





# "Good to Be Green" - A Parent Guide

Our ethos is to notice good behaviour and give attention to children making the right choices. This is very effective in encouraging children whose inclination might be to misbehave, to be noticed for doing the right thing. We have a very positive attitude towards discipline, awarding children individual or class rewards such as stickers; dojos; class rewards for good effort and attitude. Rewards for earning sufficient dojos or class rewards include coming into school in a choice of their own clothes, being given additional play time and having a class party. These are treasured rewards that encourage children to behave well.

Another incentive for good behaviour is our Enriched Curriculum Time on a Friday afternoon where children are able to select activities as a reward and possibly learn a new skill. Children who have made wrong choices during the week will lose time from this. This has proved very successful as children hate losing their Enriched Curriculum Time.

#### How do we promote good behaviour?

Children are given clear guidelines of the appropriate behaviour and expectations in all areas based on our 'Golden Rules' which all staff expect the pupils to abide by.

The policy is applied equally and consistently before school activities, playtimes, lunchtimes, learning times, school trips and clubs that happen after school and during holidays.

The behaviour policy is supported through a variety of different strategies which include our:

- Planned curriculum learning;
- Learning for life curriculum (social & emotional) using the Jigsaw programme;
- Enriched Curriculum;
- Planned assemblies;
- Teaching & learning styles;
- Well organised school routines;
- High expectations & consistency from all staff;
- Specific support for those experiencing difficulty

# Penygarn Community Primary School's Golden Rules

We Work Hard

We are Kind and Helpful

We are gentle

We Look After Property

We Are Honest

We listen

#### The Good to Be Green Behaviour System

The 'Good to be Green' system is an effective way of promoting positive behaviour, rewarding those pupils who consistently behave appropriately, and is a means of being able to track those pupils who find it harder to meet the school's expectations. The system is very visual, with child friendly resources which allow our pupils to easily see how they are doing in school. We believe that it is important to promote a positive message regarding behaviour management at all times - 'Good to Be Green' is a means of promoting our high expectations of positive behaviour. If a child has a bad day, they can start afresh the following day.



Every pupil starts their day on a positive note with a green card displayed in their pocket of the Class Chart. The card says 'It's Good to Be Green!' and the children soon learn to associate being on Green with a feeling of having done the right thing. If they are still Green by the end of the day, the child is awarded Dojos.

If, during the day, learning, or at playtimes, a pupil has to be warned of inappropriate behaviour, or has broken a **Golden Rule**, then a Blue **Stop & Think!** Card will be displayed over their Green card. The warning gives the pupil the opportunity to reflect, consider and review their behaviour choices. If a pupil is already on a **Stop & Think!** Card, and they have to be told again of inappropriate behaviour, then there are consequences. A Yellow **Warning!** Card would equate, for example, to 5 mins of Enriched Curriculum time lost and an immediate consequence such as loss of playtime (this is mainly for Yellow behaviours - see Behaviour Poster).

Sometimes, just the threat of moving a child onto a Red **Consequence** card is enough to encourage them to behave appropriately. However, if necessary, the pupil's Yellow Warning! card will be moved to back of the pocket and the Red **Consequence** card will be displayed.

Persistent Yellow behaviours or Red behaviours would equate to a Red **Consequence** card which would then have a further consequence of **Time Out** away from learning resulting in any unfinished learning leading to attendance at **Catch-Up** club during lunchtime play. Persistent Red behaviours could lead to loss of privileges or even an exclusion.

All staff respond to inappropriate behaviour using the 'Good to Be Green' system. The poster below provides examples of some kinds of behaviour which are coloured coded according to severity.



Equally, pupils will often display behaviours where they go out of their way to be friendly, welcoming or helpful. Pupils also have the opportunity to be rewarded for very good behaviour by being awarded a Gold Award (which equates to 5 Dojos) or even a Platinum Award (which equates to a dip in the Head teacher's treat box. In addition, there are a wide range of school initiatives and programmes which reward appropriate behaviour choices, and these are outlines in the school's **Positive Behaviour** & **Relationships** policy.

### Procedures for dealing with inappropriate behaviour

Sometimes children forget our aims and values for good behaviour. They will then be reminded of the school's **Golden rules**.

- Children will not be allowed to use the words 'only', 'just' and 'because' when providing their
  accounts of the event (e.g. I was just..., I was only shouting, because it was.... These words
  lesson and self-excuse the action). There can be no excuse for violence, aggression or
  disrespect to others.
- Children will always be encouraged to apologise to their victim and where appropriate help their victim. They will be encouraged to empathise with other people's points of view and to consider the consequences of their actions (Restorative Justice).
- Should a pupil regularly be reaching RED status their parents will be informed. Their behaviour record will be analysed and an appropriate sanction will be applied. This could be a lunch time, fixed or permanent exclusion. It may be felt that appropriate be added to the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) register and be given an IBP (Individual Behaviour Plan) which details any additional strategies that may be used to encourage the pupil to conform to the school's expectations.
- Pupils who regularly get Red cards for not following teachers' instructions cause a health and safety risk to all. They will be prevented from attending after school clubs and off-site school visits.
- There may be incidents that occur that are so extreme in nature it is felt that these must be
  referred immediately to the Head teacher or Deputy Head teacher. Each case will be
  considered carefully and dealt with in a way that is felt fair to the needs of the individuals
  involved and to the school community. In these cases, fixed term or permanent exclusion may
  be immediately applied.

