

Written Statement of Behaviour Principles

Our behaviour policy is underpinned by the teaching of the Catholic Church. The following Gospel narrative epitomises our approach, which is both positive and forgiving.

The Greatest Commandment

²⁸ *One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"*

²⁹ *"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

Mark 12: 28-31

Our Guiding Principles

We should all

- recognise and encourage Christ-like behaviour in each other
- seek to learn and enable others to learn
- develop learning behaviours and encourage these in others
- behave with kindness and respect
- develop assertive, non-aggressive strategies for expressing our needs and feelings
- reject all forms of racism and bullying (these are unacceptable)
- respond appropriately e.g. 'small problem=small fuss / big problem=big fuss'

We aim:

- to ensure that we all feel safe, are able to learn and are included as valued members of the community
- for all our community to have a common understanding of our approach to managing behaviour
- to ensure that behaviour incidents involving children are dealt with taking into account the age, maturity and additional needs of the child
- to ensure that behaviour that is unacceptable is always responded to in a way that does not demonise or stigmatise the perpetrator.