



Behaviour Policy

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I. Aims and approach

This policy aims to:

- Support and maintain **safe, enjoyable, respectful environment** that allows all to **achieve**
- Provide a **consistent approach** to behaviour management
- **Define** what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying
- Outline **how students are expected to behave**
- Summarise the **roles and responsibilities** of different people in the school community with regards to behaviour management
- Outline our system of **recognition and sanctions**

The following principles will be followed in the implementation of this policy:

- A positive approach in addressing all behaviour
- Self-esteem, trust and rapport will be built between staff and students
- There is consistent use, application and support of the Behaviour Policy by all members of School community (behaviour is everyone's responsibility)
- All who work in member schools and across the Trust model appropriate behaviour
- The behaviour is separated from the student
- Communication around behaviours is as important as the enacting of the policy
- The prevention of unwanted behaviours.

2. Legislation and statutory requirements

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- [Behaviour and discipline in schools](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation at school](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)
- [Supporting students with medical conditions at school](#)
- [Mobile Phones in Schools](#)
- [School Suspensions and Permanent Exclusions](#)

It is also based on the [special educational needs and disability \(SEND\) code of practice](#).

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Schedule 1 of the [Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014](#); paragraph 7 outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, paragraph 9 requires the school to have a written behaviour policy and paragraph 10 requires the school to have an anti-bullying strategy
- [DfE guidance](#) explaining that academies should publish their behaviour policy and anti-bullying strategy online.
- The Department for Education's statutory guidance [Mobile phones in schools](#), which should be read alongside Behaviour in schools, Keeping children safe in education, Searching, screening and confiscation in schools, and Supporting students with medical conditions at school.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Definitions

Misbehaviour is defined as:

- Breaches of the school rules including School Code of Conduct
- Poor punctuality
- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes
- Non-completion of classwork or homework
- Poor attitude as set out in the School Code of Conduct
- Incorrect uniform
- Inappropriate use of technology, devices and digital tools, including iPads, mobile phones and generative artificial intelligence.

Serious misbehaviour is defined as:

- Non-attendance and/or truanting;
- Repeated misbehaviour or breaches of the school rules including School Code of Conduct;
- Any form of bullying as defined in the Anti Bullying and Harassment Policy including online bullying or bullying online including social media or virtual chat platforms whether closed private groups or open groups whether taking place online during school hours on school site or not;
- Physical, including sexual, assault, or the threat of any such physical or sexual assault which is any unwanted physical or sexual behaviour that causes humiliation, pain, fear or intimidation to the victim and may include harassment;
- Vandalism;
- Theft;
- Fighting;
- Smoking or use of e-cigarettes (vaping);
- Racist, sexist, homophobic/transphobic or discriminatory behaviour of any type;
- Possession of any prohibited items. These are:
 - Knives or weapons;
 - Alcohol (including “no” or “low” alcohol);
 - Energy drinks prohibited for sale to under 16s;
 - Illegal drugs (including derivatives or other equivalent products);
 - Stolen items (or items which are more likely than not to have been stolen taking into account all relevant evidence and acting reasonably);
 - Tobacco, cigarette papers and lighter fluid or lighters; e-cigarette canisters (vapes) or other equivalent equipment;
 - Fireworks including fire crackers;
 - Pornographic or nudist images;
 - Any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or could be likely to be, used to commit or threaten to commit an offence, or to cause or threaten to cause personal injury or immediate damage to mental or physical health to, or damage to or threaten to damage the property of, any person (including the student);
 - Engagement in any child criminal exploitation/child sexual exploitation in any form.
- Engagement in any of the above or any activity whether in or outside of School including whilst in School uniform and including whilst travelling to and from School, or which could reasonably be considered to bring the School into disrepute whether in uniform or not;
- Incitement of any of the above.

4. Suspension or exclusion from School for Breaches of the Behaviour Policy

General

BET and each member School aims to ensure that:

The suspension and permanent exclusions process is applied fairly and consistently;

- The suspension and permanent exclusions process is understood by Trustees, governors, staff, parents and students;
- Students in school are safe and happy;
- Students do not become NEET (not in education, employment or training).

Suspension and permanent exclusion are used only when wider behaviour strategies, as outlined in the Behaviour in Schools guidance, have been exhausted, and where necessary to maintain a calm, safe and supportive environment.

Only the Head of School can suspend or permanently exclude a student and this must be on disciplinary grounds. A student may be suspended for one or more fixed periods (up to a maximum of 45 school days in a single year), or permanently excluded. A suspension does not have to be for a continuous period. The law does not allow a suspension to be extended or converted into a permanent exclusion. In exceptional circumstances, usually where further evidence has come to light, a further suspension or a permanent exclusion may be issued to begin immediately after the original suspension ends. If a student's suspensions total 15 days or more within a term, the school's GDC must convene a meeting to review the headteacher's decision. Meetings may be held remotely where requested by parents and where criteria are met; however, face-to-face meetings remain the preferred approach. Students will not be excluded for non-disciplinary reasons such as the actions of his/her parents or his/her academic ability. The Trust does not operate a 'no exclusion' policy. While exclusion is a last resort, it is recognised as a necessary safeguard for maintaining safety and standards.

