

Behaviour Policy 'Positive Behaviour'

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1. Introduction / Purpose

In all Omega Multi-Academy Trust Academies, we are committed to ensuring that our students master the knowledge, understanding and skills to ensure that they achieve great things, fulfil their potential and leave our schools articulate, resilient, compassionate and culturally aware. We believe that if children understand the purpose of what they are learning and why they are learning it, not only will they be more engaged, but they are much more likely to remember what they have learnt and be able to use it again in the future.

Underpinned by our core values of Ambition, Respect & Community, we believe that for our students to fulfil their potential and be successful, they must have the opportunity to make the right choices, develop key learning habits and demonstrate self-discipline, underpinned by personal responsibility and accountability.

Our rules and expectations are strongly linked to our core values and fall under three overarching expectations:

'Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.'

Good behaviour is the responsibility of all staff with the headteacher/principal having prime responsibility for promoting good learning behaviours throughout the academy as directed by the chief executive. This policy applies to all staff, volunteers, students, parents and carers.

Omega Multi-Academy Trust's academies have at their heart, a firm commitment to putting the needs of children first and foremost. Policies and practice promote a safe and inclusive environment conducive to learning, ensuring high achievement for all students, irrespective of their differing needs. This policy reflects the importance of the proactive and preventative work that Omega MAT academies undertake to ensure high standards of behaviour. This includes recognising the importance of school culture, and how this is developed through this behaviour policy and the engagement of students.

2. Legislation, Statutory Requirements and Statutory Guidance

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

Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff 2022

Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022

The Equality Act 2010

Keeping Children Safe in Education

<u>Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, school and pupil referral</u> units in England, including pupil movement 2023

Use of reasonable force in schools

Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice.

In addition, this policy is based on:

Schedule 1 of the <u>Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations</u> 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

Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974

Children Act 1989, as amended 2004, Section 52

Mental Health Act 1983, as amended in 2016

Human Rights Act 1988

<u>DfE guidance</u> explaining that school should publish their behaviour policy and anti-bullying strategy.

This policy complies with the Omega Multi Academy Trust funding agreement and articles of association.

3. The national minimum expectation of behaviour

Omega Multi-Academy Trust takes responsibility for creating and maintaining high standards of behaviour in all of its academies. The trust board and executive team have followed the DfE guidance 'Behaviour in Schools' in creating this Positive Behaviour Policy, paying particular regard to sections on creating and maintaining high standards of behaviour; developing a school behaviour policy; communicating the behaviour policy; a whole-school approach to behaviour; and the school behaviour curriculum.

This policy has recently been updated to reflect the government's ambition to create high standards of behaviour in schools so that children and young people are protected from disruption and are in a calm, safe, and supportive environment that brings out the best in every student.

All Omega Multi-Academy Trust headteachers/principals should take responsibility for implementing measures to secure high standards of behaviour. They should ensure the academy's approach to behaviour meets at least the following national minimum expectation:

- the academy has high expectations of students' conduct and behaviour, which is commonly understood by staff and students and applied consistently and fairly, to help create a calm and safe environment.
- academy leaders visibly and consistently support all staff in managing student behaviour through following the behaviour policy and agreed routines; measures are in place and both general and targeted interventions are used to improve students' behaviour. Support is provided to all students to help them meet behaviour standards; disruption is not tolerated, and student behaviour does not normally disrupt teaching and learning or academy routines.
- all members of the academy community create a positive, safe environment in which bullying, physical threats or abuse and intimidation are not tolerated, and everyone is treated respectfully; and

• any incidents of bullying, discrimination, aggression, and derogatory language (including name calling) are dealt with quickly and effectively.

4. Roles and responsibilities

The **Trust Board** is responsible for reviewing and approving the Positive Behaviour Policy and monitoring its impact and contribution to achieving the trust's aims and objectives.

The **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** is responsible for establishing, in consultation with the executive team, headteacher/principals, staff and parents, the Positive Behaviour Policy and for keeping it under review. The CEO will ensure that the policy is non-discriminatory, that expectations are clear, and that the policy is circulated to, and understood, by staff, students and parents.

Directors of Education are responsible for ensuring that the policy is fully embedded and adhered to in the academies for which they are responsible. They hold responsibility for monitoring the efficacy of the policy, considering the views of all stakeholders and reporting these, where appropriate, to the CEO.

Headteachers/Principals are responsible for the implementation of the Positive Behaviour Policy and the day-to-day management of it, including associated systems and processes. The Headteacher/Principal ensures that accurate accounts of all reported serious incidents of misbehaviour including are recorded and retained e.g., bullying, racism, sexual harassment, homophobic behaviour etc. The headteacher/principal supports staff by implementing the policy, by setting standards of behaviour, and by supporting staff in the effective use of the policy. Headteacher/principal monitors how staff apply the policy to ensure rewards and sanctions are applied consistently, reporting to the academy council on the implementation and efficacy of the policy, as required. Headteacher/principals must also ensure that staff benefit from timely and appropriate training and professional development to allow them to understand this policy, follow all practices and procedures within it and, ultimately, assist leaders in creating an outstanding academy culture and climate for learning.

