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Behaviour for Learning Policy 2025 - 2026

Foundation and Primary School

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1. Rationale

At Safa British School, we reject the use of corporal punishment in any form. Our behaviour policy is integral to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, respected, and supported. This policy is designed to promote mutual respect, positive behaviour, and academic excellence, thereby encouraging a lifelong love of learning. Our behavioural standards are anchored in the core values of honesty, respect, tolerance, consideration, and responsibility. We believe that instilling these values is crucial for developing well-rounded individuals who can thrive both socially and academically.

We understand that a student's behaviour is closely linked to their social and emotional wellbeing. Consequently, our approach to managing behaviour involves understanding and addressing each child's underlying needs. Rewards and reflections are applied thoughtfully, considering the individual circumstances of every student. Effective behaviour management is a collaborative effort that involves students, parents, school staff, and, when necessary, outside agencies. We are committed to building strong partnerships to support students' behavioural development and ensure a consistent approach across all environments.

Behavioural expectations are clearly communicated to students, staff, and parents. We aim to provide consistent support and guidance to uphold high standards of behaviour. Our staff members receive the necessary support and resources to handle various situations and effectively support individual student needs. Our policy emphasizes the importance of positive reinforcement. We focus on recognising, praising, and rewarding positive behaviours through systems such as House Points and other intrinsic and extrinsic motivators. By highlighting expected behaviours, we cultivate a positive school culture where students are motivated to excel.

While we prioritize expected behaviours, we have clear procedures in place for addressing unexpected behaviours. These procedures are fair, proportionate, and consider the wider context of each child. Our goal is to guide students towards making better choices and learning from their experiences through restorative justice. As an inclusive school, we cater to children with diverse needs. When applying our behaviour policy, we take into account the unique context of each child, ensuring that responses to behaviours are fair and supportive. We strive to create a safe and supportive environment where positive behaviour is the norm. Through collaboration, clear expectations, and a focus on well-being, we aim to help every student develop the skills and values needed to succeed both in school and in life.

2. Aims

- Ensure all students make the best academic progress in a safe and well-ordered learning environment.
- Enable staff to facilitate personalized and innovative learning experiences effectively.
- Enhance students' self-esteem and ensure they feel safe within the learning environment.
- Maintain consistency across all Key Stages, responding fairly to unacceptable behaviour.

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- Ensure all members of the SBS community (staff, students, parents) understand, respect, and adhere to our behaviour policy.
- Foster a culture of praise, encouragement, and strong work ethic to develop confident and resilient learners.
- Promote self-regulation, self-esteem, respect for authority, and positive relationships based on mutual respect.
- Encourage mutual support among staff when faced with challenging behaviour.
- Support children in understanding their responsibilities regarding behaviour and address the concerns of staff and students appropriately.
- Deliver the policy consistently, ensuring no discrimination based on ethnic or national origin, culture, religion, or gender.
- Encourage parents and carers to work in partnership with the school to maintain high behavioural standards and provide clear communication systems.
- Raise awareness of cyberbullying and its consequences among students, staff, and parents.
- Encourage students to take responsibility for their behaviour and consider its impact on themselves and others.
- Guide staff in taking a holistic and measured view of individual behaviour to support students in becoming the best versions of themselves.

3. Policy Statement

Guidelines for Students

- Move respectfully around the school.
- Arrive at school on time.
- Contribute to a positive learning environment.
- Demonstrate a passion for learning.
- Focus on developing life skills and personal responsibility.
- Follow the guidance and authority of teachers.
- Respect cultural diversity, traditions, and beliefs, including those of the UAE.
- Use technology safely and responsibly according to National Online Safety guidelines.
- Wear the appropriate school uniform, both in and out of school.
- Wear simple jewellery that complies with uniform guidelines.
- Treat other students and their possessions with respect.
- Use appropriate language in lessons and around the school.
- Eat only in the canteen and designated spaces at permitted times.
- Avoid chewing gum, fizzy drinks, caffeinated drinks, fast food, and food deliveries on school grounds.
- Maintain the cleanliness and tidiness of the school site.
- Adhere to the no mobile phone policy.









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- Respect the values and diversity of our community.
- Abide by the law.
- Respect others on social media and other devices.
- Represent the school positively when in uniform, including on trips, buses, and fixtures
- Always Uphold the values and positive reputation of Safa British School.

Shared Responsibility:

- Students, staff, and parents share responsibility for maintaining high standards of behaviour at SBS.
- By partnering with parents/carers, we can positively influence and demonstrate the behaviours needed for children and young people to become successful citizens and leaders.

