



Responding to Behaviour Implementation Strategy

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Ashfield Public School

Every child, every opportunity

Introduction

Responding to Behaviour is about the systems and strategies used Ashfield Public School to engage students in positive behaviour for learning.

A well-run school empowers students to feel motivated, satisfied, and valued as successful learners who capably engage in a supportive education that meets their needs, satisfies their interests, and progresses their academic, social, emotional, and physical growth.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

The school uses a framework of 3 Tiers to engage students in positive behaviour for learning..

Tier One: Student Wellbeing Choices

Tier One of the Ashfield Public School's Positive Behaviour for Learning is universal prevention through a school-wide and classroom system for all students, staff and settings.

The school is committed to a learning community that pursues eight student wellbeing goals. These student wellbeing goals are taught within the context of the Personal Development curriculum and are embedded into the whole school culture of success.

Tier Two: Group Interventions

Tier Two of the Ashfield Public School's Positive Behaviour for Learning typically involves interventions for a small group of students who have been identified as requiring support to engage in behaviour that sees them feel resilient and successful.

An example of such an intervention is the Scoobie String Club whereby a group of students meet with a teacher once a week to make Scoobie String creations. This meeting time is an important time for the designated teacher to meet with the students for a highly enjoyable and relaxed activity. During the activity the teacher chats with the students about any issues that might have arisen during the week, particularly in the area of friendship. Anything of significance is communicated to the teacher, Learning Support Team and parents.

Tier Three: Intensive Interventions

Tier Three of the Ashfield Public School's Positive Behaviour for Learning is intensive interventions which involve systems for students with high-risk behaviour and/or learning and health needs.

Engaging children who exhibit inappropriate behaviour is about understanding their wellbeing, engagement and learning needs. It is about targeting resources to tailor a flexible quality learning environment that maximises their success and keeps themselves and other's safe.

It will typically involve an adult working with the identified student with a focus on assisting the student to understand situations that might lead to inappropriate behaviour, teaching the student to self-regulate their behaviour with an emphasis on good, great and outstanding choices (OWL) and assisting the student to engage in learning activities.

An example of an intensive intervention is a Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) working with an identified student to achieve the Success Criteria detailed on an Individual Education Plan and Behaviour Support Plan. In a one-on-one situation the SLSO also works to sustain and develop positive social expectations, reduce unproductive and challenging behaviour as academic outcomes are progressed.



How is your engine running?

The How is Your Engine Running is a tool that defines levels five levels of behaviour. These levels, or Zones of Regulation, are a systematic, cognitive-behavioral approach used to teach students how to identify and regulate their feelings, energy and sensory needs to meet the demands of a range of increasingly complex situations and to be successful socially. The five levels of behaviour are:

o Level 5: Too High

o Level 4: Running Fasto Level 3: Running Fast

o Level 2: Just Right (Making good wellbeing choices)

o Level 1: Too Low

How is your engine running?



Too high!



Running fast



Just Right



HOW IS MY ENGINE RUNNING?

If I am distressed

I don't listen to teachers I raise my voice and swear I am very angry and I scare people

If I am highly agitated

I don't want to cooperate I am getting very frustrated I feel that no-one likes me

If I am restless

I am getting irritated I am not in a good mood I am easily bothered

If I am happy and successful

I am responsible, respectful, resilient I am fabulous and a friend I embrace diversity I am safe, a learner, inclusive & healthy

If I am feeling sad

I can't think what will make me happy I find it hard to be motivated I feel alone and isolated I feel disappointed and unhappy I want to hurt myself



Too high!



Running fast

Just Right



can

Talk to teacher and discuss my options Find a safe space to deescalate Think of a positive solution

I can:

Find something enjoyable to do Ask a teacher for help Do some physical activity

I can:

Talk to a friend Make a wellbeing choice to help Do something that makes me laugh

I can expect:

A certificate of success A smile and compliment from my teachers House points To feel good about myself

I can:

Talk to a friend and/or my teacher Make a wellbeing choice to help Talk to my parents Keep myself active in a friendship group Ring the Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800



Responding to Level Five Behaviour

Level Five Behaviour Identifier

How is my engine running?



Too high!

