Thurlby Community Primary Academy



Behaviour and Relationships Policy

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- Thurlby Community Primary Academy is committed to creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same. As members of our community, we adhere to our Thurlby Values and our school rules and it is our primary aim that everyone feels valued, respected and treated fairly.
- We believe the successful management of behaviour is crucial to the smooth running of our Academy if there is to be effective teaching and learning and if a child is to work to his/her full potential.
- We have high expectations for behaviour and manners at our Academy.
- At Thurlby Community Primary Academy, behaviour management is recognised as a collective responsibility between children, staff, parents, the governing body and other agencies involved with school.
- Keeping Children Safe in Education All staff understand the importance of challenging inappropriate behaviours between peers; that are actually abusive in nature. Staff will not downplay certain behaviours, for example, dismissing sexual harassment as "just banter", "just having a laugh", "part of growing up". At Thurlby, we believe this can lead to a culture of unacceptable behaviours, an unsafe environment for children and in worst case scenarios, a culture that normalises abuse; leading to children accepting it as normal and not coming forward to report it. Staff use the Brooke Traffic Light resources to ascertain what behaviours/conversations are age-appropriate.
- All staff recognise that 'peer on peer abuse' is most likely to include but may not be limited to: bullying including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying. Bullying will not be tolerated at our Academy see separate Anti-Bullying Policy.

Our Motto ~ 'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

Thurlby Values:

A school's values are the essence of their identity by reflecting the community's beliefs about what it considers to be the most important and desirable qualities to guide everybody's behaviour. Our Thurlby Values are:

T eamwork H ardworking U pbeat R espectful L ove learning B e brave Y ou are unique

Below, are some examples of how we demonstrate the whole school rules:

- We follow instructions first time
- We walk around school sensibly and quietly
- We keep to the left of the corridors
- We use an indoor voice when inside the school building
- We keep our cloakrooms tidy so that it is safe
- We use please and thank you and always use kind words
- We tell the truth straight away
- We stop at the hand signal
- We wear the correct uniform
- We respect others and school property in school and when outside at play and lunch times

Behaviour Support & Intervention

• Our system for managing behaviours is outlined below with the focus for the school being inclusion for all. In rare circumstances, school may take the steps to exclude a child (see apprendix A on exclusions).

1. Positive Reinforcement Strategies

Individual/Key Stage/Whole School Rewards:

Thurlby Values certificates

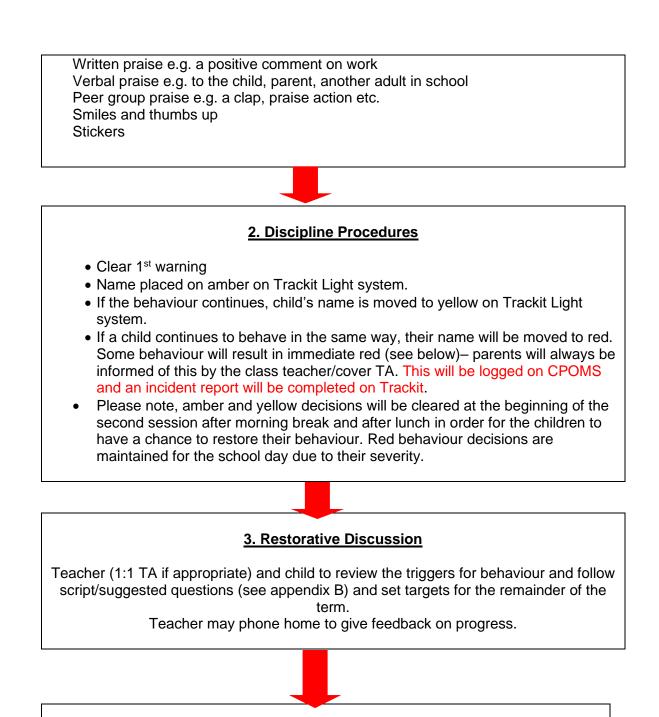
Trackit Light points - based on Thurlby values