Primary Leadership Team (PLT):

The PLT supports staff in implementing this policy.

School Staff Commitments:

- Develop, implement, and revise a clear behaviour policy.
- Model the values and behaviours expected from students.
- Proactively address all behaviour issues.
- Apply the policy fairly, transparently, and consistently.
- Maintain a positive learning environment with high behavioural standards.
- Communicate clearly, respectfully, and promptly with all stakeholders regarding behaviours.
- Support students in learning from their behavioural choices, including facilitating restorative justice.

Student Expectations:

- Strive to embody the SBS way and encourage others to do the same.
- Take responsibility for their choices.

• Reflect honestly on mistakes, use them as learning opportunities, take restorative action, and avoid repetition.

Parent Responsibilities:

- Understand and value the importance of behaviour in society and learning.
- Support and reinforce the school's ethos and values at home.
- Support the school's decisions regarding behaviour policy implementation, working closely with teachers and leaders.









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- Communicate effectively and respectfully with the school and their child about behaviour matters, especially during consultations or behavioural discussions.
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour.

4. Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage

Social and Emotional Behaviour:

Children in Foundation Stage are learning appropriate behaviours and how to make positive choices. We support them by:

- Noticing and acknowledging positive behaviours.
- Using clear and consistent boundaries.
- Explaining the consequences of behaviours and offering choices.
- Involving children in conflict resolution.
- Sharing behavioural information with parents/carers.
- Using strategies to support turn-taking (e.g., sand timer).
- Communicating and modelling positive behaviour with various tools (e.g., visuals, gestures).
- Recognising and acknowledging feelings to encourage empathy.
- Creating an environment that minimises conflict (e.g., sufficient resources).
- Providing opportunities to discuss feelings, emotions, and behaviour.

We also promote our Safa values and discuss what makes a good friend.

Rewards Systems:

- Manage behaviours as they occur.
- Immediate praise and rewards.
- Use stickers for good choices.
- Weekly, one child per class takes home the class camel; the house bear goes home with another child, shared via Seesaw.

Managing Unexpected Social Behaviours:

For persistently disruptive behaviour, we:

- Clearly state the behaviour is unacceptable.
- Support the child in finding solutions.
- Provide time away to calm down and reflect.

- Collaborate with parents/carers for consistency.
- Work with the Director of Inclusion for an Individual Education Plan if needed.
- Liaise with outside agencies for additional support.

Handling Concerning Behaviours:









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For more serious behaviours (in line with PSED age expectations), we may:

- Remove the child from the situation to spend time with the Head of Early Years/Heads of Year.
- Seek immediate support from EYFS staff/inclusion team.
- Log behaviour on the school management system (Class Charts or CPOMS).
- Contact parents/carers for possible early pick-up or reduced timetable.
- Use positive handling techniques if necessary.
- Arrange urgent meetings to discuss support.
- Refer to outside agencies for further observations and assessments.

Given the young age of the children and their developing understanding of behaviours, each consequence will be tailored to the specific situation.

5. Primary Phase

- Expected behaviour standards are based on SBS expectations.
- Behaviour management is tailored to each student's developmental stage and individual needs.
- Emphasis on positive reinforcement and use of various incentives and rewards.
- Rules and expectations are clear, familiar to students, and consistently applied.
- Mutual respect and good behaviour are reinforced in all settings, including assemblies, ECAs, and school trips.

Managing Behaviour:

- A clear pathway of consequences for behaviour falling below SBS standards/levels.
- Consequences help students understand what went wrong, why, and how to improve.
- Minor issues are handled by teachers; persistent or serious matters are referred to Heads of Year, Pastoral Leaders, and the Primary Leadership Team.
- Interventions are proportional, consistent, and reasonable, considering the needs of all involved.

6. Staff Guidance - Social Behaviour

Staff should recognize that social behaviour often has underlying causes. When students exhibit:

Extreme behaviours

- Patterned behaviours over time
- Sudden changes in behaviour

Staff should be alert to potential child protection issues and seek advice from the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Additionally, staff can consult other trained professionals, such as the Director of Inclusion, the School Counsellor, and the School Doctor, to support the child.

