



Behaviour Management

Ideas that work

- Separate the behaviour from the person (talk about the behaviour separate from the child).
- Plan and prepare thoroughly for behaviour management.
- Understand the behaviour management strategies of the school you are in. These can vary widely from school to school.
- Set clear expectations for the students.
- Accept the support of other staff around you.
- Positive reinforcement is hugely important – good behaviour needs to be noted.
- Follow up all statements – continuous repetition followed by no action undermines your authority.
- Don't shout.
- Do not appear personally upset or frustrated.
- Get to know names of students; ask a helpful student to draw up a seating plan.
- Find the names of the Senior Management Team and refer to them if needed.
- Report any serious behaviour issues to senior staff.

Ideas that DON'T work

- Losing your temper, talking things personally.
- Negative reinforcement – looking bored, upset or angry does not help.
- Whole class detentions – it is highly unlikely that the whole class misbehaved and therefore not all pupils should be punished.
- Being unprepared, late, not having any of your own work to rely on.
- Not setting clear goals and expectations.
- Bombarding your class with worksheets.
- The “I am only here temporarily” statement reminds your students that what they do today may have very little consequence when the regular teacher returns.
- Focussing on bad behaviour rather than good.