



### Aims of our Positive Behaviour & Pastoral Care Policy

We aim to

- To encourage & develop a sense of self-esteem
- To promote self-respect and in turn, respect for others.
- To encourage self-discipline and the appreciation that we all have rights along with responsibility for our actions.
- To encourage an awareness of the needs of others through self-discipline and code of conduct.
- To encourage the development of interpersonal skills and the ability to apply these in team situations
- To establish a community wherein pupils, staff, and parents enjoy a sense of belonging and have an important part to play.
- To encourage the involvement and support of Parents/Carers.
- To create a safe, secure and happy environment where effective learning, teaching and immersion in the Irish language can take place.
- To promote an appreciation of the Irish language and Irish culture, as well as celebrate other cultures and traditions in our school.

### Rights and Responsibilities

The rights and responsibilities of pupils, staff and parents of Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche are detailed in the full Positive Behaviour and Pastoral Care Policy. Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche continues to welcome feedback and suggestions from pupils, parents and staff in the development of its policies and aims.



### Rewards which may be used in school

Our emphasis will be on the positive approach of encouragement and praise rather than one of criticism and punishment. We will therefore aim to:

- Recognise the good behaviour of all children
- Encourage a positive approach to work and conduct with children actively trying their best and respecting others.
- Encourage pupils to embrace their acquisition of the Irish language and to avail of every opportunity to speak in Irish.

Children can be encouraged in many ways, some of which include those in class and those rewarded publicly.

#### **In class:**

- A word of praise or an encouraging smile
- A written comment on pupils' work
- A visit to another member of staff for commendation
- A system of stars/merits/dojos/points
- Certificate or badge

#### **In assembly:**

This forum will be used to publicly praise not only the academic, but attitudes and positive behaviours. These will include:

- Tickets and certificates earned for showing good behaviour in class
- Stickers – for being polite, showing kindness, good manners as well as effort and good work



### Actions which may be used in school

The approach of staff is very much the encouragement of positive behaviour. There may be occasions when our school rules will not be adhered to by pupils. When this happens, a range of sanctions will operate.

Children are aware of the class rules, reward systems and consequences of unacceptable behaviour in school. When disciplinary measures are being applied, the child will understand that it is the behaviour which is not acceptable and not the pupil as a person.

In an effort to manage behaviour, the staff have assessed possible inappropriate behaviours and grouped them into three levels:

Level One	Those dealt with by the class teacher
Level Two	Class teacher in consultation with parents
Level Three	Principal in consultation with those listed on Level Two

### Actions include:

Distraction from misbehaviour	
Reminder of positive behaviour, during and after the misbehaviour	
Immediate checking of behaviour	
Rule reminder	Behaviour/Work Log
Warning 1,2,3.	Letter home/phone call
Repetition of or extra work	Referral to Principal
Loss of privileges	Referral to Governors
Class time-out	Suspension
Break/Lunch Stay-in	Expulsion
Verbal communication with parent/carers	



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School summary statement for Positive Behaviour in BBB

(Abbreviated version – full version available on request in school or from school website)

We the Governors and staff of Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche are committed to promoting good behaviour by the creation of a positive, safe and secure learning environment.