Decision to Suspend or permanently exclude

Whenever a student is made to leave school, or forbidden from attending school, on disciplinary grounds, this must be done in accordance with the School Discipline (student Exclusions and Reviews) (England) Regulations 2012. Decisions regarding suspension or permanent exclusion are made on the balance of probabilities, not the criminal standard of proof, and will never be taken lightly. Schools will make every reasonable effort to involve students so that any student who is suspended or at risk of permanent exclusion is enabled and encouraged to participate, to the extent they wish to, at all stages of the suspension or permanent exclusion decision making process. A student will only be suspended for any period of time, or permanently excluded, when he/she has breached this Behaviour Policy seriously or persistently, and where allowing him/her to remain in school would harm the education or welfare of the student or that of others in the school.

Considerations

When deciding whether to suspend or permanently exclude a student, headteachers must consider the school's responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010. Students with Education, Health and Care plans, students with SEN, and disabled students are especially vulnerable to the impact of suspension and permanent exclusion, and headteachers will not apply policies that disproportionately increase risk of exclusion. Where a student has an EHC plan, the School will contact the local authority at an early stage where there are significant behavioural concerns or risk of suspension or permanent exclusion, and will consider whether an early annual review is required.

The Head of School will consider all relevant factors and circumstances surrounding the incident, and where appropriate, the student's views will be taken into account before a decision is made, considering their age and

understanding, and the student will be informed how their views have been considered.

A headteacher may cancel an exclusion before the governing board meets. Where this occurs, all relevant parties must be informed and appropriate follow-up actions taken.

Suspension and Permanent Exclusions

Behaviour which is likely to lead to a suspension or permanent exclusion could include any form of serious misbehaviour as defined in the School's code of conduct or home school agreement but examples are as below:

- Persistent disruption of learning;
- Failure to respond to or engage with previous interventions;
- Smoking or e-cigarettes (vaping) or possession of items in unexplained quantities or large quantities;
- Alcohol (including low or no alcohol);
- Fighting;
- Vandalism;
- Verbal abuse of staff;
- Online activity whether onsite or offsite that poses a threat to others or risks harm to their education and welfare in school;
- Bullying;
- Possession of a prohibited item, particularly a weapon or any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or could be likely to be, used to commit or threaten to commit an offence, or to cause or threaten to cause personal injury to or immediate danger to the physical or mental health of, or damage to or threaten to damage the property of, any person (including the student) and/or any illegal drugs or smoking or vaping incident (possession (including of drugs or smoking/vaping paraphernalia), use independently, use with others, or supply, whilst 'in school') are more likely however to result in the student's permanent exclusion than not.

The Headteacher must notify without delay:

- Parents
- Local authority
- Social worker (if applicable)
- Virtual School Head (for looked-after children)

as identified in [Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and student referral units in England, including student movement - Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies and student referral units in England](#)

Actions following a Suspension

Schools should support students to reintegrate successfully into school life and full-time education following a suspension (this may also be after a cancelled exclusion) or period of off-site direction. Following any suspension a student and their parent/carer will be required to attend a reintegration meeting with senior pastoral staff and/or leadership staff. Ideally this will be held at the school but can also be a phone call or online meeting.

The purpose of the reintegration is twofold: firstly, to address the incident fully and ensure that the student has had time to reflect on the poor choices that led to the exclusion being given; secondly, to complete a Pastoral Support Plan or other document such as a Behaviour Contract that will help the student to reintegrate into the school community with a positive focus and clear targets, supported by both school and home through

clear interventions and expectations. The Pastoral Support Plan or Behaviour Contract or equivalent document will always be reviewed after an appropriate period of time with both student and parent/carers and both the student and parent/carers are required to attend this subsequent review meeting.

Students must not be prevented from returning to mainstream classrooms when parents cannot or will not attend reintegration meetings. Schools cannot extend or impose additional suspensions if students fail to participate in these meetings; instead, re-engagement issues should be addressed through the reintegration strategy.

Permanent Exclusion

This policy and any decision to exclude permanently follow all relevant legislation and the statutory guidance from the Department for Education: [Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and student referral units \(PRUs\) in England](#).

A permanent exclusion will be taken as a last resort having exhausted all other relevant sources of support and intervention both provided by School or third parties arranged by School or by external agencies, including Multi Agency Support Hubs. Heads of Schools will take into account the personal circumstances relevant to the individual student before excluding a student permanently and any mitigation provided.

During the first five school days of a suspension, and before any alternative provision begins, the School will take reasonable steps to ensure that appropriate work is set and marked, with reasonable adjustments made where required for students with SEND or disabilities.

