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BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY 2024

Harris Primary School has three rules (knows as 'the three be's': Be Ambitious, Be Kind, Be Thankful. The aims, objectives and guidance in this policy below are all underpinned by the three be's and the associated behaviour expectations.

Aims

The aims of the school should be a significant influence on the standards of behaviour within. We agree that the atmosphere of the school is important. We express our priority aims here in these terms:

Children should:

- Be happy, cheerful and well adjusted
- Be enthusiastic and positive in order to put their best into all activities
- Be industrious, persevering and conscientious
- Find enjoyment in a variety of aspects of school-work and gain satisfaction from their own achievements and the achievements of others
- Be able to work purposefully both individually and with other children
- Know how to behave in a variety of situations, acting with courtesy and appropriate social skills
- Be developing an awareness of and consideration for the needs of others
 Respect their own and other people's property and take care of school resources, equipment and their surroundings
- Develop skills in managing their own behaviour by encouraging individual and collective responsibility
- Comply with all rules relating to health and safety.

Code of Conduct

Our school is a happy and welcoming place where children enjoy learning.

We will:

- Try our best, give 100% effort in all we do and work hard.
- Behave sensibly, moving quietly and carefully around the school, and in our classrooms.
- Be polite to everyone we meet, showing respect and good manners.
- Show we are proud of our school by keeping it clean and tidy.
- Be caring and considerate to others, helping them when they need it.
- Treat school equipment and other people's property with respect.
- Behave well outside school so that everyone will know this is an excellent place to learn.

General principles

Teachers' powers to discipline include the power to discipline pupils even when they are not at school or in the charge of a member of staff. The head teacher will publicise the school behaviour policy on the school website.

The standard of behaviour expected of all pupils is included in the school's home-school agreement, which parents will be asked to sign following their child's admission to Harris Primary School and annually thereafter.

This behaviour policy acknowledges the school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010 and in respect of pupils with SEN.



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Key points

- Teachers have statutory authority to discipline pupils whose behaviour is unacceptable, who break
 the school rules or who fail to follow a reasonable instruction (Section 91 of the Education and
 Inspections Act 2006). The power also applies to all paid staff with responsibility for pupils, including
 teaching assistants and welfare staff.
- Teachers and other staff employed by the school can discipline pupils at any time the pupil is in school or elsewhere under the charge of a teacher, including on school visits.
- Teachers and other staff employed by the school can also discipline pupils for misbehaviour outside school.
- Teachers have a specific legal power to impose detention outside school hours.
- Teachers can confiscate pupils' property.

To be lawful, the punishment (including detentions) must satisfy the following three conditions:

- 1) The decision to sanction a pupil must be made by a paid member of school staff or a member of staff authorised by the head teacher;
- 2) The decision to sanction the pupil and the punishment itself must be made on the school premises or while the pupil is under the charge of the member of staff; and
- 3) It must not breach any other legislation (for example in respect of disability, Special Educational Needs, race and other equalities and human rights) and it must be reasonable in all the circumstances.

A punishment must be reasonable. In determining whether a punishment is reasonable, section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 says the penalty must be proportionate in the circumstances and that account must be taken of the pupil's age, any special educational needs or disability they may have, and any religious requirements affecting them.

The head teacher may limit the power to apply particular punishments to certain staff and/or extend the power to discipline to adult volunteers, for example to parents who have volunteered to help on a school trip.

Corporal punishment is illegal in all circumstances.

School staff will consider whether the behaviour under review gives cause to suspect that a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm. Where this may be the case, staff should follow the schools' safeguarding policy. They should also consider whether continuing disruptive behaviour might be the result of unmet educational or other needs. At this point, the Headteacher/SENCO will consider whether a multi-agency assessment is necessary.

Parents

Parents clearly influence their children's personalities, attitudes and behaviour.

Our home-school agreement is the basis of our working partnership with parents (see appendix 1).

Staff

Staff have a central role in establishing and maintaining a calm and purposeful atmosphere. Staff need to be able to relate to children, to encourage them in positive behaviours and to deal calmly but firmly with inappropriate behaviours.



