

## Behaviour and Relationships Curriculum

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Our Behaviour and Relationships Curriculum aims to equip children with the skills and values needed to be well rounded citizens now and in the future. At Parklands Educate Together we want exemplary behaviour to be an unspoken expectation.

### **We ‘make it easy to behave and hard not to’ through:**

- \*Having clear and concise rules, routines, rewards and consequences that everyone follows;
- \*Teaching, not telling, children how to behave;
- \*Ensuring all adults are calm, consistent and fair in their response to behaviour;
- \*Focusing explicitly on positive behaviour: recognising, describing and explaining what we want to see; ● Adapting our approaches, where needed, for specific children with additional needs

Our Behaviour and Relationships Curriculum is driven by our 4 core principles

- **Aspirational:** all of our children have the right to a holistic, world class education. All of our work aims to ensure that every child can make progress and achieve well in every aspect of their education.
- **Equity based:** Through being equitable in our work, all children and staff will have equal access to their rights and, regardless of background, all will be equally respected.
- **Child-centred:** children are at the heart of every decision and activity. Their voices are actively sought and listened to. They play a lead role in shaping their education.
- **Collaborative:** our schools aim to be central to the communities they serve. As such, we look for opportunities to give voice to and work in partnership with all stakeholders of the schools.

At Parklands ET, we develop children’s character through our Behaviour Curriculum. To build character, we define the behaviours and habits that we expect our children to demonstrate. We want to support our children to grow into adults who are responsible, compassionate, aspirational, respectful, collaborative, adaptable and who always consider others. We believe that as children practise these behaviours, over time they become automatic routines that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. Our behaviour and relationship curriculum is:

- **Taught** - explicit teaching, whole-school routines, assemblies, rewards and consequences, character curriculum, parental support
- **Caught** - opportunities for children to show the behaviour and character habits we expect and observe others, staff modelling
- **Sought** - ambassadors, child societies, wider opportunities

Our Behaviour and Relationships Curriculum involves explicit teaching of **routines** and **behaviours, rewards and consequences** for behaviour, **safe spaces** for children when they need some calm time or time alone to reflect. Through our **Learn Together curriculum**, which includes programmes of study such as Thrive and Jigsaw PSHE alongside **class family time** and Zones of Regulation, we support our children to develop a sense of **belonging** within our school family, local community and the wider world.

## Teaching our Behaviour Curriculum

### 1. Motivation

Our Behaviour and Relationships Curriculum is taught explicitly during the first week of the year. Children learn the content of the curriculum so that they can recall the information and act upon it. At the start of each term, the Behaviour and Relationships Curriculum is revisited with children and will continue to be reinforced throughout the year. As with other curriculum content, this is taught using explicit teaching based **on the ten principles of instruction from Rosenshine**. Our teachers also demonstrate these behaviours and ensure children have time to practise. For example, our lining up routine is taught in the classroom but reinforced in different locations and times throughout the school day e.g, at lunchtime. It is expected that all children know this content. Through our Behaviour and Relationships Curriculum, we teach outstanding behaviour through clear expectations, routines and opportunities for all staff and children to rehearse, model and refine these behaviours. We want our children to understand how and why we behave and to have frequent opportunities to practise doing so, in order for these behaviours to become intrinsic in their day to day lives. Our Behaviour and Relationships Curriculum is designed to be accessible for children from EYFS to Year Six and curriculum adjustments are made to suit the needs of all children including those with SEND and other additional needs – we want every child to have the best chance of success.

Doug Lemov states, 'Children should never have to ask themselves, "What am I supposed to be doing?" when they enter the classroom, nor should they be able to claim not to know what they should be doing. You want children to know what to do and to know there is no ambiguity here.'

This quote explains our rationale behind our teaching approach. We believe that, in order for children to behave well, they must not only be taught explicitly, but be given plenty of opportunity to rehearse, practise and refine their behaviour. Our academic year begins with a 'Creating Culture' – a week dedicated to introducing and rehearsing behaviours. Our Behaviour and Relationships Curriculum is based on a firm foundation of research such as Rosenshine's principles of instruction and Willingham's ideas about memory. Children can improve their confidence and fluency of behaviour routines and expectations by engaging in plenty of practice – so our curriculum is designed to do just that. Our teachers dedicate plenty of time over the first few weeks reminding, practising and reinforcing these behaviours and continue to do so throughout the year, as necessary.

*Good behaviour in schools is central to a good education. Schools need to manage behaviour well so they can provide calm, safe and supportive environments which children and young people want to attend and where they can learn and thrive. Being taught how to behave well and appropriately within the context they're in is vital for all pupils to succeed personally. (Behaviour in schools guidance, 2022).*

## 2. Approach

### 'Create a Culture' Days

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### Assemblies

We have whole school assemblies that include explicit teaching of our Behaviour Curriculum and opportunities to come together as a school family to learn and discuss our routines and character habits.

### Retrieval, review, and revision

We have ongoing retrieval and review of our Behaviour Curriculum and provide many opportunities for children to ask questions and for teachers to check for understanding. Our Behaviour Curriculum content is retrieved and reviewed throughout the year on a daily basis.

### Assessment

Ongoing formative assessment is used by staff to drive instruction of the Behaviour Curriculum, create a positive culture, and support all children to model our school values and core principles.