No BET member School practices off-rolling (defined as the practice of removing a student from the school roll without a formal, permanent exclusion or by encouraging a parent to remove their child from the school roll, when the removal is primarily in the interests of the school rather than in the best interests of the student).

Process and Procedures

All BET member Schools are committed to following all statutory exclusions procedures including with respect to time limits and notifications to parents/carers and the relevant local authority to ensure that every child receives an education in a safe and caring environment. The Department for Education Guidance: Exclusion from maintained Schools, academies and student referral units (PRUs) in England is a statutory document and all BET member Schools follow its provisions.

5. Roles and responsibilities

Governance and Reporting

The Board's Education Committee is responsible for monitoring this behaviour policy's effectiveness and holding the CEO and Director of Education to account for its implementation. The Education Committee's approach prioritises prevention, early intervention, and inclusive practice. Exclusion is used only where necessary to uphold standards and safety. It receives termly reports from the CEO on student behaviour across the Trust. Each Local Governing Body receives termly reports from the Head of School on behaviour incidents, including numbers and patterns relating to suspensions and permanent exclusions to ensure equitable and proportionate use.

Managed Moves and Off-Site Direction

Managed Moves

A managed move is a voluntary agreement between schools, parents and the student to transfer to another

school to improve behaviour and avoid suspension or permanent exclusion.

The Trust will:

- Use managed moves as a **preventative strategy**, not as a sanction
- Ensure moves are **agreed by all parties**, including parents and the receiving school
- Ensure the student's views are considered in line with their age and understanding
- Set **clear objectives, success criteria, and review points** for the placement
- Record the managed move formally and monitor outcomes

Managed moves will **not be used as a proxy for permanent exclusion** or to remove a student unlawfully from the school roll.

Off-Site Direction (Section 29A)

The Trust Board delegates to the Headteacher of each academy the authority to direct a student to attend off-site educational provision for the purpose of improving behaviour, in accordance with Section 29A of the Education Act 2002, the Education (Educational Provision for Improving Behaviour) Regulations and current Department for Education statutory guidance.

The Headteacher may exercise this delegated authority without obtaining case-by-case approval from the Trust Board, Local Governing Body or central Trust staff. The Headteacher will ensure that all statutory notification, review, safeguarding, monitoring and record-keeping requirements are met and will report the use of off-site direction through the Trust's normal governance and monitoring arrangements.

Off-site direction will:

Be used as a **short-term intervention**, not a long-term placement

- Form part of a **planned, monitored strategy** for reintegration
- Have **clear objectives and review mechanisms**
- Ensure the student remains on roll at the school
- Be communicated clearly to parents, including rationale and expected outcomes

The Trust will ensure that any alternative provision is **suitable, safe, and of high quality**, and that safeguarding responsibilities remain in place.

The CEO and Head of School

The CEO and Director of Education/School Improvement are responsible for reviewing this policy, and Heads of Schools are responsible for adapting the school specific sections and holding staff to account for the policy. Heads of Schools are responsible for ensuring all staff receive induction and subsequent training in this Policy, appropriate to their role, and regardless of the point in the academic year that staff join a school.

The Head of School will ensure that the school environment encourages positive behaviour and that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour. The Head of School will monitor how staff implement this policy to ensure rewards and sanctions are applied consistently. The Head of School provides termly reports to the Local Governing Body on behaviour and implementation of this Policy and is accountable to the CEO for the implementation of this Policy within each member School.

Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- Implementing the behaviour policy consistently;
- Modelling positive behaviour;

- Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular students;
- Recording behaviour incidents;
- Communicating as appropriate with regards to behaviours so that all stakeholders can work together effectively for the support of teaching and learning;
- Empowering and supporting students to build and deliver a school environment and community within which all students have confidence in the implementation of the Behaviour Policy, including the reporting of any misbehaviour or serious misbehaviour as defined in this Policy.
- Staff should not use personal mobile phones for personal reasons in front of students during the school day, except where there is an authorised operational, safeguarding or emergency reason.

The senior leadership team will support staff in responding to behaviour incidents.

Parents

Parents are expected to:

- Support their child in adhering to the student code of conduct;
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour;
- Discuss any behavioural concerns with the appropriate member of staff promptly;
- Support their child in meeting the requirements and steps of any reintegration plan or other plan put in place to support their child's behaviour.

Students

Students are expected:

- to follow the Student Code of Conduct below and School rules, and;
- to report or to engage with any reporting process relating to any misbehaviour and serious misbehaviour incidents;
- to meet the requirements and steps of any reintegration or other plan put in place to support their behaviour.

