

# The Card System



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Managing Behaviour  
in school, calmly!

# What's this all about?

At Moorfields, we're all about being positive!

Children receive praise and rewards regularly. Classes use their own systems of reward and children love to receive points and stickers and prizes for endeavour and achievement.

Kids respond well to praise and rewards, so we take every opportunity to enjoy their success them.

But naturally, sometimes there are behaviours that require a different kind of response...



*As well as rewards*, it's important to have a process in place that will teach children what kind of response they might receive from a teacher or the principal if they've done something naughty.

Teachers don't want to be angry; being angry uses up a lot of energy!

From now on, Mr Beattie and the teachers will manage behaviour by using the card system - just like a referee in a sports game. It works like this....



# The Card System

This system is designed to help children learn from their mistakes and develop into responsible individuals. All children make mistakes, so we do not immediately punish anyone. Instead, we will use graduated warnings to teach them about consequences and help them to develop self-control and decision-making.



# The Card System

If a child behaves inappropriately, we will first calmly explain to them why their behaviour was unacceptable and what the consequences of their actions are. We will then give them a warning. If inappropriate behaviour continues, the warnings will continue and may lead to a 'punishment.' Our card system uses these warnings;



Strikes



Yellow Cards



Red Cards

# Strikes

Strikes are little warnings for minor issues. Classroom interruptions, talking instead of listening, distracting others etc may merit a strike. Strikes are just little tallies marked on a chart - 3 strikes in one day will result in a yellow card.

There is no punishment for a strike!  
Strikes are wiped clean at the end of each day.\*

\*Strikes given during the 2-3pm class or ex-curricular activity will remain on the chart for the following day.



# Yellow Card

Yellow cards are warnings given if a child accumulates 3 strikes in a day. A yellow card might also be given automatically for a more significant incident of naughtiness! Bad language, name calling, not following a teacher's instructions or softer 'physical' behaviours etc might result in a straight yellow card.

There is no punishment for receiving a yellow card. Yellow cards are wiped at the end of each week.



# Red Card

Red cards are given if a child accumulates two yellow cards in one week. They can also be given automatically for more serious behavioural incidents. A straight red card might be issued for physical/violent behaviour, defiance towards staff or more extreme language misuse etc.

A red card results in a punishment. The child will have a chat with Mr Beattie and lose one (or more...) lunch play time. Parents will often be informed of red cards (particularly a straight red card) by a phone call or a signed reply slip.





# In a nutshell...

Three strikes = 1 yellow card



2 yellow cards = 1 red card



1 red card =

- Lose playtime
- Chat with Mr Beattie
- Parent note



Please do not worry about this system! There's no need to panic if your child receives strikes or cards!

Strikes and cards will become *very* regular as we implement this - but the children will very quickly understand that it's fair and it allows us to deal with behaviour issues in a calm and firm manner.

**And remember, children will only receive a punishment when a red card is used.**