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In order to improve behaviour we will:

- Seek to build up the self-esteem of every child
- Teach appropriate behaviours and explain what we are aiming for
- Be models for the standards of behaviour and courtesy which we expect from children
- Develop positive relationships with children
- Establish a 'positive learning environment' by using verbal and non-verbal praise
- Draw attention to good work and behaviour and recognise non-academic achievements
- Agree on the three simple school rules with children
- Have high expectations of pupils' behaviour, attitudes and work
- Be punctual and 'visible'
- · React calmly to incidents, listening to what children have to say
- Realise that children will react badly to frequent criticism, sarcasm, public reprimands and threats
- Be careful, when talking about a child with colleagues or parents, that we are not overheard by the child or other children
- Avoid stereotyping children
- Criticise constructively
- Share problems with colleagues
- Recognise the long-term nature of achieving.

Governors

Governors have an important role to play in:

- Approving the Behaviour Management Policy
- Supporting staff who implement the policy
- Promoting the school's partnership with parents
- Maintaining a safe and attractive environment.

Classroom Management

Positive behaviour has a lot to do with pupils' motivation to learn, which can be increased or reduced by the content of the curriculum and the ways in which it is delivered. We will:

- Plan lessons well
- Match work to individual needs as far as possible
- Make learning stimulating and enjoyable
- Plan for success not failure, setting achievable goals
- Employ a variety of teaching methods
- Manage resources effectively
- Mark constructively/supportively
- Use assessment to make decisions about pupils' needs
- Use PSHE (including Circle Time, restoratives and nurture groups) to promote positive behaviour.

Themes

Weekly themes are intended to focus the minds of everyone in school on one aspect of behaviour. Themes will be 'cyclical' and do not exclude attention to other aspects of behaviour.

e.g. saying 'please/thank you'

respecting others.

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Environment

Children are more likely to respect their school environment when it is clean, well-kept and attractive.

In order to make the school and its surroundings as pleasant as possible and to increase the children's sense of ownership, we will:

- Keep the school litter-free
- Display children's work across a range of subjects and abilities
- Encourage tidiness
- Return equipment to its proper place
- Report damage (including graffiti) as soon as possible.

Playtime and Lunchtime

We will:

- Be punctual when on playground duty
- Be ready to prevent/intercept rather than react to misbehaviour
- Encourage co-operative play
- Recognise the important role of welfare assistants and give them guidance and effective authority
- Aim for consistency of approach to misbehaviour
- Follow 'wet lunchtime' routines to encourage responsible behaviour
- Supervise children as they exit from and enter school at the beginnings and ends of playtimes and lunchtimes
- Encourage a sense of community by allowing some Year 6 pupils to be "Play Leaders" to the younger children.

Rewards

Rewarding good behaviour and work has been shown to be more effective than punishing bad. Pupils need to know that attention will be gained by good behaviour. Staff will aim to 'catch' children displaying good behaviour, manners and attitude. Staff will praise out allowed thanking children and telling them how much the behaviour displayed is appreciated.

As well, we will use the following rewards:

- Praise (verbal and non-verbal)
- Displaying children's achievements on the class recognition board
- Work on display
- · Reading work out
- Sending to other staff for praise
- Assembly mention (including "Star Awards")
- Informal contact with parents (e.g. note)
- Formal contact with parents (e.g. parents meeting)

Additionally, staff will be provided with a number of green balls. When they spot children going 'above and beyond' positive behaviour expectations, linked to the weekly focus theme, they will give children a ball, praising them and rewarding children exceeding expectations. The 'orbs' will be kept in large tubes in the hall and each half term there will be a winning class who have the most green balls. This will be celebrated in the final assembly of the half term.

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Sanctions

Children should expect fair and consistently applied sanctions, which distinguish between serious and minor misdemeanours. We will apply these sanctions as deemed appropriate (see appendix 2):

- Reprimand and remind of appropriate behaviour
- Ask child to:
 - repeat an inappropriate action correctly
 - make a verbal apology (or written when appropriate)
 - write out appropriate behaviour (e.g., rules)
 - finish work in his/her own time
 - repeat work
 - repair damage
- 'Take 5'
- Missing playtime or lunchtime to make time for restorative work or to keep other children safe
- Contact parents informally.