Student code of conduct

Students are expected to:

- Behave in an orderly and self-controlled way;
- Show respect to members of staff and each other in all regards including use and tone of language;
- Be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing;
- In class, make it possible for all students to learn;
- Move quietly and purposefully around the school;
- Not to use mobile phones or similar smart technology, including smart watches, during the school day, unless a specific exception has been authorised by the school for medical, safeguarding or other exceptional reasons.
- Treat the school buildings and school property with respect;
- Wear the correct uniform at all times;
- Follow the School rules;
- Accept sanctions when given;
- Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school;
- Report incidents of breach of School Code of Conduct, School rules including misbehaviour and serious misbehaviour.

These expectations apply to in person and online behaviour both during school hours onsite inside school and outside school hours offsite where such offsite behaviour reasonably appears to continue onsite, or contributes to or impacts behaviour and the orderly running of the school onsite, or otherwise poses a threat

to another person on school premises.

See the example School Home/School Agreement in the Appendix I for further information.

6. Specific Behaviours

Child-on-child sexual violence and sexual harassment

Following any report of child-on-child sexual violence or sexual harassment whether in person or online, all member Schools follow the general safeguarding principles set out in Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) - especially Part 5. The designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) is the most appropriate person to advise on the school's initial response. Each incident should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Member Schools ensure that they are very clear in every aspect of their culture that sexual violence and sexual harassment are never acceptable, will not be tolerated and that students whose behaviour falls below expectations will be sanctioned. Member Schools induct, train and support all staff in the importance of challenging all inappropriate language and behaviour between students.

It is essential that all those reporting child on child sexual violence or harassment are reassured they will be supported, kept safe, and are being taken seriously, regardless of how long it has taken them to come forward. Sexual violence and harassment of members of the school community that occurs offsite outside of school hours whether online or in person outside of the school will be treated equally seriously as it occurred onsite in school hours.

Use of separation / keeping students apart

In rare circumstances, and where necessary for safeguarding reasons, a School may temporarily separate students or forbid a student from attending the premises where this is essential and cannot practicably be managed on site. This is not a disciplinary suspension or permanent exclusion. Such decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, led by the DSL or deputy, with consideration of KCSIE, equality duties, human rights duties, and relevant multi-agency advice.

Behaviour incidents online both onsite in school hours or offsite outside of School hours

The way in which students relate to one another online and whether onsite or offsite, and during or outside of School hours, can have a significant impact on the culture at school. Negative interactions online offsite and outside of School hours can damage the school's culture and can lead to students feeling that School is not a safe place to be. Member schools recognise that behaviour issues online, offsite, outside of School hours, in particular can be very difficult to manage for both families and those involved in the behaviour. Nevertheless, all member Schools commit to ensuring that whilst member Schools recognise that the online space differs in many ways, the same standards of behaviour are expected online as apply offline, and that everyone should be treated with kindness, respect and dignity. All member Schools are committed to supporting all students to be responsible digital global citizens as well as responsible global citizens in person. All member Schools work with families and parents/carers to help families and parents/carers to support their children in becoming responsible digital global citizens and to ensure families and parents/carers understand the School's expectations with respect to all behaviour outside of School premises, outside of school hours, whether in person or online where that behaviour continues inside school or contributes to behaviour or impacts the orderly running of the School or the experience of other members of the school's community inside School premises during school hours or in School activities.

Inappropriate online behaviour including bullying, the use of inappropriate language, the soliciting and sharing of nude or semi-nude images and videos and sexual violence or harassment is treated in the same way as offline behaviour. This includes the inappropriate use of generative artificial intelligence or other digital tools

to create, alter, impersonate, share or amplify content that breaches this policy, including bullying, harassment, sexualised content, discriminatory content, misinformation, impersonation of staff or students, or content that poses a safeguarding risk. All Schools' Codes of Conduct make these expectations express and clear so that staff and students can understand and follow such expectations clearly and consistently. In particular, where offsite behaviour, whether online or not, poses a threat to other members of the school community in school, the member School will take action in accordance with all its policies and procedures, including this Policy to ensure there is no risk of harm to the education and welfare for all members of the School from any behaviour incident or incidents.

Mobile Phones and Smart Technology

In line with DfE statutory guidance, all BET schools must be mobile phone-free during the school day, including lessons, lesson changeovers, breaktimes and lunchtimes. This applies to mobile phones and other smart technology with similar functionality, including smart watches and any device capable of sending or receiving messages, notifications, images, audio or video, or recording audio or video.

As a Trust minimum, students who bring a phone to school must keep it switched off and stored in their bag throughout the school day. Phones must not be used, seen or heard unless a specific exception has been authorised by the school.

Schools may go further where appropriate, including requiring phones to be handed in, stored securely, or not brought onto site. Any local approach must be clear, consistently applied, communicated to students and parents, and reflected in school behaviour procedures.

Exceptions for medical, safeguarding or other exceptional reasons must be agreed in advance and managed through a clear individual arrangement. Parents should contact the school office with urgent messages; students should not use their own phone to contact home during the school day.

Breaches will be managed in line with the behaviour policy and may include confiscation, detention or other proportionate sanctions.

