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Appendix A: Home School Agreement Definitions

Therapeutic Steps defines therapeutic as:

An approach to behaviour that prioritises the pro-social experiences and feelings of everyone within the dynamic.

Pro-social Definitions: -

- Relating to or denoting behaviour which is positive, helpful, and intended to promote social acceptance
- Pro-social behaviour is characterised by a concern for the rights, feelings and welfare of other people
- Behaviour which benefits other people or society
- The absence of anti-social behaviour

Anti-social Definitions: -

- Behaviour that causes harm to an individual, the community or to the environment.
 - Behaviour that is likely to cause injury, harassment, alarm or distress
 - Behaviour that violates the rights of another person
- Unsocial Definition: -
- Not enjoying or making an effort to behave sociably in the company of others, but not to the detriment of others.

Dorset Steps is the Local Authority's preferred approach to supporting positive behaviour management in schools and settings. The Steps name was drawn from an inclusion statement...

The process of taking necessary steps to ensure that every young person is given an equality of opportunity to develop socially, to learn and to enjoy community life.

- To support settings with developing a therapeutic approach to behaviour.
- To promote the inseparable link between teaching, learning and behaviour.
- To improve staff confidence and safety
- To support the inclusion of those with difficult or dangerous behaviours
- To reduce exclusions
- To support consistency within services
- To support Senior Leadership Teams in the development of quality policy and planning.