In cases of repeated, serious misbehaviour, when the above have been exhausted:

- Sending to HT or deputy HT
- HT or deputy HT contacts parents
- Implementing an agreed behaviour modification programme
- Monitoring behaviour daily
- Formal meeting with parents
- Internal exclusion
- Fixed Term Exclusion (external).

Exclusion will be used as a last resort or in exceptional circumstances. Any decision to exclude will be made by the Headteacher or Deputy in the event of the Headteacher being unavailable.

Pupils' Conduct Outside the School Gates

Teachers have a statutory power to discipline pupils for misbehaving outside of the school premises. Section 89(5) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 gives head teachers a specific statutory power to regulate pupils' behaviour in these circumstances "to such extent as is reasonable."

Where non-criminal bad behaviour and bullying occurs anywhere off the school premises and is witnessed by a staff member or reported to the school, the Headteacher will consider what the appropriate sanction should be (this may include a decision to exclude).

Regarding unacceptable conduct outside the school gates, a teacher may discipline a pupil for:

- Any misbehaviour when the child is:
 - taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity or
 - travelling to or from school or
 - wearing school uniform or
 - in some other way identifiable as a pupil at the school.
- Or misbehaviour at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, that:



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- could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school or
- poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public or
- could adversely affect the reputation of the school.

Detention

Teachers have a legal power to put pupils (**aged under 18**) in detention. Our school will use detention as a punishment when necessary. Whilst teachers have a specific legal power to impose detention outside school hours, at Harris Primary School detention will only take place during playtime or the lunchtime break. Detention will consist of a quiet time with a class teacher in one of our classrooms. Children will be encouraged to use this time to consider the consequences of their behaviour and participate in restorative work. Reasonable time will be allowed for the pupil to have lunch, have a drink and use the toilet.

The school does not have to give 24 hours notice for a lunchtime detention and parental consent is not required. The Headteacher or class teacher will contact parents if necessary to discuss their child's behaviour.

At Harris Primary School only Teaching Staff and the Lunchtime Supervisor may put pupils in detention.

Confiscation of Inappropriate Items

What the law allows:

There are two sets of legal provisions which enable school staff to confiscate items from pupils:

- 1) The **general power to discipline** (as described above) enables a member of staff to confiscate, retain or dispose of a pupil's property as a punishment and protects them from liability for damage to, or loss of, any confiscated items.
- 2) **Power to search without consent** for weapons, knives, alcohol, illegal drugs and stolen items ('prohibited items'). The legislation sets out what must be done with prohibited items found as a result of a search. Weapons and knives must always be handed over to the police otherwise it is for the teacher to decide when and if to return a confiscated item.

At Harris Primary School any person employed by the school may search for (without consent) and confiscate items under the terms set out above. Items may be kept by the teacher for a period of time determined by the teacher, or until such time as the child's parents attend to collect them. If necessary the item(s) will be kept by the Headteacher.

Prohibited items as set out above will be handed to the Headteacher.

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Power to use Reasonable Force

What is reasonable force?

- (i) The term 'reasonable force' covers the broad range of actions used by most teachers at some point in their career that involve a degree of physical contact with pupils.
- (ii) Force is usually used either to control or restrain. This can range from guiding a pupil to safety by the arm through to more extreme circumstances such as breaking up a fight or where a student needs to be restrained to prevent violence or injury.
- (iii) 'Reasonable in the circumstances' means using no more force than is needed.
- (iv) As mentioned above, schools generally use force to control pupils and to restrain them. Control means either passive physical contact, such as standing between pupils or blocking a pupil's path, or active physical contact such as leading a pupil by the arm out of a classroom.
- (v) Restraint means to hold back physically or to bring a pupil under control. It is typically used in more extreme circumstances, for example when two pupils are fighting and refuse to separate without physical intervention.
- (vi) School staff should always try to avoid acting in a way that might cause injury, but in extreme cases it may not always be possible to avoid injuring the pupil.

Who can use reasonable force?