Level Five Behaviour Definition

May include:

- Repeatedly engaging in Level Four Behaviour
- Behaviour that causes physical injury to others
- Outrage and aggression when asked to follow reasonable requests
- Seriously inappropriate behaviour that is unable to be de-escalated by an adult

Level Five Behaviours

May include:

- Destroying expensive property
- Using an object as a weapon
- Leaving school site without permission
- Repeatedly interfering with the safety and wellbeing of other people
- Serious injury to another person
- Serious disruption to the running of the school

Level Five Behaviour Solutions

May include:

- Talking to a teacher to discuss options
- Finding a safe place to de-escalate
- Going home early
- o Engaging in Triple E Initiatives

Level Five Behaviour Actions / Consequences

May include:

- o Referral to the Principal
- Formal Caution
- Suspension
- o Engaging in a different setting
- Flexible timetable with off-the-playground activities
- Formal meeting with parents
- o Director of Education notified
- o Incident Report & Support Hotline contacted
- Child Wellbeing Unit contacted
- Documentation on Sentral

Level Five Behaviour - Class & School Responses via Learning Support Team

- o Tier Three Intensive Intervention
- Modification to Playground Duty
- Flexible learning opportunities
- Allocation of Student Learning Support Officers
- o Modifying Risk Management Plan & Behaviour Support Plan
- Modifying Anti-bulling plan

Responding to Level Four Behaviour

Level Four Behaviour Identifier

How is my engine running?





Level Four Behaviour Definition

May include:

- Behaviour that is aggressive to others
- Getting angry when asked to follow reasonable requests
- Significantly inappropriate behaviour that is not easily de-escalated or solved by an adult
- Behaviour that causes concern to the parent of another child

Level Four Behaviours

May include:

- o Profuse swearing at another person
- Teasing someone on account of their cultural background and/or ability
- Physically hurting another person
- Bullying, cyber bulling
- Damaging /stealing / misusing items
- o Ignoring the directions of a teacher

Level Four Behaviour Solutions

May include:

- Choosing an enjoyable activity
- Spending some time with another teacher
- Following a Behaviour Support Plan
- Mum and dad helping out in the classroom or during the activity

Level Four Behaviour Actions / Consequences

May include:

- Written Warning
- o Written reflection
- Referral to Assistant Principal
- o Moving to another area / classroom
- Redirection to other activity
- Communication with parents
- o Referral to school counsellor
- Documentation on Sentral



Level Four Behaviour – Class & School Responses via Learning Support Team

- o Tier Two Intervention
- o Implementing social skills initiative including structured play
- o Creating an Individual Education Plan (IEP) with adjustments
- Creating Behaviour Support Plan
- Creating Risk Management & Behaviour Support Plan
- Creating Anti-bulling plan
- o Google Document for shared communication between home/school/external agency

Responding to Level Three Behaviour

Level Three Behaviour Identifier

How is my engine running?



Level Three Behaviour Definition

Includes:

- Behaviour that is disruptive to others
- o Refusal to follow reasonable requests
- Inappropriate behaviour that is quickly de-escalated by an adult

Level Three Behaviours

Include:

- o Inappropriate name calling
- Non-verbal disrespect
- Being in an unsupervised area
- Interrupting the teacher and lessons
- Intentionally annoying others

Level Three Behaviour Solutions

May include:

- o Talking to a friend
- Making wellbeing choices
- Working towards a receiving a Certificate of Success and House Points

Level Three Behaviour Actions / Consequences

May include:

- Reminder of wellbeing choices
- Apology
- Moving to another area
- Redirection to other activity

Level Three Behaviour – Class & School Responses

- Checking that wellbeing posters are clearly displayed around the school
- o Explicitly teaching wellbeing choices & character strengths
- o Providing extra-support with classroom learning and, in the playground,
- Enrolment in Triple E initiatives

Responding to Level Two Behaviour

Level Two Behaviour Identifier

How is my engine running?



Level Two Behaviour Definition

Includes:

- o Engaged and enthusiastic
- Able to identify and reflect on own behaviour
- o Feels successful and motivated
- Identifies that it is possible to be happy at school

Level Two Behaviours

Include:

- Completing tasks
- Following instructions
- Laughing and smiling
- Enjoying the company of friends

Level Two Behaviour Solutions

May include:

- o Talking to a friend
- Making a wellbeing choice to help
- Working towards a receiving a Certificate of Success and House Points

Level Two Behaviour Actions / Consequences

May include:

- o Certificate of Success, School Award & School Medal
- Positive acknowledgement by teachers
- Contact with parents to praise engaged behaviour
- o Rewards given in class

Level Two Behaviour – Class & School Responses

- o Interesting and challenging work
- High expectations for success
- o Providing appropriate support with classroom learning and in the playground
- o Positive phone call to parents/ carers

Responding to Level One Behaviour

Level One Behaviour Identifier

How is my engine running?