Best Practices for Handling Unexpected Behaviour:









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- Positive Reinforcement: Highlight and reaffirm expected behaviours.
- **Proactive Approach:** Anticipate and prevent situations that may lead to unexpected behaviours.
- Calm and Respectful: Remain calm, respectful, and fair in all interactions.
- Physical Contact: Avoid physical touch unless trained and necessary for safety.
- **Behaviour vs. Child:** Address the behaviour, not the child.
- Warning System: Implement a clear warning system for low-level behaviours, providing feedback and opportunities for change.
- **Parental Collaboration:** Work with parents to support behavioural change through strategies and school-home plans.
- **Clear Communication:** Clearly explain unexpected behaviours and required changes in an age-appropriate manner.
- Respectful Handling: Avoid public embarrassment for students.
- Timely Consequences: Assign and follow through on consequences promptly.
- Fresh Starts: Allow students a fresh start after resolving behavioural incidents.
- Praise and Recognition: Notice and praise positive behavioural changes and inform parents.
- **Documentation:** Log behaviour on the school management system (CPOMs) as required.
- **Fair Assessment:** Investigate the full circumstances of each incident and assign consequences without prejudice.

7. Staff Guidance – Learning Behaviour

While there is no clear boundary between social behaviour and learning behaviour, we recognize that learning behaviour refers to the cognitive habits and actions that facilitate effective learning. At Safa British, we hold high expectations for both learning and social behaviour.

Key Learning Behaviours:

- Perseverance and GRIT
- Active listening using oracy strategies
- Making cross-curricular links
- Problem solving and reasoning
- Reflecting
- Collaborating
- Questioning

Promotion and Development of Learning Behaviours:

Learning behaviours are cultivated through:

- The taught curriculum
- Bespoke learning skills
- Daily enrichment opportunities
- Student leadership roles
- Element of Wellbeing/ Diversity Curriculum

- Trips, visits, and guest speakers
- House competitions









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- External curriculum enrichment events
- Online learning platforms (e.g., Century)
- Assemblies and more

Reaffirming Positive Learning Behaviours:

The school's reward systems are designed to reinforce positive learning behaviours and help students understand the characteristics of effective learners:

- Planning opportunities for a wide range of learning behaviours in daily lessons and enrichment
- Rewarding efforts to become better learners
- Valuing the learning process and journey over the outcome
- Making learning visible by discussing cognitive strategies and behaviours
- Emphasizing the importance of a growth mindset
- Viewing mistakes as positive learning opportunities eg. Use of reflection sheet
- Encouraging self-progress rather than comparison with others

8. Recording Behaviour

Where a pupil's behaviour or performance in class is deemed unacceptable by the teacher appropriate action must follow. Communication and escalation must not be solely dependent on verbal communication; serious behavioural logs must be entered on CPOMs/Classcharts(Level 2,3 & 4 See Appendix 2). Behaviour is largely a matter of choice; our policy should help students take responsibility for their choices so they can learn, improve and develop as individuals. To help staff understand the pathway for communication, a tiered system has been created. Positive Reinforcement of our children's learning choices are recorded on Classcharts as housepoints.

9. Restorative Justice Approach

A restorative justice approach is used where appropriate to help students reflect on their behaviour. We avoid asking a student solely 'Why did you do that?' as it is not relevant to resolving the conflict and often students do not know why. The process aims to guide the student towards thinking about how they felt and thought at the time of the behaviour and how this could be linked to their choices, and why they chose that behaviour. This is followed by a time for the student to reflect and consider the impact their actions have had on others and how they will make amends (restore), hence taking personal resposnbility.









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REFLECTION



Name:	Date:
What behaviour am I reflecting on?	
Why did I choose this behaviour?	How did this behaviour impact my class mates or friends?
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What could I do differently next time?	How can I make it better?
Parent Comment & Signature	
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Appendix A:



Rewards

Our House Point system is an integral part of our rewards culture. It is designed to recognise and celebrate students who consistently demonstrate our core values and **Elements of Wellbeing**. These elements—**Kind Minds, Happy Hearts, Everyone Matters, Independent Individuals, and Safe Surfers**—are embedded across all areas of school life and guide the way we reward positive behaviour and attitudes.











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How House Points Work

Teachers can award House Points at their discretion during lessons, school activities, or social times. These points are a way to positively reinforce:

- Excellent effort and engagement
- Acts of kindness, empathy, or inclusion
- Demonstrating resilience, responsibility, or independence
- Supporting the wellbeing of others
- Showing leadership or going above and beyond
- Promoting digital safety and respectful online behaviour

Wellbeing-Aligned Categories

Every House Point awarded is linked to one or more of the school's wellbeing strands:

- Kind Minds for showing compassion, kindness, and emotional regulation
- Happy Hearts for fostering joy, positive relationships, and self-confidence
- Everyone Matters for celebrating diversity and including others
- Independent Individuals for demonstrating responsibility, curiosity, and perseverance
- Safe Surfers for modelling safe and respectful use of technology and personal choices

House Points are recorded by teachers and contribute to weekly House totals, celebrated in class and whole-school assemblies.

