



School Behaviour Policy

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MISSION STATEMENT

- We are committed to high standards in all that we do
- We aim to provide a stimulating and caring environment where students feel happy and secure
- We encourage everyone to make the best of themselves and to achieve success

AIMS

The school has a whole school approach to meeting the needs of students by involving all staff in addressing the individual needs of students in order to achieve their full potential. This is to encourage students to:

- Learn to develop an understanding of the ways in which their behaviour affects their own learning and the learning of other students
- Share in the creation of a positive and orderly atmosphere where teaching and learning can take place without interruption and where students feel valued, happy and safe
- Learn to control and take responsibility for their own behaviour
- Learn to develop a responsible, supportive and caring attitude towards other people and know that their behaviour has an impact on others
- Develop a respect for property and the environment in which we all work

OBJECTIVES

We intend to:

- Provide effective teaching and learning which supports and encourages positive behaviour and attitudes to learning
- Raise and develop staff awareness of individual behaviour needs Provide staff with strategies to meet individual behaviour needs provide students with strategies and appropriate programmes to address their individual behaviour needs and provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors through the clarification of expectations of roles, rights and responsibilities

PRINCIPLES

The school aims to:

- Value and promote good relationships between staff, students, parents and the community
- Encourage self-discipline and personal responsibility
- Help students to develop social skills and to become responsible, well-adjusted individuals willing and able to contribute to a caring society
- Assist with educational, vocational and personal guidance and counselling to enable students to make sensible and realistic choices
- Respect the views and beliefs of others, we will not tolerate hateful behaviour
- Value equality of opportunity
- Encourage full attendance and punctuality
- Monitor progress and reward achievement
- Promote positive support and liaison with parents, carers and appropriate outside agencies

PRACTICE

The school operates a Code of Conduct for students built around the core belief that everyone should behave in a manner which shows:

- Respect for others
- Respect for school
- Respect for self

PROCEDURES

At the School we have high expectations of our students. They should arrive at school and their lessons on time. We expect them to follow their agreed timetable at all times and turn up to lessons with the appropriate equipment. They should be in uniform as specified in the school prospectus. We expect them to behave in an appropriate manner and display a positive attitude towards their work.

The school has clearly identified procedures in relation to whole school behaviour management in order to ensure:

- Consistency and fairness
- Clarity of expectations for both staff and students
- Effective communication

The following procedures are clearly linked with the SEN Code of Practice, PSPs and other relevant policies.

REWARDS

The school considers the use of rewards to be a key part of the behaviour management strategies used by the school. All staff should aim to praise and encourage students at every opportunity. House points are used consistently across the school and by all staff. All students should have the opportunity to be rewarded for their contributions to the school community.

A reward can take many forms:

- Invitation to the annual Excellence Awards Evening
- Spoken praise and written praise
- Gold Star Award
- House points
- Comments on reports
- Certificates
- Positive contact with home, e.g., phone call, text message, letter, postcards
- Trips

HOUSE POINTS

House points are awarded from the following categories:

- Excellent classwork and homework
- Outstanding contribution to lessons or subject area
- Sports activity
- Inter-house competitions
- Participating in a co-curricular activity

The House point trophy is awarded at the end of each term for the winning House. Students will work towards gaining certificates of achievement at a variety of levels. The inter-house competition cup is awarded annually, in the summer term.

In addition, curriculum areas can award Gold Star prizes twice a month in relation to progress/outstanding achievement in their subject area and Heads of House award prizes for attendance. On a half-termly basis Heads of House will host a celebratory reward assembly.

End of year Commendation Evenings take place for each House where achievement in subject areas is celebrated. An annual Presentation Evening is held to award shields and trophies for outstanding academic and whole school performance.

DEALING WITH INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

It is the responsibility of all staff to deal with inappropriate behaviour as part of their normal day-to-day practice, both in the classroom and around the school. Further support is available through designated curriculum support, the 'On-call' system, Heads of House and Senior Leaders.

SANCTIONS

Although we would wish to view all aspects of school life in a very positive way, it would be unrealistic to expect that we do not need sanctions in order to register disapproval of unacceptable behaviour and as a last resort to protect the necessary authority of teachers and the stability and security of the school community.

