

**Practitioner for EYFS is: Mrs Amanda Stone, Head of Lower School**

**In support of a holistic approach to the development of our pupils at St Christopher's, we seek to provide a structure for daily living within which good behaviour is encouraged and supported. We recognise and appreciate achievement in all aspects of school life through school assemblies, appointments to positions of responsibility and the award prizes. This policy sets out the expectations we have of staff and children to promote good behaviour in the school community.**

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL STAFF**

- Start registration, assemblies, lessons and other activities promptly.
- Keep all the children occupied and interested; extend and motivate all pupils; encourage creative dialogue.
- Mark all work promptly and constructively and set homework regularly to schedule.
- Keep an attractive, clean and tidy room, maintaining interesting wall displays with evidence of pupils' work.
- Have a low emphasis on punishment and a high recognition for positive achievements - a balance between rewards and sanctions.
- Deal with all misbehaviour immediately and firmly – to ignore it is to condone it.
- Set high standards of speech, manner and dress.
- Encourage pride in the school.
- Recognise the importance of good working habits, attitudes, skills and knowledge, and of the provision of a happy working atmosphere.
- Encourage self-discipline.
- Provide support for individual pupils.
- Be vigilant for signs of deterioration in pupils' work, behaviour or physical appearance.
- Guard against a downward spiral of negative expectations.
- Encourage positive ways in thinking about pupils and use disapproval as the most powerful sanction.
- Make a clear distinction between minor and more serious offences.
- Establish positive links with parents so that a climate of trust can be fostered, which will be more likely to encourage a responsive attitude if school requires their support with difficult issues.
- Treat pupils with courtesy, respect their ideas, value their individuality and listen carefully to what they say since pupils learn by example.
- Encourage pupils' self-esteem since pupils will respond better and are more likely to develop considerate and responsible attitudes.

- Do not tolerate aggressive behaviour.
- Expect good and sensible behaviour both inside and outside the classroom.
- Be vigilant about behaviour as children change lessons.
- Use praise wherever possible since it reinforces and motivates, particularly when children are polite and responsible.
- Always set high standards and ensure that **all** aim for the same standards **all** the time.
- Insist on good manners at all times.

### **CHILDREN SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO:**

- Be obedient.
- Behave sensitively towards each other.
- Be polite, well behaved and sensible.
- Show respect to others: fellow-pupils and staff.
- Learn to be responsible.
- Be prompt for lessons.
- Be organised.
- Finish homework assignments and hand them in on time.
- Aim for high personal standards in every aspect of school life.
- Be responsible for the tidiness of their own area and themselves, desk and cloakroom area.
- Have the right equipment and uniform.
- Walk round the building quietly and sensibly and on the left hand side of the stairs.
- Leave school looking smart.

### **REWARDS**

Where children meet and even exceed the school's expectations regarding behaviour and application to work- whether it be academic, musical, artistic or in games and sport-the school's house system offers the opportunity for reward through the award of an appropriate number of house points for such achievement. For example, house points are always awarded for the achievement of an effort grade 1 or 2 in half-termly reports. They are also awarded at members of staff's discretion for positive contributions to all aspects of school life

*Negative house points- for perceived poor behaviour or performance are never used.*

**St Christopher's Award-** This trophy is awarded every half term. Staff are asked for nominations of pupils they feel have displayed a positive attitude in contributing to school life, academic work and consideration of others.

## RESPONSES TO INFRINGEMENTS OF SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

### **Under no circumstances should corporal punishment be administered or threatened.**

The object of any disciplinary action is protection rather than punishment – protection of the child and/or the community. The key word in administering any discipline is justice, that is, fairness.

- A pupil must always be given an explanation of why a rule or a particular mode of behaviour is necessary.
- A pupil must always be warned of what the consequences of a breach of discipline will be. *As indicated in the policy on warnings, suspensions and expulsion.*
- A punishment should not be imposed unless it is clear that a pupil has fully understood the above two points, and that a deliberate breach has later followed.
- Any punishment should be limited in time and scope to the minimum necessary to deter recurrence of the breach, such as temporary withdrawal of part of playtime.
- A pupil should always be told when a punishment will end.

Always remember that the imposition of a punishment represents a failure – either on the part of the pupil or on the part of an adult. Failures should be avoided if possible. An experienced member of staff will usually anticipate a situation and prevent a breach of acceptable behaviour.