House Point Certification

Award	Points required	Action Taken
Bronze	50	· Certificate presented in class.
		· Sticker & Prize
Silver	125	· Certificate presented in class.
		Sticker & Prize









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Gold	225	 Certificate presented in class. Sticker & Prize Photo on Seesaw
Amethyst	300	 Certificate presented in class. Treat at the end of the academic year eg.Tea party with Mr Horwell Name, photo and blurb on weekly newsletter.

Other Awards

Award	Action Taken	
The Class Award (Weekly)	Each year group have agreed milestones within their own class for a weekly award.	
Safa Star	Each week a child will be awarded Safa Star to celebrate academic or personal successes. This is awarded in assembly.	
Headteacher's Stamp	 Awarded for a range of achievements: Supporting a school event – showing responsibility. Impressive work Huge improvement towards learning. Outstanding contribution to the local community or school life. Representing the school at a local/national level. Enthusiastic participation in enrichment activities. 	

We monitor that no group of students are over or under-represented in our allocation of house points.

Some students will get more – deservedly – some will get less, but all teachers will endeavor to award HPs consistently every day. Classcharts will be checked weekly to ensure all teaching staff are awarding HPs.

Behaviour interventions

To ensure that students are able to reflect on behaviour that is not up to the standards expected at SBS, interventions will occur at the following stages. AHT will monitor the students each week / each term and will act accordingly using the scale found in AppendixB Levels of Unacceptable Behaviour, where examples of the different levels of unacceptable behaviour can be found.

• Level 1 - Low Level Disruption

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- ☐ Class teachers will give students 3 warnings to change their behaviour
- ☐ After this, time for a chat and reflection time with your class teacher
- ☐ The class teacher will contact home to inform parents of the disruption and agreed actions.









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 Level 2 - Mid Level Disruption □ Class teacher to inform their HOY of disruption □ HOY will arrange a restorative meeting with Class Teacher and student □ HOY will contact home to inform parents of the disruption and agreed actions. □ Incidences to be recorded on Classcharts
 Level 3 - High Level Disruption ☐ Student will be sent to AHT office ☐ AHT will arrange a restorative meeting with parents ☐ AHT will decide appropriate next action with Head of Primary ☐ Repeated or continued High Level Disruption will lead to students being placed on Academic or Behaviour Report and may lead to Internal Isolation. AHT and Directorof Inclusion to create this report. ☐ Incidences to be recorded on Classcharts
 Level 4 - Serious Offence □ Student will be sent to Head of Primary / Principal depending on level of seriousness □ Senior Leadership Team will decide appropriate next action which may include Internal Isolation or a Fixed term Exclusion □ Incidences to be recorded on CPOMs/Classcharts
Behaviour Report – this is a form of monitoring behavioural issues. The student must get the tokens from the teacher from each lesson or activity throughout the day. The AHT and the student's teacher will oversee the 'Behavioural Contract' process with the student reporting to them at regular intervals determined by the AHT & Director of Inclusion.

Internal Isolation – this sanction may be appropriate for serious or persistent behaviour issues. A student may be placed in internal isolation for a specified period of time and supervised by the PLT.

Fixed term Exclusion – this may only be authorised by the Principal, or another member of the PLT, in her absence. It may be considered for students who have committed serious disciplinary offences.





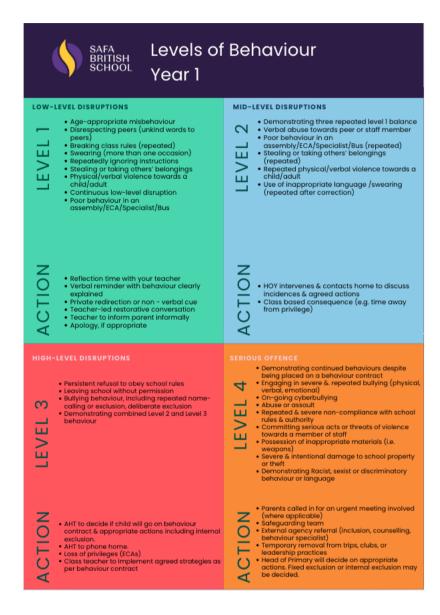






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Appendix B: Levels of Unacceptable Behaviour













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Levels of Behaviour Year 2 - Year 6

LOW-LEVEL DISRUPTIONS

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- Demonstrating age-appropriate misbehaviour
 Wasting time in lessons
 Using inappropriate language or making disruptive noises
 Falling to follow instructions
 Interrupting or talking while the teacher or another student is speaking
 Disrespecting property
 Being off-task, including inappropriate use of devices
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- Not listening or distracting others
 Breaking agreed class rules