Potential or Suspected criminal behaviour

In cases when a member of staff or headteacher suspects potential or actual criminal behaviour, the school must make an initial assessment of whether an incident should be reported to the police only by gathering enough information to establish the facts of the case. These initial investigations should be fully documented, and schools should make every effort to preserve any relevant evidence. Once a decision is made to report the incident to police, schools should ensure any further action they take does not interfere with any police action taken. However, schools retain the discretion to continue investigations and enforce their own sanctions so long as it does not conflict with police action.

Trips and activities

All staff, students, families and parents/carers recognise that all member Schools continue to apply this policy and codes of conduct for all trips or activities that the School provides and students participate in that are not part of the School or student's normal timetabled day. The same standards of behaviour are expected in all such activities, and depending on the context, there may be additional requirements due to the nature of the trip or activity.

Bullying

This policy is supported by the Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy as well as each School's Code of Conduct and Home School Agreement.

7. BET behaviour management guidelines

Classroom management

All Teaching and support staff in classrooms are responsible for setting the tone and context for positive behaviour within the classroom. They will:

- Create and maintain a stimulating environment that encourages students to be engaged;
- Display the appropriate information regarding the behaviour policy;
- Develop a positive relationship with students, which may include:
 - Greeting students in the morning/at the start of lessons;
 - Establishing clear routines;
 - Communicating expectations of behaviour in ways other than verbally;
 - Highlighting and promoting good behaviour through frequent positive recognition, ensuring that positive interactions with students outweigh negative interactions, including using merit / ERA points, verbal praise, and public acknowledgement to reinforce positive choices
 - Concluding the day positively and starting the next day afresh;
 - Having a plan for dealing with low-level disruption;
 - Using positive reinforcement;
 - Identifying and using supportive challenges to address proactively any incidents of harassment including verbal harassment.

In order to deliver these objectives, all student facing staff are provided with:

- BET Induction;
- BET CPD and training;
- BET standards/red lines of teaching;
- Line management support.

Physical Intervention

In some circumstances and in accordance with the Physical Intervention Policy, staff may use reasonable force to restrain or guide a student to prevent them:

- Causing disorder;
- Hurting themselves or others;
- Damaging property.

In accordance with the Physical Intervention Policy, incidents of physical restraint must:

- **Always be used as a last resort;**
- Be applied using the minimum amount of force and for the minimum amount of time possible;
- Be used in a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned;
- Never be used as a form of punishment;
- Be recorded and reported to parents.

Confiscation

Any prohibited items (listed in section 3) found in students' possession will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to students.

We will also confiscate any item which is harmful or detrimental to school discipline. These items will be returned to students after discussion with senior leaders and parents, if appropriate, and a risk assessment has been undertaken which may include the agreement of a support plan.

Mobile phones and similar smart technology may also be confiscated where they are accessed, used, seen or heard, or where there is a breach of the school's mobile phone expectations. Confiscation will

be proportionate, managed in line with DfE guidance, and phones will be returned in accordance with the school's local behaviour procedures.

Searching and screening students is conducted in accordance with the Physical Intervention Policy, the law, and DfE guidance on searching, screening and confiscation, including where mobile phones or similar devices are identified in school rules as items that may be searched for.

Student support

In implementing this Behaviour Policy, BET and each School are committed to delivering the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 in order to prevent students with any protected characteristic from being at a disadvantage.

All members of staff will seek advice from the School SENDCo in order to establish whether any student who exhibits challenging behaviour may have any underlying educational needs that are not currently being met. Where a student appears able to access the School curriculum in accordance with expectations but continues to exhibit behaviour that escalates and does not engage with the support offered, members of staff will consider whether a referral to an appropriate external agency, including advising families to make a referral to a GP, is appropriate. The Trust's SEND Policy also sets out further detail.

Wherever behaviour indicates underlying unmet needs, including refusal to engage with support strategies or plans offered internally, support and advice will also be sought from the appropriate external sources such as specialist teachers, an educational psychologist, CAMHS and/or others, to identify or support specific needs. The SENDCo in each School will coordinate such additional support with respect to educational needs; where the needs are not preventing a student from accessing the School curriculum, such additional support or advice to families and parents will be coordinated by pastoral leaders (AHT Wellbeing). When acute needs are identified in a student, schools will liaise with external agencies and plan appropriate support programmes for that child. All Schools will work with parents -as parents wish to participate -to create such plans, to review their effectiveness and adjust accordingly, and review it on a regular basis, and this may include plans and support under the Trust SEND Policy.

8. Recognition

BET and each member School are committed to recognising and celebrating positive behaviour, effort, and achievement to create a positive school culture where all students can thrive. Each School will implement a structured recognition system that includes immediate verbal praise, merit/house/ERA points for positive behaviour, effort, achievement and good / improving attendance. Students are expected to participate in achievement assemblies, house competitions, and student-led appreciation events where they can recognise peers and staff, creating a culture where excellence is celebrated and students feel valued.