'Positive Post' Postcards home

Placing value on achievements e.g. work shown to another class, name in Headteacher award book or stickers for caring for a peer or the school environment Trophies and Special Awards e.g. sports, attendance

Name in the 'All Things Thurlby' weekly newsletter or part of Celebration Assembly Special responsibilities e.g. school council/ being a monitor / house captain etc. Child, group or class chosen as a role model

Moving up on the behaviour chart to praise positive behaviour – still have this lower down the school



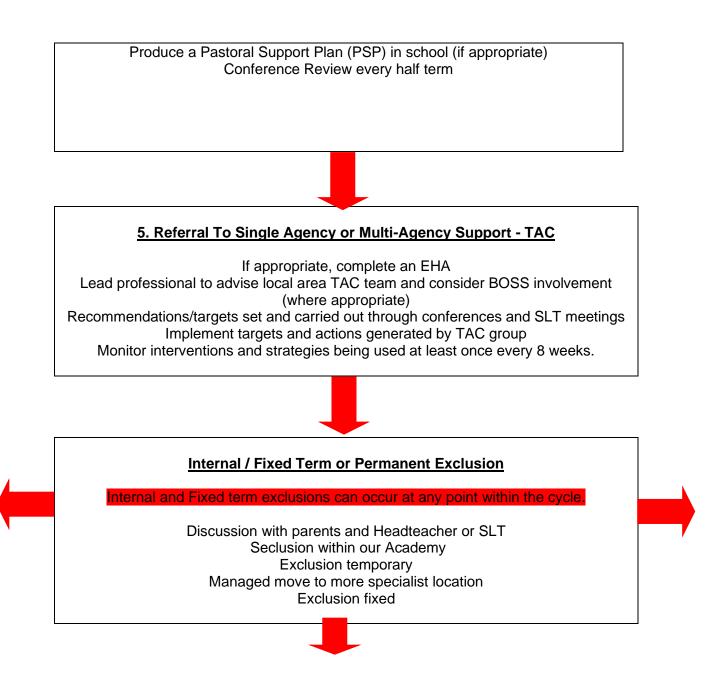
4. Behaviour Conference

3 reds, in a small term, would trigger a behaviour conference – detailed below:

Initially, this will involve the parents and class teacher.

If there is no change in the behaviours, a member of SLT may lead another conference with parents, teacher, teaching assistants (1:1 child) and child (where appropriate).

Discuss behaviour expectations within our Academy – explicit examples, frequency, severity Discuss behaviours at home as above Discuss intervention so far and impact if any Discuss causes (if identified) and any support required Ensure the child's voice is considered in all target setting



Behaviour Management Procedures

Teachers and paid staff can discipline children whose conduct falls below the standard which could reasonably be expected of them. This means that if a pupil misbehaves or fails to follow the school charter / a reasonable instruction; staff can impose the **hierarchy of sanctions on that pupil**. In the short term, sanctions can stop inappropriate behaviour. They must, however, be used sensitively and respectfully (without shaming a child) and the emphasis should be on supporting and rewarding positive behaviour instead.

Movement from Green to AMBER OR YELLOW will result due to the following behaviours:

- A child is disrespectful
- A child is not ready
- A child is unsafe

Depending on the nature of the behaviour, the following sanctions can apply to an Amber or Yellow Warning whilst avoiding shaming the child:

- A verbal apology once they have self-regulated see restorative approach guidance
- A verbal warning appropriate to the child and misbehaviour e.g. within the group or individually
- Child to assist in rectifying the problem they have caused e.g. talking to someone who was involved in the incident

The following behaviour is unacceptable and subject to **zero tolerance** as outlined in the **RED** section of the hierarchy sanctions:

- Swearing
- Aggressive behaviour (physical or verbal)
- Bullying individual or group; verbal or physical abuse; taunting; threatening/intimidating mimicking (including Cyber/social media bullying)
- Damage to property (intentional)
- Inappropriate sexual behaviour
- Discriminatory language
- Continuously not ready
- Continuously disrespectful
- Constant repetition of negative behaviour resulting in an Amber or Yellow warning
- Drugs/cigarettes/lighters/alcohol/offensive weapon related incidents (a weapon can be any object used which can cause harm to an individual)
- Sharing of indecent images, sexualisation or indecent behaviour

Depending on the seriousness of the behaviour, the following actions can be taken but, in all instances, where Red is given, parents will be informed:

- Losing some or all of playtime may be given for a serious 'RED / Zero Tolerance' or if a child continues the behaviour that resulted in an Amber
- Child sent to another appropriate adult to explain their misbehaviour
- Time out e.g. outside under supervision, another group, another class
- Referral to SLT/Headteacher
- Parents informed and involved in the behaviour management process
- Use of a home/school book (learning journal if applicable) (SLT member to authorise)
- Use of a Personalised Support Plan (PSP) for behaviour (SLT member to authorise)

Passive Intervention and Prevention Strategies

Occasionally, there may be a need to safely handle a child. This will only be done as a last resort if the child is not safe or there is a risk to the safety of others or of significant damage to the environment. Some of our staff are 'Team Teach' trained to ensure the needs of children are met in the behaviour management support process and that in the vast majority of incidents the situation is de-escalated without the need for restraint. Before safe handling is used, there should be significant evidence that the behaviour policy has been unsuccessful.

Any safe handling intervention will result in the creation or amendment of an individualised behaviour plan. Please see Appendix D for the Emergency Plan around Safer Handling.

Appendix A – Exclusions

The paragraphs below are taken directly from the Government for all schools on exclusions. At Thurlby CP Academy, we follow this guidance.

Good discipline in schools is essential to ensure that all pupils can benefit from the opportunities provided by education. The Government supports Headteachers in using exclusion as a sanction where it is warranted. However, permanent exclusion should only be used as a last resort, in response to a serious breach or persistent breaches of the school's behaviour policy; and where allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the pupil or others in the school.

The decision to exclude a pupil must be lawful, reasonable and fair. Schools have a statutory duty not to discriminate against pupils on the basis of protected characteristics, such as disability or race. Schools should give particular consideration to the fair treatment of pupils from groups who are vulnerable to exclusion.

Disruptive behaviour can be an indication of unmet needs. Where a school has concerns about a pupil's behaviour, it should try to identify whether there are any causal factors and intervene early in order to reduce the need for a subsequent exclusion. In this situation, schools should consider whether a multi-agency assessment that goes beyond the pupil's educational needs is required.

Schools should have a strategy for reintegrating a pupil who returns to school following a fixed-period exclusion and for managing their future behaviour.

All children have a right to education. Schools should take reasonable steps to set and mark work for pupils during the first five school days of an exclusion; and alternative provision must be arranged from the sixth day. There are obvious benefits in arranging alternative provision to begin as soon as possible after an exclusion.

The Headteacher's Power to Exclude

Only the Headteacher, with the agreement of the Executive Headteacher, can exclude a pupil and this must be on disciplinary grounds. A pupil may be excluded for one or more fixed periods (up to a maximum of 45 school days in a single academic year), or permanently. A fixed-period exclusion does not have to be for a continuous period.

A fixed-period exclusion can also be for parts of the school day. For example, if a pupil's behaviour at lunchtime is disruptive, they may be excluded from the school premises for the duration of the lunchtime period. The legal requirements relating to exclusion, such as the Headteacher's duty to notify parents, apply in all cases. Lunchtime exclusions are counted as half a school day for statistical purposes and in determining whether a governing board meeting is triggered.

The law does not allow for extending a fixed-period exclusion or 'converting' a fixed-period exclusion into a permanent exclusion. In exceptional cases, usually where further evidence has come to light, a further fixed-period exclusion may be issued to begin immediately after the first period ends; or a permanent exclusion may be issued to begin immediately after the end of the fixed period.