Sanctions may include:

- Corrective and restorative conversations
- Asking students to move places
- Organised seating plans
- Removing a student from a lesson
- A short 'cooling off' time outside the classroom with the expectation that the student re-joins the lesson
- Referral to the Head of House or Senior Leader
- Making good any damage or tidying mess caused by the student
- Confiscation of articles from the student
- Suspension for a period of up to 5 days
- On the very rare occasion that there is a serious one-off breach or persistent breaches of the school's behaviour policy and, where allowing the student to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the student or others in the school, permanent exclusion

Serious disruption may require the involvement of the Head of Department or the use of the 'On Call' system when appropriate. If either of these are employed, the student may be removed from the class to work in the reset room or at the back of another class (buddy room).

REPORTS

The school has a sequenced reporting system made up of Tutor Reports, Head of House Reports and SLT Reports. All follow the same format and require the student 'on report' to discuss their report with the relevant member of staff at the end of each day and to share it and the progress they are making with their parents. When placed on report, the targets for improvement and the expected review date are identified and recorded to ensure the student is aware of the expectations set and the date by which they are expected to have made satisfactory progress.

In addition to the pastoral reports, the school also operates subject area reports. These reports differ to pastoral reports as they only refer to targets within a specific subject area and track progress over the subject lessons. They are completed by the subject teacher each lesson and monitored weekly by the curriculum leader. The student and parents are also invited to comment on the progress being made. It is the responsibility of the Head of Department to inform tutors when a student is placed on this report.

Students 'on report' will be identified for the Head of House and their progress discussed on a regular basis. In all cases, the care of the report is the responsibility of the student.

DETENTIONS

Detentions may be set after school (30 minutes) or at lunchtimes. For any period lasting longer than 10 minutes, a text message will be sent to parents in advance.

Students who have to be removed from a lesson (On Call) will be issued a 60-minute detention. For more serious behaviour, or where a student fails the 60-minute detention, a reset day will be issued. In all cases, parents will be informed by text message or phone call in advance.

Detentions can also be given for issues such as punctuality, incorrect uniform and other unacceptable behaviour, including at social times and on the journey to and from school.

SCHOOL RESET

A student can be placed in the school reset room if it is judged appropriate to separate them from their peers for a fixed period of time. The room is normally staffed by Senior/Middle Leaders. Student referrals are made by Heads of House to the relevant SLT line manager. This will include students who fail to attend the one hour after school detention.

Students are expected to work in silence and produce pieces of work during the day. Students spend break and lunchtime in the reset room.

WITHDRAWAL FROM LESSONS / SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE PROVISION AND SUSPENSIONS

The school endeavours to provide a range of provision in order to support the different learning needs of students and in order to ensure that where possible students are included within the school community. However, at times it may be necessary to remove students from lessons, their normal provision or the school if, despite support and encouragement, seriously violate the school rules, or where the continued presence of the student is a serious threat to the safety and/or learning of others.

Permanent exclusions will only be carried out when other strategies have failed or the incident is of a particularly serious nature. In all cases of any of these sanctions, the school will work in line with DfE guidelines. The sanction will be at the discretion of the Headteacher or, in their absence, another member of the Senior Leadership Team. A meeting, following a specific format, will be arranged for the student and his/her parents following any sanction that has resulted in any adjustment to their provision (excepting use of reset). These meetings will be led by a senior member of staff, and will plan a way forward to help the student avoid similar behaviour in the future. Further information on the nature of the meeting that takes place once a student returns to school is provided below.

The school will endeavour to use a range of sanctions that are an alternative to suspensions and which provide students with support strategies to improve their behaviour. Examples of this are;

- Withdrawal from lessons - where a student is removed from their normal lessons for a period which is typically 1-3 days but is based at their normal school
- School Alternative Provision – where a parent is directed for their child to attend the Trust Re-Integration Centre (RIC) for an identified period of time. At the RIC, students shall work with Trust staff on themed content that will help support their behaviour and shall also, for those attending for more than 10 days, shall receive mentoring. Students at the RIC will follow curriculum aligned to that which they would be studying in their school. Every student who has attended the RIC shall have a report submitted to the school on their attendance, behaviour and some outline suggestions on strategies for improvement. This shall be looked at in the meeting that takes place on re-admission to the school and shall be shared with appropriate staff who work with the student when back in their own school.
- A suspension will be issued where 1 and 2 may have been used and behaviour has not met expectations

Meetings following sanctions 1-3

The type of meeting that takes place will vary from student to student and is in line with DfE guidance. Typical examples are:

- Reintegration meeting with the Head of House
- Reintegration meeting with the Head of House and/or SLT Link
- Governor Behaviour Panel – a meeting with representation of the Governing Body to affirm the school expectations on behaviour and agree next steps
- Governor Discipline Committee - a meeting with representation from 3 members of the Governing Body to make a decision as to the suitability of the sanction including a formal suspension requiring this meeting or a permanent exclusion.