- (i) All members of school staff have a legal power to use reasonable force.
- (ii) This power applies to any member of staff at the school. It can also apply to people whom the head teacher has temporarily put in charge of pupils such as unpaid volunteers or parents accompanying students on a school organised visit.

When can reasonable force be used?

- (i) Reasonable force can be used to prevent pupils from hurting themselves or others, from damaging property, or from causing disorder.
- (ii) Reasonable force may be used to control pupils or to restrain them.
- (iii) The decision on whether or not to physically intervene is down to the professional judgement of the staff member concerned and should always depend on the individual circumstances.
- (iv) The following list is not exhaustive but provides some examples of when reasonable force may be used.

Staff at Harris Primary School may use reasonable force to:

- Remove a disruptive child from the classroom where they have refused to follow an instruction to do so.
- Prevent a pupil behaving in a way that disrupts a school event or a school trip or visit.
- Prevent a pupil leaving the classroom or playground where allowing the pupil to leave would risk their safety or lead to behaviour that disrupts the behaviour of others.
- Prevent a pupil from attacking a member of staff or another pupil, or to stop a fight in the playground.
- Take a child to a "time out space" or other place of safety when they have refused to follow an instruction to do so.
- Restrain a pupil at risk of harming themselves through physical outbursts.



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In deciding what is a serious incident, teachers should use their professional judgement and also consider the following:

- The pupil's behaviour and level of risk presented at the time
- The nature of the incident
- The degree of force which is needed
- The effect this will have on the pupil
- The child's age.

Staff cannot under any circumstances: use force as a punishment – it is always unlawful to use force as a punishment.

Communicating the school's approach to the use of reasonable force

The school will review this behaviour policy annually and make this policy known to staff, parents and pupils via the school newsletter and the school website.

Parental consent is not required to use reasonable force with a student.

Access to Quiet Space

- From time to time, it may be necessary for a child to access a calm/quiet space to enable them to calm down or recover from a stressful situation.
- The duration and frequency of the use of time spent in these places will be kept to a minimum and will never be used as a punishment. These spaces will not be used as part of a Behaviour Management Programme.
- If a child is in a quiet/calm space, they will be supervised by a member of staff. The door will remain open unless the safety of pupils and/or staff is at risk.
- In exceptional circumstances, where the safety of pupils or staff is put at risk, reasonable force may be used to prevent a child leaving the room. In these cases, two members of staff will be present until the situation is resolved.
- The doors to these places will not be locked whilst children are therein other than in an emergency situation where the Headteacher deems there to be no alternative.

Pupils with Special Educational Needs

The use of reasonable force may be used with pupils with SEN however the judgement on whether to use force should not only depend on the circumstances of the case but also on information and understanding of the needs of the pupil concerned.

Using force

A panel of experts identified that certain restraint techniques presented an unacceptable risk when used on children and young people and will <u>NOT</u> be used at this school. The techniques in question are:

- the 'seated double embrace' which involves two members of staff forcing a person into a sitting position and leaning them forward, while a third monitors breathing;
- the 'double basket-hold' which involves holding a person's arms across their chest; and
- the 'nose distraction technique' which involves a sharp upward jab under the nose.

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The decision on whether to physically intervene is down to the professional judgement of the teacher concerned. Whether the force used is reasonable will always depend on the particular circumstances of the case. The use of force is reasonable if it is proportionate to the consequences it is intended to prevent. This means the degree of force used should be no more than is needed to achieve the desired result. School staff will have the full backing of their senior leadership team when they have used reasonable force.

There is a power, not a duty, to use force so members of staff have discretion whether or not to use it. However, teachers and other school staff have a duty of care towards their pupils, and it might be argued that failing to act (including a failure to use reasonable force) may in some circumstances breach that duty.

Telling parents when reasonable force has been used on their child

If reasonable force is used, the Headteacher should be informed and a record will be made in the serious incident book. The Headteacher will contact parents to inform them that reasonable force has been used and explain the reasons for this.

Where necessary a positive handling/behaviour support plan will be drawn up and shared with staff, parents and pupils.

What happens if a pupil complains when force is used on them?

