



Behaviour and Learning in a Primary School Setting

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What will be covered throughout this presentation?

- Definition of Behaviour in children
- Appropriate behaviour management strategies
- Behavioural theorists
- Working with parents and carers
- Training Material



Source: (Teacher Tool Kit, 2018)

What is the definition of behaviour in children?

- Behaviour is communication!!!!!!
- It's the way in which children let us know what is happening emotionally and psychologically
- When a child's behaviour becomes challenging, it usually serves a purpose meaning there is a reason behind this

(Social Care Wales, 2025)



Source: (Caring Together, 2025)

Effective Behaviour Management Strategies

- **Positive Reinforcement** – rewards for positive behaviour (reward charts, golden time, free choice play)
- **Building Positive Relationships** – consistent routines, clear expectations
- **Creating a Positive Learning Environment** – encouraging motivation and pupil engagement



Source: (MrMacsResources, 2025)

Behavioural Theorists

- **B.F Skinner – Operant Conditioning (Positive Reinforcement)**
- **John Bowlby – Attachment Theory (Building Positive Relationships)**
- **John Dewey – Experiential Learning/ Progressive Education (Creating a Positive Learning Environment)**

B.F Skinner



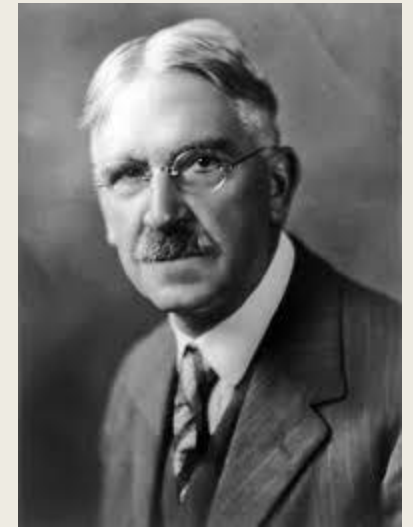
Source: Wikipedia, (No Date)

John Bowlby



Source: The Voice of Early Childhood, (2025)

John Dewey



Source: Wikipedia, (No Date)

Working with Parents and Carers

- **Regular Communication**
- **Parent – Teacher Collaboration**
- **Encourage Involvement**
- **Collaborative Goal Setting**
- **Consistency Across Home and School**



Source: Hermitage Primary School, (No Date)

EFFECTIVE BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Positive Reinforcement

- Praising the child's best efforts
- Involves rewarding desired behaviours
- Supporting effective Learning and motivation
- Widely used in education settings, parenting and workplaces
- Encourages positive actions and improves performance

PositivePsychology.com, (2019)

Building Positive Relationships

- Crucial for pupils academic success
- Social development
- Overall well-being
- Relationships with teachers
- Foster sense of belonging
- Improve behaviour
- Increase motivation

Worth- it, (2024)

Creating a Positive Learning Environment

- Developing a safe, welcoming space
- Where pupils feel supported, respected and motivated to learn
- Safe and security
- Provides a homely environment

(Haymer, (2022))

Working with Parents and Carers

- Crucial for supporting the child's behaviour
- Creates a united front between home and school
- Provides a more complete picture of the child's life
- Leads to better outcomes

Working with Parents provides -

- Holistic view of the child's behaviour
- Helps identify issues early
- Builds trust and communication

Services for Education, (2025).

Programmes for Behaviour PATHS

- Curriculum Primary School based programme for children
- Aims to promote emotional and social skills to improve behaviour
- Teaches children to identify feelings
- Control impulses
- Develop problem-solving skills
- The goal is to help children build emotional awareness
- Self control
- Positive friendships

PATHS, (No Date).

Source: FreePik, (2024).

Source: Teacher Tool Kit, (2018).

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