

# Behaviour Principles for Gillamoor CofE Primary School

Guiding Values for a Positive School Environment

## Introduction

Behaviour principles are essential for fostering a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment where every child can thrive. These guidelines set the standard for how pupils, staff, and the wider school community interact, promoting values that prepare children for life both inside and outside the classroom. *Every child has the right to a broad and balanced curriculum in a safe learning environment.*

*At Gillamoor CE Primary School we understand that a number of factors impact on the behaviour of our children which is why our principles are rooted in our values of respect, love, care and honesty, these help our children, families, staff, governors and the local community to share in what is important to us.*

## Core Behaviour Principles

*Our principles are lived by all staff, with the same high expectations modelled as are expected of our children.*

- create a safe and positive learning environment where mistakes are celebrated.
- Provide a caring environment where every child is valued and cared for.
- encourage relationships based on respect, kindness and honesty.
- ensure that everyone is treated fairly, regardless of age, gender, race, beliefs or sexuality.
- Promote individuality and creativity, showing appreciation for all.
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### 1. Respect for All

Every member of the *Gillamoor community* should treat others with kindness, courtesy, and consideration. *All adults and pupils show respect* regardless of differences in background, ability, or opinion.

### 2. Safety First

The safety and well-being of everyone in the school are paramount. Caring and safe environments are created to support staff and pupils to protect themselves and others, both physically and emotionally.

### 3. Honesty and Integrity

Everyone is encouraged to act honestly, admitting mistakes and taking responsibility for their actions. This integrity builds trust and strengthens the school community.

4. **Good Manners**

Courteous behaviour, including using polite language and gestures, is expected at all times.

5. **Positive Attitude**

Pupils are encouraged to approach school life with enthusiasm and resilience, showing perseverance even when faced with challenges.

6. **Learning from Mistakes**

Mistakes are viewed as opportunities for learning. Pupils are encouraged to reflect on their behaviour and strive to make positive changes.

7. **Cooperation and Teamwork**

Working together is valued, whether in the classroom, playground, or during school activities. Pupils and staff will listen to others, share ideas, and help one another.

8. **Responsibility**

Taking responsibility for work, belongings, and behaviour, is developed and celebrated as is understanding how their actions affect others.

9. **Celebrating Diversity**

The Gillamoor community embraces diversity and promotes inclusion, ensuring everyone feels valued and respected *and that our children grow up to be knowledgeable, well—rounded members of a global community.*

10. **Care for the Environment**

Pupils and staff work together to see their place in the world and are taught to look after their surroundings, including classrooms, the playground *and the wider community.*

*All adults encountered by the pupils have a responsibility to model high standards of behaviour, with pupils and with other adults, as their example has an important influence on the pupils. Staff will model these principles at all times by putting them into action and consistently reinforcing through positive behaviour management.* Recognition and rewards, alongside clear consequences for negative behaviour, help pupils understand the importance of these values. Parents and carers are encouraged to support the school's behavioural expectations to ensure continuity between home and school.

Behaviour principles underpin a successful, inclusive primary school. By upholding these guidelines, pupils can enjoy a safe, happy, and productive learning environment, laying the foundation for lifelong success and wellbeing.

## **The Governing Body**