It is the responsibility of the headteacher/principal to ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and other academy users is paramount in all decision making. For repeated or very serious acts of poor behaviour, the headteacher/principal holds responsibility for making the decision to suspend or ultimately permanently exclude students.

It is the responsibility of **academy/school leaders** to support the headteacher/principal in the promotion and implementation of the Expectations for Learning Policy, ensuring that the culture of the academy promotes positive behaviour and that staff reward students for good behaviour and deal effectively with instances of poor behaviour.

The **Local Governing Board (LGB)** is responsible for monitoring the implementation and impact of the Positive Behaviour Policy, escalating concerns to the Chief Executive Officer when they arise. The Chair of the LGB is responsible, alongside the Governance Professional, for convening student behaviour committees when required.

Academy/School staff, including teachers, support staff and volunteers, are responsible for the application of the policy, ensuring its processes and procedures are

followed, and consistently and fairly applied. They have a responsibility, with the support of the headteacher/principal for creating a high-quality learning environment. Staff have a key role in modelling positive behaviours, recording behaviour incidents accurately and in advising the headteacher/principal on the effectiveness of the policy and procedures. Academy staff are expected to engage in training and CPD organised by leaders to support them to carry out their roles to the best of their ability.

Staff at all levels of the organisation should seek to create effective relationships with students and their families – including timely communication, home-school liaison, and liaison with other agencies where appropriate. The trust has a corporate responsibility for promoting good behaviour and expects staff at all levels to adopt responsibility as their own to safeguard students' welfare.

Parents support the academy by ensuring that their child is ready to learn. The role of parents is crucial in helping Omega Multi-Academy Trust academies develop and maintain good behaviour. To support our academies, parents should understand this policy and where possible, take part in the life of the academy and its culture. Parents have an important role in supporting the academy's policy and reinforcing it at home. Omega Multi-Academy Trust academies will build and maintain positive relationships with parents, for example by making parents aware of when their children are exceeding, meeting, or missing behavioural expectations. Where appropriate, parents should be included in any pastoral work following misbehaviour, including attending reviews of specific behaviour interventions in place. Parents support by making sure that their child:

- arrives on time prepared to learn.
- brings appropriate equipment such as PE kit, reading books, any other necessary
 equipment, student planner (secondary), as well as a suitable bag to carry books and
 any equipment needed during the academy day.
- is aware of the need to be Ready, Respectful and Safe whilst on the academy site and that they should comply with reasonable requests or instructions made by staff on the first time of asking.
- wears the academy uniform correctly at all times (including travel to and from the academy.
- switches off any mobile devices (including phones) at the academy gate. These must be kept out of sight (in bags) and remain switched off until students exit the academy gate at the end of the day.

Parents have a responsibility to inform the academy of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour, by discussing any behavioural concerns with a key member of staff promptly and by attending review/reintegration meetings as required.

5. The Positive Behaviour system

The Trust Positive Behaviour Policy seeks to encourage students to make positive choices and re-enforces those choices through praise and rewards. Examples of rewards include:

- Positive affirmation of effort and achievement in a report shared with parents at various intervals during the year
- Staff verbally congratulating/ praising students

- Written communication with parents via the Parent App
- Issuing of Reward Stamps in Student Planners
- The awarding of House Points and prizes
- The use of Stamps to purchase items from the Reward Shop
- Extra privileges
- Being given positions of responsibility
- Postcards home from the staff to recognise outstanding effort and/or application.
- Collaborative learning and praise teaching structures used on a daily basis encourage students working together collaboratively and their subsequent praise for each other for their contributions
- Headteacher/principal 's weekly praise bags and headteacher/principal 's 'Star Student' events for those with the highest effort levels

The Positive Behaviour System is designed to give students choices. Its principal role is to support learning whilst also tackling and dealing with low level disruptive behaviour (i.e., behaviour that undermines student's own learning or that of others). If unchecked this sort of behaviour spoils lessons and undermines the authority of the teacher.

The Positive Behaviour System ensures that expectations for all students are clear and reasonable providing a fair and positive approach to behaviour management. Whilst it is our experience that most students behave in a consistently appropriate manner, all communities need procedures to deal with situations when this is not the case.

Classroom behaviour is managed consistently throughout the trust. Students are moved through a sequence with predetermined sanctions aimed at supporting them to make sensible choices about their behaviour.