Under the Equality Act 2010 (the Equality Act), schools must not discriminate against, harass or victimise pupils because of: sex; race; disability; religion or belief; sexual orientation; pregnancy/maternity; or gender reassignment. For disabled children, this includes a duty to make reasonable adjustments to policies and practices and the provision of auxiliary aids.

In carrying out their functions, the public sector equality duty means schools must also have due regard to the need to:

• eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, and other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act;

• advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not; and

• foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

These duties need to be complied with when deciding whether to exclude a pupil. Schools must also ensure that their policies and practices do not discriminate against pupils by unfairly increasing their risk of exclusion. Provisions within the Equality Act allow schools to take positive action to deal with particular disadvantages, needs, or low participation affecting one group, where this can be shown to be a proportionate way of dealing with such issues

The Headteacher and governing board must comply with their statutory duties in relation to SEN when administering the exclusion process. This includes having regard to the SEND Code of Practice.

Statutory guidance to the Headteacher on the exclusion of pupils with Education, Health and Care plans (EHC plans) and looked after children

As well as having disproportionately high rates of exclusion, there are certain groups of pupils with additional needs who are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of exclusion. This includes pupils with EHC plans and looked after children. The Headteacher should, as far as possible, avoid permanently excluding any pupil with an EHC plan or a looked after child.

Schools should engage proactively with parents in supporting the behaviour of pupils with additional needs. In relation to looked after children, schools should cooperate proactively with foster carers or children's home workers, the local authority that looks after the child and the local authority's virtual school head.

Where a school has concerns about the behaviour, or risk of exclusion, of a child with additional needs, a pupil with an EHC plan or a looked after child, it should, in partnership with others (including the local authority as necessary), consider what additional support or alternative placement may be required. This should involve assessing the suitability of provision for a pupil's SEN. Where a pupil has an EHC plan, schools should consider requesting an early annual review or interim/emergency review.

The Headteacher's duty to inform parents about an exclusion: A guide to the law

Whenever a Headteacher, with the agreement of the Executive Headteacher, excludes a pupil they must, without delay, notify parents of the period of the exclusion and the reason(s) for it.

They must also, without delay, provide parents with the following information in writing: • the reason(s) for the exclusion;

• the period of a fixed-period exclusion or, for a permanent exclusion, the fact that it is permanent;

• parents' right to make representations about the exclusion to the governing board and how the pupil may be involved in this;

• how any representations should be made; and

• where there is a legal requirement for the governing board to consider the exclusion, that parents have a right to attend a meeting, to be represented at that meeting (at their own expense) and to bring a friend.

Written notification of the information mentioned in the above paragraph can be provided by delivering it directly to the parents, leaving it at their usual or last known home address, or posting it to that address.

Notices can be given electronically if the parents have given written agreement for this kind of notice to be sent in this way.

The Headteacher should ensure that information provided to parents is clear and easily understood. Where the parents' first language is not English consideration should be given, where practical, to translating the letter or taking additional steps to ensure that the details of the exclusion and their right to make representations to the governing board have been understood.

The Headteacher's duty to inform the governing board and the local authority about an exclusion: A guide to the law

The Headteacher must, without delay, notify the governing board and the local authority of: • any permanent exclusion (including where a fixed-period exclusion is followed by a decision to permanently exclude the pupil);

• any exclusion which would result in the pupil being excluded for a total of more than five school days (or more than ten lunchtimes) in a term; and

• any exclusion which would result in the pupil missing a public examination or national curriculum test.

The Headteacher must also notify the local authority and governing board once per term of any other exclusions not already notified.

Notifications must include the reason(s) for the exclusion and the duration of any fixedperiod exclusion.

In addition, within 14 days of a request, a governing board must provide to the Secretary of State and (in the case of maintained schools and PRUs) the local authority, information about any exclusions within the last 12 months.