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- Verbal reminder with behaviour clearly
- explained
 Private redirection or non-verbal cue
 Reflection time in class (e.g. short pause or
- Relection time in class (e.g. short paumove seat)
 Teacher-led restorative conversation
 Apology if appropriate

MID-LEVEL DISRUPTIONS

- Demonstrating three repeated Level 1

- Demonstrating three repeated Level 1 behaviours
 Making discriminatory comments
 Showing disrespect towards peers
 Leaving the classroom without permission
 Using a device inappropriately (e.g., messaging or Alfrdrops during class)
 Using inappropriate language (swearing)
 Displaying poor behaviour during assembly, ECA, specialist lessons, or on the bus
 Engaging in physical contact such as hitting, pushing, or shoving another student
 Using verbal abuse towards a peer or staff member
 Engaging in acts of vandalism

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 Engaging in acts of vandalism
 Repeatedly ignoring instructions
 Demonstrating minor incidents of dishonesty or cheating

- HOY intervenes and contacts home to discuss incident
 Reflection sheet to be completed and signed by parents. Reflection & incident to be logged on Classcharts
 Class-based consequence (e.g. time away from privilege)

- Demonstrating six combined Level 1 and Level 2 behaviours

 Stealing or taking belongings of others
 Demonstrating deliberate or repeated physical aggression intended to harm or intimidate another student/staff member
 Engaging in bullying behaviour, including repeated actions such as unkind name-calling, deliberate exclusion, or targeted behaviour intended to cause emotional harm
 Demonstrating passive bystander behaviour by witnessing unkind or harmful actions and choosing not to report
 Cheating during an assessment
 Swearing at an adult or refusing to leave an environment when directed
 Engaging in discriminatory harassment
 Participating in cyberbullying
 Leaving the school premises without permission

- AHTs to decide if the child should be placed on a behaviour contract
 Internal isolation (half or full day, depending on severity)
 Restorative meeting before reintegration
 Counsellor referral where appropriate
 AHT to phone home/ scedule meeting
 Loss of privileges or participation in school events (e.g. Fixtures, ECAS)
 Formal letter sent to parents via ISAMS

- Demonstrating continued behaviours despite being placed on a behaviour contract
 Engaging in severe and repeated bullying (physical, verbal, or emotional)
 Persistently participating in cyberbullying
 Committing or attempting abuse or assault
 Repeatedly and severely failing to comply with school rules or adult authority
 Committing serious acts or threats of violence towards a peer or member of staff
 Being in possession of inappropriate materials (e.g. weapons)
 Causing severe and intentional damage to school property or committing theft
 Demonstrating racist, sexist, or other forms of discriminatory behaviour or language
- Parents called in for urgent meeting
 Safeguarding team involved (where applicable)
 External agency referral (inclusion, counselling, behaviour specialists)
- Reintegration meeting required before return to
- class

 Temporary removal from trips, clubs, or leadership positions

 Formal letter sent to parents via ISAMS

 Immediate referral to Deputy Head/ Head of Primary

 Fixed-term or internal exclusion considered











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LEVEL 5

- Two or more incidents from Level4 within a defined period
- Serious and malicious physical assaulton a student or staff member requiring medical intervention

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 Possession, use, or intent to distribute drugs, alcohol, or harmful substances on school premises.
 Use or threat of a weapon on school grounds.
 Major breach of UAE law or conduct requiring police involvement Persistent, targeted, and premeditated bullying or harassment, despite multiple interventions.
 Deliberate and large-scale damage to school property with financial or safety implications.
 Endangering the safety of the school community, e.g. triggering fire alarm maliciously, tampering with safety existence.
- with safety systems

ACTION

- Immediate intervention by Head of Primary/Principal
- Permanent exclusion may be considered
 Referral to safeguarding and external agencies where applicable
- Full investigation, documented in CPOMs with involvement from AHTs, DSL, and Principal
 Behaviour Risk Assessment and Individual Safety Plan developed prior to any reintegration (if applicable)
- Formal letter sent to parents via ISAMS

Note:

The above interventions serve as a framework for guidance. The professional judgement of staff—taking into account the context, needs, and wellbeing of the student-will inform any decisions made. All responses will be applied on a case-bycase basis, ensuring that actions are fair, proportionate, and in the best interests of the student and the wider school community.

Other policies supporting this document include:

- **Pastoral Policy**
- **E-Safety Policy**
- **Anti-Bullying Policy**





