(21) - BEHAVIOUR POLICY

MINOR MISBEHAVIOUR

Minor misbehaviour is behaviour or disruption that interferes with the orderly educational process within the school.

Examples: Interfering with the work of others, disturbing the concentration of others, inappropriate social interactions etc.

Initial Reaction:
- Direction by the director towards work which will engage the child’s interest
- Discussion with the child about what he/she thinks might be a solution to the problem
- Application of conflict resolution techniques
- If further disciplinary action is required, the director records the misbehaviour
- In the case of repeated misbehaviour, the parents are notified at a parent interview.

Consequences:
- Verbal re-direction
- Assigning a seat on a temporary basis
- Isolation for a short period of time
- Child takes responsibility for the repair of any damage
- Daily encouragement of positive behaviour
- Child stays next to the teacher.

SERIOUS MISBEHAVIOUR

Serious misbehaviour is recurring covert and overt behaviour that results in property destruction, willful defiance or injury to others, emotional or physical.

Examples: Refusal to work, out of control hitting and kicking, temper tantrums, throwing objects, damaging private property, injurious hitting, stealing, seriously inappropriate social interactions.

Initial Action:
- Immediate intervention by the supervising staff member
- Incident form filled out and presented to Principal

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• If the immediate intervention is unsuccessful, the child is then sent to the Principal and parents notified immediately by the Principal.
• In the event of serious continuous misbehaviour or injurious behaviour, a meeting is scheduled with the Principal, director and parents.

**Consequences:**
• The child will be required to apologise
• The child may be assigned a special place within the classroom
• The child may be isolated for a day or longer, if necessary
• Parents will be called in for a meeting with the director and Principal
• The parents may be called to take the child home
• The parents will be notified in writing, detailing specific misbehaviour
• Repeated serious misbehaviour may result in the parents being asked by the Principal, to withdraw their child from the school.

Beehive Montessori School does not permit corporal punishment of students attending the school. “This does not include, however, the application of force only to prevent personal injury to, or damage to or the destruction of property of any person (including the student)” [Education Reform Amendment Act (School Discipline), 1995].

*We thank Forestville Montessori School for their assistance with this policy.*

Please sign below to acknowledge that you accept this behaviour policy.

Mother’s Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

Father’s Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

OR

Guardian’s Signature ___________________________ Date ____________