Level One Behaviour Definition

Includes:

- Appearing withdrawn
- Not able to identify and reflect on own behaviour
- Repeats a pattern of behaviour such as often moving to an unsupervised area, not eating lunch, going off task

Level One Behaviours

Include:

- o Talking about / writing about suicide
- Self-harming
- Not willing to smile
- Becoming selectively mute

Level One Behaviour Solutions

May include:

- o Talking to a friend
- Making a wellbeing choice to help
- Working towards a receiving a Certificate of Success and House Points

Level One Behaviour Actions / Consequences

May include:

- Class lessons on resilience and positive interpersonal relationships
- Revisit protective strategies
- Meet with parents
- Visit to the school counsellor

Level One Behaviour – Class & School Responses

- Checking that wellbeing posters are clearly displayed around the school
- Explicitly teaching wellbeing choices
- o Providing extra-support with classroom learning and in the playground
- o Identifying a character strength
- o Enrolment in a Tier 2 initiative

Ten Wellbeing Choices

The school's ten Wellbeing Choices is a school wide system which articulates a range of behaviours that support students to have positive experiences at school and to be empowered to actively involve themselves in their education. These choices explicitly define and teach expected behaviour and prevent inappropriate behaviour across the whole school. The ten wellbeing choices are:

- o Be responsible
- o Be respectful
- o Be resilient
- o Be fabulous
- o Be a friend
- o Be safe
- o Be a learner
- o Be healthy
- o Be inclusive
- o Embrace diversity



10 Wellbeing Choices



School Awards

Students receive awards for making good choices.



Earn Certificates of Success for

Being responsible, respectful, resilient, safe, a learner, fabulous, a friend, healthy, inclusive, embracing diversity



Earn one School Award for: 10 Certificates of Success



Earn one Assembly Award for: recognition by your teacher



Earn one School Medal for: 5 School / Assembly Awards



Earn one School Trophy for: 5 School Medals



Earn one Maximus Award for: 5 School Trophies

Critical Incident

At times responding to a particular behaviour will require identifying the behaviour as a critical incident.

Was it a Critical Incident?

School Post Incident Procedure

Was there a serious disruption to the school?

Was the safety and wellbeing of other people seriously interfered with?

Was there serious injury?

NEXT STEPS



Incident Report & Support Hotline contacted 1800 811 523

Director of Education contacted 9582 2800

Parents of affected students contacted

Whole school community contacted*

Media unit contacted*



Affected student and class groups to be debriefed

Staff to be debriefed

Employee
Assistance Program
(EAP) offered to
affected staff

Parents interviews and/or Forum*

School counsellor to work with affected students*

*These steps occur depending on the situation and after consultation with the Director



Investigation of incident

Write an Incident Report

Learning Support
Team to revise
Risk
Management and
Behaviour
Support Plans

WHS Team to review WHS systems

Review of school systems and procedures

Anti-Bullying

A strong anti-bullying message supports a safe and inclusive whole school culture that supports diversity and enables individuals to feed empowered and valued.



Don't Obey Bullies



Be fabulous
Be resilient
Be inclusive
Be responsible
Be respectful
Be a friend
Be a learmer
Be fabulous
Act Safely
Embrace diversity

What is bullying?

Bullying is when a person or a group repeatedly and intentionally behave in a way that makes another person unhappy, lonely and/or scared to come to school.

What SHOULD you do if you are being bullied?

Tell your parents, tell your teacher, tell a friend - help is close at hand to make sure that you feel safe and happy at our school.

How can you help if you know that someone is being bullied?

say

NO

to bullies

GO

to a safe place

TELL a teacher





DID YOU KNOW?



If you use the Internet to write or say something unkind about someone else – this is bullying.

Remember:



USE BUILD UPS NOT PUT DOWNS



INCLUDE EVERYONE IN YOUR GAMES



TELL A TEACHER IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS BEING BULLIED

YOU REPORT IT WE SORT IT

NO GO TELL



Say no to bullying Stay no to unsafe situations

Positive behaviour for learning involves acknowledging appropriate behaviour.