Temporary Reduced Timetable

In some cases, the school may consider it appropriate to the needs of a particular child, to offer a reduced timetable for a limited period. In this situation, paramount consideration would be given to safeguarding the child and a thorough risk assessment would be carried out. Any reduced timetable would be planned within a pastoral support plan (PSP). The timetable would be time-limited with a clear plan to increase attendance back to full time, involve professionals working with the child/family, and ensure that parents have given their full consent. A proforma for a temporary reduced timetable would be completed, signed and then sent to the LA.

Appendix B – Scripts, the Restorative Discussion and Ideas to Support Behaviour Management

Disrupting behaviour patterns

The 30 second intervention should be used in the first instance to ensure you don't spend too much time dealing with behaviour issues in the classroom.

Privately... "You own your behaviour. Your poor behaviour does not deserve my time. You are better than the behaviour you are showing today. Remember when..." firmly and dispassionately leave the child anchored in a previous positive moment. This is where the adult uses the professional relationship and knowledge they have of the child.

The school adult investigative conversation should take the child back to the original

behaviour choice. The suggested interaction is 'tell me what happened'. The sentence starter for the child should be, 'I...' the adult should insist on the child owning their own behaviour by gently repeating, 'I...' and assuring the child that you will be asking all involved the same question. The child owning their choices is essential in instigating a restorative approach and ensuring the child is not controlling the situation. Interventions in this manner are scripted.

The scripted intervention - the 30 second script... allows the behaviour to be addressed within a set timeframe and not detract from the learning. Microscripts can to be developed by the teacher to suit circumstance but adhere to these basic examples;

- 1. You need to...
- 2. I need to see you...
- 3. I expect...
- 4. I know you will...
- 5. thank you for...
- 6. I have heard what you said, now you must...
- 7. We will...

Deeper script examples

1. You need to understand that every choice has a consequence. If you choose to do the work, then that will be fantastic and this will happen... if you choose not to do the work, then this will happen... I'll leave you to make your decision.

2. Do you remember yesterday when you helped me to tidy up? That's the Stephan I need to see today, that is the Stephan you can be all of the time.

3. I don't like your behaviour. Your behaviour is disruptive, damaging and dangerous. I don't like your behaviour but I believe you can be a success.

4. I am not leaving. I care about what happens. You are going to be brilliant.

5. What do you think the poor choices were that caught my attention?

6. What do you think you could do to avoid this happening in the next lesson?

7. Darrel it's not like you to...

Scripts for asking for assistance ... we should try to avoid discussing a child's behaviours, as adults, in front of the child - no matter how emotionally involved we have become.

1. Mr Smith, could you work with John he needs to think about his choices.

2. Mr Smith, John has been asked to go to the thinking spot. He's choosing not to.

3. Mr Smith, could you walk with John. He needs to think deeply about his choices.

If a child turns from you while you are delivering a script, then continue. If a child needs to regulate, say "I will come back when you have calmed down." Choose your moment to deliver the script. Children will see you are not serious about a script if you are not consistent.

It is extremely important to be careful if telling a child to look at you when you are delivering the script / sanction. Depending on the needs of the child (e.g. SEN or subject/witness to previous abuse), this can be very challenging for some children and they may completely shut down.

Seeking support

We all need support and advice and should never feel we cannot ask a colleague for support.

We should all also feel duty bound to assist colleagues' interaction with our children. They may not have the developed relationship we have and will require your intervention / presence or guidance.

The Headteacher

The best way to disempower an individual is to pass over responsibility to a 'higher power'. The Headteacher or SLT member will support you but do not deliver a child to the Head Of School's office unless you have been asked to by the Headteacher. SLT will work with you to solve the challenge but will not remove your responsibility. However, the Headteacher may decide that they can lead a restorative meeting with the child.