Recognition will be applied consistently across all member Schools through systematic recording and monitoring to ensure equitable distribution across all student groups. All staff are responsible for implementing recognition systems in accordance with training provided during BET Induction and ongoing CPD, with regular review involving student voice, staff feedback, and family engagement to ensure our approach continues to reinforce the behaviours and values outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

9. Monitoring arrangements

This behaviour policy will be reviewed by the Education Committee of the Trust Board at least every three years and by each Local Governing Body with respect to Appendix I annually.

10. Links with other policies

This behaviour policy is linked to the following policies:

- Home School Agreement and Student Code of Conduct;
- Safeguarding policy;
- Anti-bullying and Harassment policy;
- Attendance policy;
- Equalities Objectives;
- SEND Policy and Accessibility Plan;
- Supporting Students with Additional Medical Needs including the Administration of Medicines;
- Boarding specific statutory policies;
- Staff Code of Conduct.

Appendix I - School specific information and behaviours

Rewards and sanctions

The behaviour policy at Bohunt Horsham aims to promote good behaviour and encourage young people to 'do the right thing' both in and outside of the classroom. Young people will not only learn best but also feel most content and confident when they are in a positive atmosphere based on a sense of community and shared values. Our Trust and School ethos of 'Enjoy Respect Achieve' is central to everything we do in our School and Trust and this includes this School behaviour policy, which seeks to promote and secure these three core values at every level. Our behaviour policy therefore provides a framework to ensure consistently good behaviour across the school.

List of rewards and sanctions

Positive behaviour will be rewarded with:

- Students are awarded 'ERA' points under the umbrellas of Enjoy, Respect and Achieve. ERA points can be awarded by any member of staff for contributions both inside and outside of the classroom;
- Students are also rewarded with verbal praise, phone calls and letters home;
- At the end of every term is a celebration assembly, in which there are further opportunities for recognition.

The School may use one or more of the following sanctions in response to unacceptable behaviour:

- Break or lunchtime detention;
- Loss of social time;
- After school detention;
- Community service (after school);
- Reflection (an after school meeting with the pastoral team in including signing a behaviour contract);
- Internal Suspension;
- Twilight School;
- Fixed term exclusion;
- Permanent exclusion.

We may use Internal Suspension in response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy. Students will be expected to follow a bespoke timetable that is centred around the Oak National Academy. Parents / Carers will be informed as soon as possible (the day before, if possible and if pre-arranged) if their child will be placed into internal suspension. Sometimes a student will be placed in Internal Suspension pending an investigation. The outcome of the investigation will determine if a student is required to stay in Internal Suspension, or be released back into lessons. If a student is internally suspended, they are supervised by a senior member of staff. Students must hand over their phone and iPad during their time in internal suspension. Work will be provided and students will have access to a PC to complete their work.

Off-site behaviour

Whilst our interest in our students' wellbeing and our desire to support them extends beyond the school premises and hours, any incidents of poor behaviour that occur outside of School will not usually be a matter for the school to address. If an out-of-school issue affects something or someone in school or where students are found to be bringing the school into disrepute, the School reserves the right to take action. Whilst in uniform or on their way to or from school (whether in or out of uniform), students are deemed to be representatives of the school and are therefore subject to similar expectations as they would be in school.

Our wellbeing team remains committed to providing support for students and their families who have been identified for intervention, including liaising with external agencies where appropriate. Where possible, the

school is also happy to offer advice and information to parents and carers that may be of help in resolving out of school issues. Any out-of-school behaviour that results in police or other external agency involvement is likely to/will be reported to the school and may therefore have consequences within school if it is deemed that there is a significant risk of the behaviour having an impact on the school experience of the individual(s) concerned or on other students.

Social media use outside of school can often have an impact on relationships and conduct within school. Parents and carers are encouraged to monitor and openly discuss their child/children's social media use and the School has and will continue to provide advice and resources to support this as well as educating and advising students in school about responsible use of the internet. In certain situations, it may be appropriate for pastoral staff in school to provide additional support for students affected by inappropriate use of the internet/social media outside of School, but this is purely discretionary. Where individuals have serious concerns or complaints about online activity or interaction, they are advised to contact the local police and the social media platform.

Malicious allegations

Where a student makes an accusation against a member of staff and that accusation is shown to have been malicious, the Head of School will discipline the student in accordance with this policy.

Please refer to our safeguarding policy for more information on responding to allegations of abuse.

The Head of School will also consider the pastoral needs of staff accused of misconduct.

