



As part of 'Working together to achieve our best', we expect all of our children to behave well and be well presented at all times. The focus on children's behaviour and their appearance is very important because there is a very strong link between how children look on the outside, the way they behave and their attitude to learning and how much progress they make.

We have 3 golden rules at The Firs:

Ready, Respect, Safe.

This simplifies the dialogue with children about their behaviour.

It is essential that children get consistent messages from all the adults in their life and so for that reason, we ask parents to support us in reminding children about the following aspects of their behaviour:- (Words in **bold** are the key phrases we say to the children)

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| <p>Ready</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will make sure we are a 'smart learner,' ready for every learning opportunity. ● We will use our 'magnet eyes' and 'listening ears' to show we are ready to learn. ● We will respond to our Firs behaviour signals ('stop' signal e.g. hand raised > clap + hand raised > and visual support cards as well as strategies for transition between tasks '1 (stand silently), 2 (go silently) ,3 (sit silently)' so you are always ready to learn. ● We will always make our best effort ● We will use our Growth Mindset, to learn from our mistakes, persevere and make good choices. ● We will work together to achieve our best. |
| <p>Respect</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will be caring and treat others how we would want to be treated. ● We all have a voice and will let everyone have a say, one at a time. ● We will respect our differences ● We will use our manners and talk respectfully to each other ● We will look after property. ● We are honest and can trust each other ● We help each other when things are tricky ● We will follow The Firs Way expectations |

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| Safe | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● We will think about our actions and not harm others, using 'kind hands' at all times.● If we see someone being unkind or unsafe, we will remind them of our rules, expectations and values.● We will challenge bullying behaviours - see Anti-Bullying Policy.● We will ask for help if we have a problem.● We will choose our words carefully, so that people feel safe and valued.● We will sit on our chairs carefully in class.● We will walk carefully around the school and save running for playtime. |
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We remind the children about the link between looking smart and being a 'smart learner'. We tell them that if they line up sensibly at the end of playtime, tuck their shirts in and walk into the classroom quietly and sensibly, then they are '**Ready**' to learn e.g. switching successfully to 'work mode' again.

Our focus on this improves how quickly children settle and concentrate at the beginning of sessions. This is really important because as we also remind them regularly, every moment of their learning time is precious and not to be wasted.

With this in mind, we also ask parents to support us in the following aspects of appearance, to help us make sure that our children look like '**smart learners**':-

- You **must** always wear The Firs School Uniform.
- The Firs School fleece **should not** be worn in class as it is an outer garment.
- 'Firs Leavers' hoodies must not be worn as this is not part of the school uniform
- Only **green hairbands or green ribbons** – no fancy coloured hair accessories to be worn.
- Nail varnish must **not** be worn at school.
- Tattoo transfers **are not permitted** and must be removed before attending school.
- No Jewellery to be worn in school (small ear studs are permitted but **must be removed** on PE days before they come to school).
- Only **Black** school shoes must be worn – no trainers allowed.

Working together, we can help all our children to do their best!