SEARCHING, SCREENING & CONFISCATION

Headteachers and staff they authorise have a statutory power to search a student or their possessions where they have reasonable grounds to suspect that the student may have a prohibited item or any other item that the school rules identify as an item which may be searched for.

The list of prohibited items includes:

- Nicotine pouches
- Vapes
- Knives and weapons, including imitation items
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Stolen items
- Any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be used:
 - to commit an offence, or
 - to cause personal injury to, or damage to property of; any person (including the student).
- an article specified in the Specification & Disposal of Articles regulations 2012:
 - tobacco and cigarette papers
 - fireworks
 - pornographic images

Searching of a student will be implemented consistently, proportionately and fairly and recognise the age, the individual needs or learning difficulties of students with SEN and make reasonable adjustments that may be required where a student has a disability. CCTV footage may also be viewed. Any confiscated items will not be returned to students.

Relevant action will be taken in respect of the student which will be dependent on the nature of the item found and the action taken by the student. This may also result in a referral to the police, early help or the local authority children's social care services.

STAFF AUTHORITY

All classroom staff have the authority to operate all the school sanctions detailed above with the exceptions of reset and suspensions. All other adults working in the school are included in our behaviour management systems and deserve equal respect from the students. Consequently, all staff can make referrals for school sanctions through their line manager or relevant classroom staff.

LEVEL OF SANCTION

One off, minor incidents of disruption in lessons or inappropriate behaviour will normally attract sanctions such as a verbal rebuke, reset for a short period or detention (30 minutes C3). More serious incidents of disruption or misbehaviour may well result in reset or suspension. Any student verbally abusing, intimidating or assaulting a member of staff will be referred to the Reintegration Centre and/or suspended. If a student repeats inappropriate behaviour or persistently disrupts the learning of others, the seriousness of the sanction will increase. The school will make reasonable adjustments under the Equality Act 2010, in respect of safeguarding and students with special educational needs (SEN).

EDUCATION AND INSPECTIONS ACT 2006

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 introduced new statutory powers for schools regarding behaviour and discipline. The new powers give any member of staff in lawful control of children the right to regulate students' conduct and impose sanctions. These powers can extend to students outside school-on-school events, when travelling to and from school or when the students' behaviour seriously undermines the authority or reputation of the school.

POLICE INVOLVEMENT

If the school has knowledge that an incident of a criminal nature has taken place either in school or at a school event, we will under normal circumstances contact the police.

CHILD PROTECTION /SOCIAL SERVICES INVOLVEMENT

The school has a named person who is responsible for child protection. All child protection concerns are referred directly to the Child Protection Officer who will take relevant action in line with child protection procedures. Where appropriate, the Child Protection Officer will inform the tutor and the relevant pastoral manager of the issues. Contact with Social Services is made by the Child Protection Officer, Heads of House, SSC/Inclusion Manager or relevant member of the SLT.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

The school aims to work in partnership with parents and recognises the value this partnership has in supporting the management of students' behaviour. The school welcomes parents into school to support learning, to share in the achievements of students, for social purposes and to share in the solving of difficulties in relation to students who are experiencing problems. The school encourages staff to make contact with parents, if relevant, and this includes contact of a positive nature as well as when support is required in solving problems. All contact with home should be in line with school policy.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The school aims to ensure that equal opportunities are provided for all students. The behaviour management programmes aim to ensure that all students have equal opportunity to access the learning provision provided by the school. All behaviour data will be monitored to ensure that no specific group is disadvantaged in relation to access.

REVIEW OF THE POLICY

This policy will be reviewed annually. All relevant parties will be involved in this review.

REFERENCES TO OTHER POLICIES:

The following School policies also need to be read in conjunction with this Behaviour Policy:

- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Wider Curriculum Policy

Further Information/Guidance	Keeping Children Safe in Education Suspension and Permanent Exclusion guidance
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