mindset</li> <li>Being respectful to everyone</li> <li>Listening well and following the rules</li> <li>Using good hands, feet and words</li> <li>Being honest and trustworthy</li> <li>Looking after our school and environment</li> <li>Being a responsible digital citizen</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rewards :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will enjoy learning and do well</li> <li>You will improve your mental health and wellbeing</li> <li>Your teacher will inform your family</li> <li>Days points</li> <li>Senior Yr Wytches/Star of the Week</li> <li>Extra responsibilities/represent the school</li> <li>Celebratory postcard home</li> <li>Special visit to Mrs Bridgman or Miss Williams</li> </ul>
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**If you feel BLUE try**

- Think about the good things in your life
- Talk to a friend
- Do something you enjoy
- Dance or sing
- Make something - get creative

<p><b>Behaviour we do not want :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not completing work</li> <li>Disturbing the learning of others</li> <li>Talking in assembly</li> <li>Being rude to others</li> <li>Shouting out in lessons</li> <li>Not following instructions or the rules</li> <li>Not moving around the school in a safe manner</li> <li>Not making an effort with work and giving up easily</li> </ul>	<p><b>Consequences :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will not enjoy learning and won't learn much</li> <li>It will affect your wellbeing</li> <li>You could miss play and free time</li> <li>Your family will be informed</li> <li>Missed opportunities</li> <li>Other pupils might not want to be around you</li> <li>Reflection activities</li> </ul>
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**If you feel YELLOW try**

- Use a fidget toy
- Talk to a friend or trusted adult
- Get active

<p><b>Behaviour that is unacceptable :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amber behaviour on a regular basis</li> <li>Damage to the school or other pupil's belongings</li> <li>Hurting others</li> <li>Fighting</li> <li>Bullying</li> <li>Stealing</li> <li>Swearing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Consequences :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will not enjoy school and won't learn anything!</li> <li>It will affect your wellbeing and mental health</li> <li>You will miss play and/or trips</li> <li>Your family will be informed immediately</li> <li>Possible fixed term exclusion</li> <li>Possible permanent exclusion</li> <li>Reflection activities</li> </ul>
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**If you feel RED try**

- Finger/Squeeze breathing
- Go to a quiet space
- Listen to calming music
- Try to talk to someone
- Being active can help
- Write down/draw how you feel