



Signed.....*Peny Dylm*.....

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Our 'Happy School' Policy

by the children of Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy

This school is committed to creating the ethos in which children can grow towards Christian life, learning and love.

And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."

John 13 34-35

Our intent

We believe our school should be a positive place where all children can feel happy, safe and enjoy themselves as well as learning at the same time.

We believe that all children should be treated equally and be allowed to be included in all activities, but can choose to partake in extra- curricular activities.

Every child should be respected as an individual with his/her particular interests and personality.

Looking after each other

We will :

- Take care of everyone, not just our friends.
- Look out for everyone if they are feeling sad or upset.
- Be gentle with each other and avoid rough play.
- Make sure we do not intentionally upset others or hurt their feelings.
- Older children will help by looking after younger children and making them feel more welcome.
- Try not to argue and to be envious of other people.
- Give positive comments on peoples work - don't put people's efforts down.
- Help people who are struggling with a piece of work, when you are allowed too.
- We will look after our school pets with care and keep them safe.
- Include others in conversations and listen to their ideas.

Playing together

- Play with children who want to play with us and our group or team.
- In games, be prepared to take turns and swap positions.
- Look out for and comfort children who look upset or lonely.
- Younger children could have a teddy to cuddle, which they keep safely in their bag. Our advice would be not to bring in their favourite toy
- Cheer on our team mates and good play by others. Display good sportsmanship qualities.
- Give people personal space if they want 'alone' time.
- If you see someone at the friendship stop, go and ask them if they would like to play with you.

- Offer children to join in with games outside.

Keeping safe around school

Moving around the school is a part of school life. If it is done quietly, calmly and safely, this benefits everyone. The following things are very important:

- Always walk down the school path. Whether it is slippery, dry, crowded or empty, we could still fall and hurt ourselves.
- Always walk in corridors and classrooms, otherwise we might bump into someone.
- Make sure our coat is securely on our peg and our lunchbox is stored safely-this will make the job of a cloakroom monitor easier.
- Care for our own and other people's belonging and return anything that is lost.
- Remember to wash our hands frequently through the day

Joining together for Assemblies

Assemblies are an important part of the school day when all of the children and staff are together. We aim to prepare for them by entering the hall or church quietly and calmly, listening to the music and gathering our thoughts. We celebrate by singing songs, saying prayers and we congratulate children who get an award or the class trophy in celebration worship.

Preventing bullying

Bullying can happen in four different ways -

- Physically (pushing, punching, pulling of hair, scratching.)
- Verbally (name calling-directly or indirectly, saying negative things)
- Mentally (doing something on purpose, excluding, ignoring, spreading rumours.)
- Cyber bullying (calling people names via text, using social media to be unkind to people)

Bullying is where the child is picked on in one or more of the ways above on a regular basis. It causes great upset to the child and we don't want to see it in our school.

To prevent bullying we will:

- Play with people who want to play with us and our group or team or politely say no.
- Look out for and comfort people who look upset or lonely.
- Make sure we apologise if we do something wrong.
- Make sure we don't call people names, even if it is a joke - they might take it the wrong way and some might believe it to be true.

Enjoying our school environment

We will look after our school environment and keep it safe, because it makes us feel happy and good about ourselves.

We also have some suggestions for making it even better:

- Making posters and signs to remind children how to keep our school happy and safe
- More buddy time or a buddy day/party
- Treat times when we've been really good!
- Having a Green team within school to discuss environmental issues-investigate recycling options
- Develop range of after school clubs
- Update the patchwork cloth on the worship table
- More outside learning, including worship times

This policy draws on views and ideas from all children in the school via year representatives and was originally drafted and edited by the School Council Committee: Dominic Blencowe, Isabel Ryan and Harriet Dawson. November 2006. Reviewed by School Council and Year 6 2018

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