



Behaviour Policy updates September 2019

Behaviour at Bowker Vale Primary School is excellent! This year we have made some changes to our behaviour policy to recognise this and to reflect more closely our school rules:

Be – Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Our behaviour policy focuses on the positives, on sharing successes and reinforcing our very high expectations. We will continue to notice and praise good behaviour in a range of different ways including:

- Recognition and positive comments from adults
- Stickers, certificates and class based systems such as DOJO points or marble jars
- Celebration assemblies
- Sharing positive news with families at home time or with a note, text or call home.
- Children's Choice time – each Friday afternoon the children will have 25 minutes to choose from a range of activities to enjoy with the children and adults in the class. As well as rewarding good behaviour this is a time to develop their relationships with peers and adults, to follow their own interests or to try something new!

We will no longer be following a 'Good to be Green' system or using traffic lights as a visual in class. Instead each class will have three signs on display in their classroom.



All children will begin the day on 'Ready'. They may stay 'ready' for the whole day or they may move between the different signs dependent on the behaviour displayed in class.

- Sign 1 – Ready – the child is demonstrating they are ready for learning through being safe and respectful.
- Sign 2 – Question mark – after either a verbal or non-verbal reminder the child will be moved to the question mark sign. At this point, the child should understand that they should be thinking about any changes which they should be making to their behaviour and applying an appropriate strategy in order to move back to 'Ready'.
- Sign 3 – Not ready – the child's behaviour is not ready, respectful or safe. The child will be asked to work in another classroom for a short period of time. After returning to their class they will have a short, restorative conversation with their teacher focusing on putting things right and thinking about how they could have made a better choice. They will also lose 5 minutes of Children's Choice time that week. Any time lost from Children's Choice will be spent in class either speaking quietly with an adult or completing a simple helpful task. They will then be able to choose their activity for the remaining time.
If your child has been Not Ready, Respectful, Safe then their teacher will tell you at the end of the school day, so you can discuss it with them at home.

For a small number of children extra support may be needed and if your child is Not Ready, Respectful and Safe more than once a week or three times in a short period then you will be invited into school for a behaviour support meeting.

Our full Behaviour Policy is available on school's website www.bowkervale.manchester.sch.uk.