Inclusion, suspension, exclusion and alternative provision

Only the Head of School can exclude a pupil and this must be on disciplinary grounds. A student may be excluded for one or more fixed periods (up to a maximum of 45 school days in a single year), or permanently. A fixed period exclusion does not have to be for a continuous period. In exceptional circumstances, usually where further evidence has come to light, a fixed-term exclusion may be extended or converted to a permanent exclusion. Students must not be excluded for non-disciplinary reasons such as the actions of his/her parents or his/her academic ability. Decisions regarding exclusion will not be taken lightly. A student will only be excluded when he/she has breached the school's behaviour policy seriously or persistently, and/or where allowing him/her to remain in school would harm the education or welfare of the student or that of others in the school.

When deciding whether to exclude a pupil, Headteachers must consider the school's responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010. Pupils with education, health and care plans or statements of special educational needs (SEN) are especially vulnerable to the impact of exclusion, and Headteachers should aim to avoid permanently excluding them. Behaviour which is likely to lead to a fixed-term exclusion could include:

- Persistent disruption of learning;
- Failure to respond to or engage with previous interventions;
- Smoking;
- Alcohol;
- Fighting;
- Vandalism;
- Verbal abuse of staff.

Behaviour more likely to result in the student's permanent exclusion:

- Possession of a prohibited item, particularly a weapon or any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or could be likely to be, used to commit or threaten to commit an offence, or to cause or threaten to cause personal injury;
- Damage to or threaten to damage the property of, any person (including the student);
- Any illegal drugs incident (possession, use independently, use with others, or supply, whilst 'in school').

Following any fixed-term exclusion a student and their parent/carer will be required to attend a reintegration meeting with senior pastoral staff and/or leadership staff. The purpose of this is twofold: firstly, to address the incident fully and ensure that the student has had time to reflect on the poor choices that led to the exclusion being given; secondly, to complete a Pastoral Support Plan that will help the student to reintegrate into the school community with a positive focus and clear targets, supported by both school and home.

Mobile Phones

Our updated mobile phone confiscation process is in line with statutory Department for Education guidance, stating that "all schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default; anything other than this should be by exception only" and the statutory Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026 and the approach taken by many schools nationally. Students who do not meet this expectation will face escalating consequences, with confiscation periods increasing for repeated breaches.

iPads are controlled and regulated using our device management system in school and are not in use at break and lunch.

All mobile phones should be switched off **and** in bags. Mobile phones not meeting these expectations will be confiscated and stored securely in our school office. Confiscated mobile phones will not be returned directly to students. They must be collected by a parents/carer.

Confiscation Rules:

The **first** time a student is caught with a mobile phone, the phone is confiscated until the end of the week.

The **second** time a student is caught with a mobile phone, the phone is confiscated for three weeks.

The **third** time a student is caught with a mobile phone, the phone is confiscated for six weeks.

Training

As a School, we are committed to providing ongoing support for our staff, in the form of both CPD opportunities and staff welfare provision. We provide training and support for staff in the delivery of our behaviour policy and supporting processes. Consistency is vital in creating and sustaining the positive learning environment and expectations that we aim to deliver and it is therefore important that information is clearly shared, easily accessible and that further guidance can be sought. CPD provision is tailored to meet individual or group needs and areas of interest wherever possible and performance management systems actively encourage staff to identify and share ambitions and requests for additional support or further training. Staff welfare is an important part of our vision for a positive and effective school community and environment.

All staff receive an induction to the behaviour system when they join.

Communication

Liaison with parents

In order to best support and encourage our students to develop positive behaviours, we will endeavour to communicate with parents/carers clearly and in a timely manner. This not only means involving parents where any serious behavioural concerns or patterns are but also involves seeking opportunities to feedback positive news. Key reminders and information regarding expectations of an ongoing nature will be communicated via our newsletters (sent via email and classcharts announcements) and the School website, where information and guidance for supporting students at home will also be given. We recognise that where home and school work together and take advantage of opportunities to collaborate, students have a much greater chance of success on all levels.

Liaison with External agencies

Our School is committed to liaising with the appropriate external services to support access to and provision of relevant advice, support and guidance. Examples include: Children's Services, School nursing team, CAMHS, APC, SOCOM Team, LBAT, CMHLS, YES, SPOA, Early Help, Thought-Full and the Police. Our Pastoral Team has access to a comprehensive list.

Student support systems

Our primary aim as educators is to support our students and to enable them to achieve the best outcomes that they can, both academically and in a wider social and emotional sense. Whilst we are clear and firm on the behaviours we expect from our students and will not tolerate disregard for school rules and expectations, we also recognise that an individual's behaviour is intrinsically linked to their wellbeing and circumstances.

Mental and Emotional Health and Wellbeing: The emotional health and wellbeing of our students is paramount and our pastoral and support systems are designed to both promote awareness and provide individually tailored support for those in need. In addition to our tutors, and our pastoral team, we also have learning support assistants and an Assistant Headteacher responsible for Wellbeing and a number of internal support staff dedicated to this crucial area of our students' lives and development. We also have access to a number of external support services. The identification and subsequent individualised intervention for such issues is the responsibility of all staff but will, in most cases, be co-ordinated and recorded by Heads of Year.