The walk

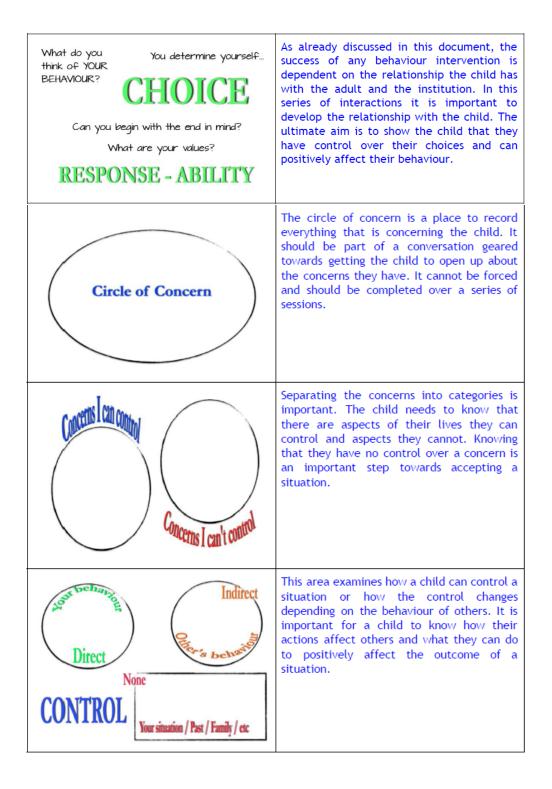
In a restorative meeting, children will, where possible, complete a walk and talk. The walk around school is to remove the fear of the enclosed office and allow opportunities to discuss real life behaviours in action as they present themselves. There will then need to be an action which brings back the colleague who made the referral to consider further actions.

CPOMS and the Cause for Concern

We use CPOMS to record our concerns and actions. This system is not for the transfer of responsibility. It is to make a record and undertake analysis over time. The report of behaviour must be dealt with by the adult involved, who then includes others for an action and support. The class teacher should be involved to support the script but not always deliver it. We all take responsibility for changing behaviour.

Supporting behaviour conversations:

Choices sheets to work through - Adapted from Stephen Covey (The Seven Habits of Highly effective People). This discussion is the preferred method of examining a child's decision path and making an intervention to support the choices they are making in their lives and learning.



I can be I will be happy when I have	Ultimately, the child needs to know what they want. Do they know what will make them happy and how will we help them achieve this goal?
If I want to improve I can work on the one thing I can control MYSELF KNOWLEDGE I will work on	Changing is a process. The process is dependent on the child understanding that their choices have consequences and that they cannot control these. They are set by others or by the result of an action. For example, smashing a vase. The immediate consequence is a mess on the floor that needs cleaning. Additionally, there will be a sanction attached for the person who broke the vase.
MISTAKES ACKNOWLEDGE CORRECT LEARN	Mistakes are steps towards better understanding. Children will make mistakes. They need to be identified and discussed. There still needs to be consequences but a child who understands consequences will accept the process of a restorative approach.

Prompt Sheet

Initiating a dialogue...

- You need to...
- I need to see you...
- I expect...
- I know you will...
- Thank you for...
- I have heard what you said, now you must...
- We will...

The restorative meeting...

The discussion during the restorative meeting focuses on the outcome and work backwards through the choices that were made. In any given situation, the responses from the adult will be different. The points below can guide you to a satisfactory conclusion, punishment or ultimately to a plan, if one is necessary:

- Redraw the route with different choices that achieve the preferred outcome.
- Ask questions and give your reflections.
- Make sure the child is comfortable and feels safe.
- Stay on course. Identify the primary concern. Don't deviate to secondary issues.
- What happened?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- What have you thought since?
- How did this make people feel?
- Who has been affected?
- How have they been affected?
- What should we do to put things right?
- How can we do things differently in the future?