- (i) All complaints about the use of force will be thoroughly, speedily and appropriately investigated.
- (ii) Where a member of staff has acted within the law that is, they have used reasonable force in order to prevent injury, damage to property or disorder this will provide a defence to any criminal prosecution or other civil or public law action.
- (iii) When a complaint is made the onus is on the person making the complaint to prove that his/her allegations are true it is **not** for the member of staff to show that he/she has acted reasonably.
- (iv) Suspension will not be an automatic response when a member of staff has been accused of using excessive force. The school will refer to the "Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against Teachers and Other Staff" guidance where an allegation of using excessive force is made against a teacher. This guidance makes clear that a person must not be suspended automatically, or without careful thought.
- (v) The school will consider carefully whether the circumstances of the case warrant a person being suspended until the allegation is resolved or whether alternative arrangements are more appropriate.
- (vi) If a decision is taken to suspend a teacher, the school will ensure that the teacher has access to a named contact who can provide support.
- (vii) The Governing Body will always consider whether a teacher has acted within the law when reaching a decision on whether or not to take disciplinary action against the teacher.
- (viii) As employers, schools and local authorities have a duty of care towards their employees. The school will provide appropriate pastoral care to any member of staff who is subject to a formal allegation following a use of force incident.

What about other physical contact with pupils?

- (i) It is not illegal to touch a pupil. There are occasions when physical contact, other than reasonable force, with a pupil is proper and necessary.
- (ii) Examples of where touching a pupil might be proper or necessary:
 - a. Holding the hand of the child at the front/back of the line when going to assembly or when walking together around the school;



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- b. When comforting a distressed pupil;
- c. When a pupil is being congratulated or praised;
- d. To demonstrate how to use a musical instrument;
- e. To demonstrate exercises or techniques during PE lessons or sports coaching; and
- f. To give first aid.

This school does **not** have a 'no contact' policy. There is a real risk that such a policy might place a member of staff in breach of their duty of care towards a pupil or prevent them taking action needed to prevent a pupil causing harm.

Malicious accusations against school staff

Disciplinary action up to and including exclusion will be taken against pupils who are found to have made malicious accusations against school staff. The Headteacher will decide on the sanction taking into account the age of the child and the circumstances involved.

Reviewed by: Ian Groom (Headteacher)

Date of Review: January 2024

Date of Next Review: January 2025



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APPENDIX 1: Home School Agreement

All parents are invited to sign a home-school agreement to cover the time your child is at Harris Primary School, which encourages school and parents to work together for the benefit of the children. One copy is kept by school and one by parents.

Harris Primary School aims to provide all its pupils with the highest possible quality of education in a safe, happy and positive environment. The school will seek to provide a broad and balanced curriculum through which pupils will learn, develop and make good progress.

Home-School Agreement

1. Parents/Guardians

I will

- see that my child attends school regularly, on time and properly equipped.
- let the school know about any concerns or problems which might affect my child's work or behaviour

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) ____ (Date)

- support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour and discipline
- support my child in home learning activities
- attend parents' meetings and discussions about my child's progress
- get to know about my child's life at school

Signed_____

2.	The school will			
	 plan and provide a broad and balanced curriculum, including opportunities for home learning 			
	 contact parents if there is a problem with attendance, punctuality or equipment 			

- let parents know about any concerns or problems that appear to affect their child's work or behaviour
- inform parents of their child's progress through parents' meetings and an annual written report
- keep parents regularly informed about school activities

Signed	(Headteacher)	(Date)
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APPENDIX 2: The What, Who, How of Unwanted Behaviour

	WHAT? (examples)	WHO?	HOW?	NEVER
	Isolated disruptions to learning which don't have	The adult who is	2 verbal reminders then a consequence	Reprimand publicly
	a lasting impact on learning or the emotions of	experiencing the	Deal with immediately/consistently/ calmly	Raise your voice
Low	others.	unwanted	In private	Humiliating
Level	Chatting	behaviours.	Restorative conversation	consequences
	Silliness (flicking pencils, ignoring instructions etc)		Remind child why those behaviours are	(stand on the wall
	Lack of pride/ standards		unhelpful	etc)
			2 mins of break	