SEND students: any student identified as having a special educational need or disability will be monitored closely. The SENCO provides overall co-ordination of such provision, including the evaluation of the impact of support and intervention given. All staff are responsible for ensuring they are fully informed about a student's needs and that they actively seek out and follow all relevant guidance and instructions given, for example reference to information on Class Charts or pupil plans or passports.

Pupil plans and pupil passports: these documents are prepared for SEND students as needed. They should be checked by all staff who teach or support a SEND student on a termly basis. They will be monitored and updated by staff as required.

Pastoral Support Plans (PSPs): these documents are intended to assist pastoral staff at all levels with the recording, monitoring and evaluating of supportive intervention beyond a certain level. In this way, they aim to promote engagement and positive behaviour for learning, as well as supporting EHVB needs. A PSP may be used as evidence for requesting further intervention or consequences, including to support referral to additional external agencies or to demonstrate a need for alternative provision or exclusion. A PSP should be triggered by any of the following: serious M&EHVB concern; student receives a fixed-term suspension and

could be triggered by the following: student receives two inclusions within a term. Parents and child are expected to attend any and all scheduled PSP review meetings, until progress is seen and the PSP is closed.

Appendix 2 - Home-School Agreement & Code of Conduct

THE SCHOOL Will:

- Promote our core values – Enjoy, Respect, Achieve, through the life of the school
- Actively implement the Code of Conduct & Policies
- Deliver a world class education via high quality teaching, which is stimulating and challenging
- Give access to a wide range of learning resources
- Aim for the highest standard of work and behaviour
- Care for each student's safety and well being
- Keep parents informed about school matters and student progress
- Provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities
- Provide opportunities to reward and recognise achievement and success
- Encourage students to take responsibility for their learning
- Foster lifelong learning skills
- Develop students as global citizens
- Create opportunities for students to learn about and prepare for work
- Listen to the views of students and their families and respond to feedback where appropriate
- Respond to concerns raised by students and their families in a timely fashion
- Adopt a zero tolerance approach to radicalisation, discrimination, victimisation, bullying, drugs and other illegal or banned items/substances
- Provide access to high quality pastoral and academic advice, guidance and support
- Promote British values
- Set appropriate homework regularly;

TEACHER: _____

THE STUDENT. I will

- Follow the Code of Conduct & School Policies
- Follow the instructions from staff
- Respect others, be polite and co-operative
- Take responsibility
- Care for the school environment
- Attend school every day and be punctual
- Wear the correct school uniform
- Not disturb others' learning
- Bring the correct books and equipment to lessons
- Not use offensive language
- Maintain high standards of behaviour on the way to and from school
- Accept support for my work
- Support other people to learn
- Get involved in the life of the school
- Not bring small items of high value into school as their security cannot be guaranteed. (Phones should be switched off and in bags at all times or they will be confiscated)
- Use technology and social media responsibly and safely, so that it does not impact negatively on learning or school life
- Show myself and the school in a positive light whilst participating in school-led activities, both on and off school site, especially when in uniform
- Raise any concerns/worries with staff as soon as they arise so that they can be resolved quickly
- Adopt a zero tolerance to bullying, other anti-social or risky behaviours
- Engage in every lesson and take responsibility for my own performance and progress
- Complete my home learning activities on time and to the expected standard

STUDENT: _____

THE PARENT/S OR CARER/S I/We will:

- Support the School's Code of Conduct & Policies
- Ensure that my son/daughter attends school every day and on time
- Promptly explain all absences from school
- Ensure that my son/daughter wears the correct uniform and equipment
- Help my son/daughter to work to the best of their ability
- Encourage reading for pleasure
- Let the school know of any concerns or problems that might affect my son/daughter's work or behaviour
- Encourage my son/daughter to be involved in all aspects of school life such as extra-curricular activities and duty weeks
- Encourage respectful behaviour
- Ensure that my son/daughter does not bring small items of high value into school
- Ensure that my son/daughter has their mobile phone switched off and in their bag at all times whilst at school.
- Ensure my child is aware of their responsibility for the safety of themselves and others whilst at school
- Monitor their use of technology and social media so that they and others are safe and are able to learn and be happy at school
- Track and monitor the completion of home learning activities to ensure they are completed on time and to the expected standard
- Promote British values
- Attend Parents' Consultations and any other relevant meetings
- Ensure they are ready to learn

PARENT/CARER: _____

CODE OF CONDUCT

Enjoy:

- I participate fully in school
- I am present, punctual and prepared
- I act as a game-changer in my community
- I overcome obstacles

Respect:

- I am kind in my words and actions
- I listen actively and respond to instructions
- I respect the differences in other people
- I take responsibility for myself and my environment

Achieve:

- I take responsibility for my learning
- I respond to feedback and improve my work
- I strive to craft work that will make me proud
- I ask questions and seek help when needed