

Bad Behaviour in Schools

Students often behave badly in class. This includes being noisy, not completing work, being rude to the teacher and bullying, among other things. We will consider the possible causes of bad behaviour and ways that it can be reduced.

Bad Behaviour in Schools: Causes

Bad behaviour is due to a lack of structure and discipline.

There are too many children in some classes.

Large classes are difficult to manage.

Many disruptive students come from an unstable family background.

Other parents are too lenient and spoil their children.

Some children are used to getting whatever they want.

Schools can do very little if they are not supported by parents.

Summary

There are many reasons why students behave badly. First of all, bad behaviour is caused by a lack of structure and discipline. If a teacher or school do not have clear rules and punishments, students may not worry about breaking the rules. Furthermore, some classes are too large for teachers to manage properly. For example, my lessons at school often had between 30 and 35 students. This makes it very difficult for teachers to keep an eye on each student and tell them off for bad behaviour.

There may also be issues related to the student's family background which cause them to misbehave. Many disruptive students come from unstable homes, and it is reasonable to suggest that if students are unhappy at home, they are more likely to behave badly at school. In contrast, some parents are too lenient and spoil their children. If a child is used to getting whatever they want, they may become hostile when a teacher asks them to do something which they don't want to do.

Bad Behaviour in Schools: Solutions

Schools need a clear code of conduct.

Schools need a clear set of rules about behaviour.

Teachers must have the power to punish disruptive students.

Schools should remove difficult children from lessons.

Schools need to work closely with parents.

Discipline could be lacking at home.

Parents must support the school rules.

They should take responsibility for their children's behaviour.

Summary

There are many ways to persuade children to behave better in school. Firstly, schools can create a clear code of conduct. If they have a clear set of rules and behaviour, then students will know when they are misbehaving. Students must also know there are consequences for bad behaviour. For example, schools should remove difficult children from lessons.

Secondly, schools need to work closely with parents. This is because discipline may be lacking at home, and sometimes students do not care about school if their parents don't. Ideally, parents should support the school rules. I believe that there should be government initiatives encouraging parents to take responsibility for their children's behaviour.

Practice Question

In many countries, schools have severe problems with student behavior. What do you think are the causes of this? What solutions can you suggest?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.