	WHAT? (examples)	WHO?	HOW?	NEVER
	Disruptions to learning which do have an	The adult who is	Deal with immediately and consistently	Reprimand publicly
	impact on learning or the emotions of others.	experiencing the	De-escalate/ distract	Raise your voice
	Repeated low level behaviours	unwanted	Calm/ controlled approach. No shouting. Take	Humiliating
Moderate	Bad language	behaviours	the emotion out of the situation.	consequences
Level	Disrespect for others (unkind/ hurtful comments)	alongside the	Loss of breaktime/ lunchtime. Spend time	
	Pushing/ shoving/ minor aggression	class teacher	creating a social story or an activity that is of	
	Back chat		benefit to their own/ others learning. Complete	
	Defiance	Notify Key Stage	any missed work.	
	Damage to property	Leader.	Brief update to parents (missed work needs to	
			be finished if not during break)	
			Use scripted responses	
			Brief record on CPOMS	
			SLT to consider nurture intervention	

	WHAT? (examples)	WHO?	HOW?	NEVER
	Incidents which were driven with a malicious	Teacher level	Deal with immediately and consistently	Reprimand publicly
	intent to cause harm.	with the instant	Ensure the safety of all	Raise your voice
Serious	Persistent moderate behaviours	inclusion of HT/	De-escalate/ distract/ remove	Humiliating
Level	Racism/ homophobia/ discrimination	SLT	Calm/ controlled approach. No shouting. Take	consequences
	Bullying		the emotion out of the situation.	
	Fighting		Next steps to be agreed with SLT – (restorative/	
	Severe arguing		pay back/ loss of breaks/ isolation/ suspension/	
	Swearing		exclusion).	
	Violence/ aggression with an intent to cause harm		Inform Parent's in detail	
	Intentional destruction of property		Lost learning completed/ imposition at home	
			Record on CPOMS in detail	
			SLT to consider nurture intervention/ Early Help	



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Harris Primary Behaviour Keystones

School Keystones

- Daily 'Meet and Greet' notice them!
- Recognition board only (inspiring)
- 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for attention (learnt routines)
- Consistently give attention to over and above
- Simple well done for meeting expectation. (No fame for unwanted behaviours unless necessary)
- Catch them being good over and over again.
- Insist on your expectations
- Invest in time, tone, relationships and praise; rather than tangible/ countable rewards.
- Language –honour the children at all times
- Restorative approach to poor behaviours
- Don't pass poor behaviours up the hierarchy.
- Meet hostility with warmth and kindness

Eight terrific teacher tones (tone/ volume/ pace)

- It's all going to be incredibly fun
- 2. That is totally and completely normal and doesn't revolt me at all.
- 3. You are the best child in the world.
- 4. That is going to stop.
- 5. I am very disappointed in you.
- 6. I am even more disappointed in you.
- 7. My disappointment couldn't be stronger.
- Right, that's it. I am really, really, really disappointed (but still calm).

30 second script

- I notice you are...
- It was the rule/ value about xxx that you broke
- You have chosen to
- Do you remember last week when you...
- That is who I need to see today...
- Thank you for listening.
 (follow with some take up time)

Assertiveness

- 1. You need to...(speak with me at the side of the room)
- 2. I need to see you...(following the agreed routine)
- 3. I expect...(your table tidy in two minutes)
- 4. I know you will...(Help Kyra clean the pen off her face)
- 5. Thank you for...(letting go of her hair. Let's walk and talk.)
- I have heard what you said, now you must...(collect your things and move to the thinking spot)
- 7. We will...(have a better day tomorrow!)

Always continue with the script, even if ignored/mimicked. It will become familiar to the children. If younger children cry – say I will come back when you have stopped crying.
Allow children to hear/ get used to the scripts.

7 steps to restoration

- What happened?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- What have you thought since?
- Who has been affected?
- How did this make them feel?
- What should we do to put things right?
- How can we do things differently in the future?

Offer a postponement if child not ready to talk – but stay with them.

Does the adult need to apologise?

- Meaningful and sincere
- Repair trust
- Move on from it