

## **Bad language and swearing statement**

At Barnes Primary School we have a 'zero tolerance' approach to bad language and swearing. It is not acceptable behaviour. There is nothing big, or cool about it. It is a crude and vulgar way of talking and we will not tolerate it in our polite, friendly school.

The English language contains such a large number of wonderful words and we expect children to express themselves by making good choices about the words they use.

Bad language and swearing is offensive. It is anti-social and it upsets others. Therefore it will **not** be tolerated.

When others hear bad language or swearing, it makes them feel distressed, intimidated, or even scared. This is unacceptable.

All members of staff will challenge children who speak in this way.

Children who behave like this have not learnt a simple and very important rule about living as part of a large school family: everybody has a right to be spoken to in a polite and respectful manner.

### The school's response to swearing and the use of bad language

- Children who use bad language or swear will need to write out this statement and miss their playtimes for a day
- If they continue to use bad language or swear their parents will be called into school to discuss their behaviour.

**We will never tolerate bad language or swearing at our friendly, polite school.**