There are times when some students, despite encouragement, struggle to make positive choices that threaten their own learning or that of others. When a member of academy staff becomes aware of misbehaviour, they should respond in accordance with this policy. Their priority should be to ensure the safety of the student, other students and staff and to restore a calm and orderly environment. It is important that staff across the academy respond in a consistent manner so students know with certainty that misbehaviour will always be addressed, and that context will be considered. De-escalation techniques can be used to prevent further behaviour issues arising. Where necessary, sanctions should quickly follow the incident.

Decisions regarding the introduction of any sanctions as a consequence for not adhering to the Positive Behaviour Policy will be taken at individual academy level to ensure that students' readiness for each layer of the system is considered prior to any subsequent introduction of additional sanctions. In any event, the academy will be clear that there are consequences for misbehaving and misbehaviour will not be ignored. The aims of any response to misbehaviour should be to:

- restore a safe, orderly environment in which all students can learn and thrive;
- attempt to prevent the recurrence of misbehaviour; and
- maintain the culture of the academy by reinforcing the need for safety, calm and dignity.

All members of staff should respond predictably, promptly and assertively to incidents of misbehaviour. Inconsistency teaches students that boundaries are flexible which can encourage further misbehaviour. This reduces the deterrent effect of sanctions, which in turn dilutes their effectiveness. Where appropriate, staff should take account of any contributing factors that are identified after an incident of misbehaviour has occurred.

Sanctions should be applied clearly, fairly and consistently to reinforce the routines, expectations and norms of the academy's behaviour culture. Consequences such as sanctions should be administered as consistently as possible to maximise their predictability. When appropriate, staff should make time for a pastoral discussion to ensure the student understands why they received the sanction and what they need to do in the future to improve their behaviour, thus avoiding further sanctions.

6. The Positive Behaviour Expectations

Students are expected to Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe, both in Lessons and Outside of Lessons

Expectations in Lessons

Be Ready

Students will:

- Wear the correct uniform outerwear is to be removed as you enter your classroom and before seated so you are Ready to Learn to complete your Do Now activity.
- Have the correct equipment for your lesson and raise your hand to let your teacher know if you do not have an item.
- Maximise learning time engaging with your Do Now activity promptly as soon as you enter the classroom.
- Engage positively with learning by thinking hard, working hard and always trying your best.

Be Respectful

Students will:

- Respect everyone's right to learn; do not disrupt the learning of others.
- Raise your hand to ask a question and wait for your teacher to acknowledge you.
- Respond positively to 321 STAR and act on instructions from staff: first time, every time.
- Not answer back, ignore or challenge the member of staff's instruction.

Be Safe

Students will:

- Uphold our school rule on mobile phones, electronic devices & headphones; these should not be seen or heard unless under the direct instruction from staff.
- Keep your learning area clean, tidy and act in a safe and responsible manner.
- Only leave your lesson when permitted to by a member of staff and following our Exit Pass routines.
- At the end of your lesson, you will stand behind your chair / desk and follow the exit routines explained by your class teacher.

Expectations Outside of Lessons

Be Ready

Students will:

- Be ready to transition to your next lesson without delay when the bell signals the start of your next lesson / Duty Staff signals the end of break or lunch.
- Use allocated toilets before school, at break and at lunch to minimise disruption to lessons and learning.
- Uniform threshold outerwear is to be removed as you enter your classroom and before seated so you are Ready to Learn and complete your Do Now activity.

Be Respectful

Students will:

- In line with our school value of Respect, we expect all members of our school community to be polite, tolerant of others and celebrate diversity.
- No hoods up and no hats or caps to be worn at any time.
- Act on instructions from staff; first time, every time. Do not answer back, ignore or challenge the member of staff's instruction.

Be Safe

Students will:

- Uphold our school rule on mobile phones, electronic devices & headphones; these should not be seen or heard unless under the direct instruction from staff.
- Walk sensibly, quietly and calmly in buildings and around the school site do not enter out of bounds areas or disrupt learning when on the corridors.
- Be proud of and look after our school; treat the building and all areas / rooms with respect.
- Food is not to be removed from the Dining Rooms and all litter is to be placed in the bins around the site.

7. Positive Behaviour expectations regarding Digital Technology and Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones, associated headphones and other electronic devices, including smoking devices such as a vape and any video or voice recording equipment is not permitted on the school site during the school day. We appreciate that parents may provide their child with a mobile phone for safety reasons traveling to / from school, but they should be switched off and stored away as soon as students enter the school site; quite simply they should not be seen or heard once students enter the school grounds, unless directed to do so by a member of staff for teaching and learning purposes. The same is applicable for headphones or airpods.

