



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY

Different pupils, different teachers and different catchment areas all combine to create an atmosphere that is unique to every school. This unique atmosphere is often called ethos and reflects among other things:

- Teacher-pupil relationships and morale
- Working together with parents and the community
- The sense of identity and pride in the school
- Staff and pupil expectations
- Pupil behaviour and discipline

To maintain and encourage a positive approach to ethos, Falkirk Council has prepared a Positive Behaviour Statement of Principle which all our schools will follow. This Statement encourages our schools to create a safe, positive atmosphere in which all pupils and staff are valued, have a sense of belonging and where visitors are made to feel welcome.

The values of Falkirk Council should be apparent in all of our schools:

- **Public Service**
- **Performance**
- **Partnership**

We will work in partnership with a wide range of agencies both within and outwith the Council to meet the needs of all those who receive its services.

As the ethos of each school is dependant on the way in which people react, relate or respond to each other, we must acknowledge the fact that changing circumstances and experiences will affect ethos. As far as possible we will seek to have agreed strategies in place to maintain a positive approach as we adapt to change. In accordance with our commitment to the principles outlined in the Positive Behaviour Statement of Principle, each school will have an agreed policy and specific guidelines to promote positive relationships and behaviour.



Every Falkirk Council school will promote positive behaviour by following a set of principles that are common to all our schools.

These include:

- providing a good learning environment
- fostering a feeling of self worth in individuals
- making the safety of pupils and staff a priority
- being fair and expecting to be treated with fairness
- being honest and expecting to be treated honestly
- providing counselling and support for pupils, staff and, where appropriate families.
- recognising that the context in which we work will vary
- recognising there are pressure points in a school year
- working as members of a team
- encouraging people to express opinions and communicate openly
- encouraging the development of self discipline
- encouraging a sense of belonging
- encouraging a sense of ownership
- encouraging a desire to share in achievement
- allowing people to reflect on their actions and to build purposefully on past experiences

The Headteacher of your school will be willing to discuss with you any aspect of the school's approach to Positive Behaviour including approaches to deal with bullying. For further information on the Council's approach to Positive Behaviour telephone 01324 506600 or write to The Communications and Information Co-ordinator, Falkirk Council, Education Services, McLaren House, Marchmont Avenue, Polmont, FK2 0NZ.

Education Services would also like to know what you think about this or any other aspect of our Service. Where possible we hope to ensure that our policies are informed by the opinions of those who use the Service.

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