



Vita et Pax
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Vita et Pax Preparatory School
Established 1936

Behaviour & Discipline Policy

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| Policy Originator | Head Teacher |
| Approved by | Governing Body |
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| Review Period | Annually (next: March 2027) |

1. Introduction

Vita et Pax Preparatory School is committed to creating a caring, stimulating environment where good behaviour is promoted and children feel valued, safe and happy. This policy provides a framework for behaviour management from Nursery to Year 6, aligned to the Independent School Standards Regulations 2014 and current DfE behaviour guidance.

2. Aims

- Promote positive behaviour, self-discipline and respect.
- Ensure a consistent approach to behaviour management across the school.
- Create a safe, orderly environment conducive to learning.
- Encourage children to take responsibility for their behaviour.
- Ensure staff, pupils and parents understand expectations.

3. Positive Behaviour Approach

The school teaches expected behaviours explicitly and recognises positive conduct through praise, celebration and consistent routines rooted in the school ethos of love, respect and compassion.

4. School Rules and Expectations

- Be kind and respectful to others.

- Follow staff instructions promptly.
- Take care of school property and belongings.
- Move around school calmly and safely.
- Try your best in all activities.
- Tell the truth and act with honesty.

5. Rewards and Sanctions

Rewards

- Verbal praise, house points, certificates, stickers, merit badges and positive communication home.

Sanctions

- Verbal reminder and warning.
- Time out or loss of privilege.
- Reflection tasks and meetings with staff/Head Teacher.
- Parental communication.
- Internal exclusion, suspension, or permanent exclusion as a last resort.

Sanctions are fair and proportionate. Corporal punishment is prohibited under the Education Act 1996.

6. Bullying, Reasonable Force and SEND

Bullying, including cyberbullying, is not tolerated and is handled under the Anti-Bullying Policy. In exceptional circumstances staff may use reasonable force under Section 93 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. Pupils with SEND receive tailored behaviour support and reasonable adjustments under the Equality Act 2010.

7. Monitoring and Review

Behaviour is monitored regularly by leadership and staff. Patterns are analysed and this policy is reviewed annually.

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