



8th January 2026

Re: Behaviour Policy Update

Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to inform you of an important update to our school behaviour policy, one that reflects our continued commitment to safeguarding, respect, and the wellbeing of every member of our school community.

What has been updated? As we move forward, we are asking students not to make physical contact with one another during the school day. There will, of course, be appropriate exceptions, such as during PE lessons when a contact sport is being played, or as part of organised school activities and performances where contact is necessary and supervised.

Why are we making this change? Our aim is to ensure that every student feels safe and respected. We know that comfort levels around physical contact can vary greatly from person to person. By setting clear expectations, we can create an environment where all students are safe, and where personal space and boundaries are consistently respected.

How will this work in practice? We understand that this is a cultural shift, and it may take time for students to adjust. Please be assured that we will be supporting students carefully and compassionately through this transition; taking time to explain expectations, reinforce positive behaviour, and guide them in understanding why this change is important. As with all school rules, consistency is key, and students who repeatedly disregard this expectation will receive consequences in line with our existing behaviour policy.

How can you help? Your support makes a huge difference. By reinforcing these messages at home, you can help students understand that the overall purpose of this change is to create a safe, respectful environment for everyone. Together, we can make this positive change for our school community.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support,

Yours sincerely,

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