While undertaking the restorative discussion think about:

• Safeguarding - does any of the conversation constitute a disclosure? Refer to the Child Protection Policy

- Redrawing the route with different choices that achieve a desired outcome.
- Ask questions and give your reflections.
- Make the child comfortable and feel safe... get a drink; leave the door open.
- Stay on course. Don't deviate to secondary issues.
- Do not use judgemental language. This is a meeting not a private shaming.
- End the meeting well with a plan to support the child's future choices. I can choose to...
- Use the choices material above
- Record on CPOMS

Appendix C: Restorative Discussion Template

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Date: Time of incident			
Time of restorat			
	ompleting the form: ompleting the form:		
What happened?			
Your thoughts	•What were you thinking whe	n this happened? What are you thinking now?	
The impact	•What impact has this had on	you and others?	
Repair	•What needs to be done to make things right?		
Trust	•What can be done to rebuild	I trust?	
Actions from now on			
l agree to do my b	best to stick to our plan of actions	going forwards.	

RESTORATIVE DISCUSSION

Signed _____

Appendix D: The Emergency Plan for Safer Handling:

All class teachers should have a plan that can be put into operation should a child have a problem in the classroom. It should include safe removal of the class from the room they are in and appropriate actions thereafter. For example, contacting another teacher or senior leader for assistance.

leader for assistance.	
1 Children in class working well.	Needs of the children are being met. The teacher is using positive verbal and non-verbal behaviour management strategies as a part of their normal classroom environment.
2 Child is not working in accordance with the behaviour expectations in class.	The teacher gives the child time and techniques to manage their distractions with the aim of de-escalating the behaviour issues.
	The teacher or TA ensures that the learning needs are being met and notes any triggers in barriers to learning.
3 The child is still experiencing behaviour barriers and is not fulfilling expectations of the the teacher or TA. The teacher or TA must consider the possible reasons for the challenging behaviour.	Attempts must be made to address any triggers using additional adult. Strategies identified for the child. If the child has an individual plan ensure that it is being followed. Any time out of the classroom must be minimal and not conflict with the aim of increasing the attachment to the class environment. In accordance with the behaviour policy, time out of the classroom must be 'Thinking time' and follow the required procedure in the policy. The teacher or TA ensures that the learning needs are being met and notes triggers in barriers to learning.
4 The child has not responded to the above and is causing a distraction to learning that cannot be ignored or is not safe to ignore.	 The class teacher or TA cannot modify the behaviour of the child and are concerned that the behaviour may become violent or aggressive. Possibly the child is noncompliant and the adult/s have been unable to influence the escalation in behaviour. This situation continues to fall under the behaviour policy guidelines. The adults must take care not to trigger a situation which escalates into the use of Safe Handling. As within the behaviour policy, the teacher should remain in control of the situation and ALWAYS be supported by another member of staff if they feel they need assistance before becoming emotionally involved. In this instance, a senior teacher or a member of staff not in the classroom could be utilised. The teacher or TA ensures that the learning needs are being met and notes triggers in barriers to learning.

5 There is an incident that cannot be contained in the current environment whilst keeping everyone safe.	The teacher or TA should seek the assistance of another member of staff and the Headteacher should be informed. The safety of all children should be considered. Safe Handling could be used at the discretion of the adults involved if there is an immediate concern for the safety of any individual.
	The other children should always be removed from the learning space before safer handling is used wherever possible as this is the last resort. If the concern is that the child is going to cause harm to themselves or others, then safer handling, with 'caring c's', should be used to protect everyone. There are steps that can be taken before this such as removing child's shoes etc. Adults must always remove their lanyard/scarves etc before safer handling is used.
	The teacher or TA ensures that the learning needs are being met and notes triggers in barriers to learning. All behaviour concerns should be shared with parents and the teacher should seek triggers or possible reasons for the changes in behaviour leading to de- escalation strategies. These should be noted in CPOMS.
	If a child has reached points 4 or 5, an individual behaviour plan / PSP should be written. If the child has an individual plan then it should be reviewed and adapted in light of the escalation of behaviour. This is the responsibility of those who are applying the plan. It may be prudent to seek the views of a senior leader. All staff should read and sign the care plan. Parents should be informed of any changes to the plan.