TeamTeach

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH BEHAVIOUR

A checklist guide for schools






Welcome

Supporting student behaviour effectively is key to a positive and productive school environment.

This checklist outlines best practices in behaviour support and policy. All schools should have a student behaviour policy. Effective support creates inclusive, nurturing schools where children feel safe and thrive academically and socially. By fostering positive relationships, implementing supportive policies, and promoting respect, schools ensure every child can learn in a safe environment.

With a focus on proactive behavioural strategies, conflict de-escalation, and effective support tools, Team Teach helps create a respectful learning space. Whether you are new to behaviour support or refining your approach, this guide helps meet expectations while prioritising student well-being and staff needs.

Student Behaviour Policy

- Establish a clear and comprehensive behaviour policy that aligns with educational regulations and promotes inclusivity.
- Ensure the policy is developed collaboratively with input from staff, students, parents and carers.
- Focus on understanding behaviour as communication, positive reinforcement, conflict resolution and restorative practices.
- Clearly define expectations, responsibilities, and accountability in a supportive way.
- Regularly review and update the policy to reflect best practice, guidance and evolving school needs.

Positive Behaviour Model

- Implement a whole-school approach that prioritises positive relationships and student well-being.
- Train staff in positive behaviour strategies, de-escalation skills, and trauma-informed practices.
- Recognise and acknowledge positive behaviour choices.
- Provide students with social-emotional learning opportunities to develop self-regulation and conflict resolution skills.
- Encourage staff to model appropriate behaviour through respectful interactions.

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Positive Behaviour through a Code of Conduct

- Develop a student-friendly Code of Conduct that is easy to understand and accessible to all age groups.
- Clearly outline behavioural expectations and responsibilities in a positive manner.
- Reinforce the importance of values, respect, empathy, and inclusivity within the school community.
- Regularly communicate the Code of Conduct to students, parents, carers and staff.
- Encourage students to take accountability of their behaviour through self-reflection and peer support restoration.

Misconduct Policies and Procedures

- Develop fair, transparent, proportionate and reasonable responses to behavioural needs.
- Focus on restorative practices to repair relationships rather than negative consequences.
- Provide staff with clear guidelines on responding to different levels of behaviour.
- Ensure students have opportunities to reflect, listen and learn, and reintegrate positively.
- Keep open communication with parents regarding behavioural concerns and plans.

Bullying Prevention

- Establish a zero-tolerance approach to bullying, ensuring a safe environment for all students.
- Educate and support students and staff about recognising, reporting, and preventing bullying.
- Implement peer mentoring and support strategies to foster positive peer relationships.
- Provide confidential reporting systems for students to report bullying safely.
- Offer support and counselling for all parties to address underlying issues.

Compliance

- Ensure alignment with local policy requirements and Ministry of Education regulations.
- Regularly audit behaviour policies and procedures to maintain compliance with local and international best practices.
- Train all staff on safeguarding, behaviour support, and inclusion policies.
- Foster a culture of continuous improvement by evaluating behaviour support strategies.
- Encourage parental/carer engagement, collaboration and consistency in reinforcing positive behaviour at home and school.

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How can Team Teach support?

Team Teach training equips everyone with supportive interventions and strategies to build strong relationships with students.

It encourages you to reflect on your practice and school environment to create safe, welcoming spaces where every student can thrive.

Our training covers identifying behaviours and planning individualised strategies that consider additional learning needs. It also supports open communication with parents, staff, students, and external stakeholders for a holistic behaviour approach. Resources in the Knowledge Hub further aid inclusive practice, recognising individual needs and understanding the factors behind absence.

Your Needs First

Every organisation is unique. Our experienced trainers deliver a whole range of accredited, evidence-based training with you and your needs at the centre of everything we do.

Tailored Support

We conduct a thorough needs analysis before training and are always available to guide you in selecting the right course.

Ethical Approach

Our training prioritises supportive, preventative de-escalation, recognising behaviour as communication. We call it 'the 95% of Team Teach.'

Proven Expertise

With 28+ years of experience, we support 13,000+ organisations globally, training 100,000+ delegates annually with 4,000 certified trainers.

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