If a student does not uphold this expectation, then staff will ask the student to hand over the device for confiscation. Students are expected to co-operate. If a student chooses to not cooperate, they put themselves at risk of a sanction. The confiscated device will be logged into the Year Office for safe keeping until the end of the school day with the following triggers:

- First and Second instance the student can collect at the end of the school day.
- Third instance and above parents / carers only are to collect at the end of the school day.

We do not accept responsibility for mobile phones or mobile technology through either loss or theft. Students should also note that the viewing or sharing of offensive materials, or verbally abusing, bullying or inciting aggression towards members of the school community via mobile technology is liable to result in a school sanction and/or police intervention.

8. Adult responses to behaviour in classrooms. (Ref to Appendix 1)

Students should be given a general reminder about expected behaviour every lesson.

If a student chooses to disrupt learning despite this reminder then the teacher will apply in-class strategies to encourage a positive response and the following sequence of sanctions begins.

Conduct/Attitude to Learning	Behaviour Management Dialogue/Strategies
Conduct Reminders	Present Positive Behaviour Slide to all classes at the start of lessons.
Issued for less serious breaches of the behaviour expectations: • Be ready	Welcome individuals with positive reminder re expectations, ensuring each lesson is a fresh start and you praise first!
 Be ready Be respectful Be safe 	Where students present with these minor conduct issues, they will be reminded about the Positive Behaviour, and a Conduct Reminder will be recorded in the student's planner.
Conduct reminders will be recorded in Student	
Dance, DT)	When 10 Conduct Reminders are recorded in a week, the student will be issued with a C4B Detention (10 x Conduct Reminders (C4B). These will be monitored by Form Tutors as part of their daily routine, who will add the C4B detention when a student in their form reaches 10 Conduct Reminders in a week.
 Headphones/Earpods Homework issue Littering Chewing Gum 	These will be monitored by Form Tutors, who should issue the detention for the next available day.
Eating outside designated area	Where students forget their planners, they will be issued with a daily planner sheet (see Arrival at School Guidance).
	They will be required to attend their Progress Leader at the end of each day, for their Conduct Comments to be monitored. Failure to see their Progress Leader will result in a C4B Detention for Planner Issue (C4B)
	Students not having a planner for three days in a half-term will be issued with a C4B Detention for Planner Issue (C4B). This will be monitored on Bromcom by the Progress Leader.

C1

First conduct concern

- Poor attitude to learning/poor effort (Be ready)
- Disruption (Be respectful) such as
 - Talking to another student across the classroom;
 - Distracting others

The student's initials/name must be recorded on the Conduct Board at this point and a tick recorded under C1.

C2

Second conduct concern

- Poor attitude to learning/poor effort (Be ready)
- Disruption (Be respectful) such as
 - Talking to another student across the classroom;
 - o Distracting others

Record a tick against the student's name on the Conduct Board, under C2.

C3

Third conduct concern

- Poor attitude to learning/poor effort (Be ready)
- Disruption (Be respectful) such as
 - Talking to another student across the classroom;
 - Distracting others

Record a tick against the student's name on the Conduct Board, under C3.

Suggested script:

"Michael you are talking across the classroom, this is not respectful. You are now on a C1"

Teacher action:

Mark the moment of poor behaviour by recording their name on the Conduct Board, along with a Tick under C1, but then redirect behaviour with teaching and learning reminders.

Raise expectations and defuse the situation by praising those who are working well.

Suggested script:

"Michael you have been disrespectful again by continuing to talk/distract others. You have now moved to a C2"

Teacher action:

Mark the moment of poor behaviour by recording a Tick against their name, under C2.

When you have given the verbal comment try speaking privately to the student. Getting down to the student's eye level being more personal can help defuse whole class communication, this will keep the class calm, additional signals or nonverbal refocusing is also useful.

Suggested script:

"Michael you are on the verge of leaving the lesson because you are not being respectful."

Teacher action:

Mark the moment of poor behaviour by recording a Tick against their name, under C3. Remind the student that it is their choice to break the rules and the rule they are breaking.

Try to privately offer them solutions on how they can alter their behaviour:

Set time markers for completing work, "You are here now and when I come back you should be here", mark with the time. Moving seats – if this is possible Offer different activities Ask them to take a minute to think about their behaviour "Michael you have now moved to a C4 because ... which means you can Points Fourth classroom conduct concern no longer stay in the room." "You need to go to the Supervision room this is ..." Poor attitude to learning/poor effort (Be ready) Disruption (Be respectful) such as Guidance for following a reasonable request: o Talking to another student across the Refusal to follow a reasonable request means that student is persistently classroom: Distracting others not complying with a reasonable request. It does not mean that students are immediately given a C4B, but they are asked four times to comply, giving them the best opportunity to make the right choice: Or, an immediate C4 can be issued for: unsafe behaviour in the classroom "Michael can you please ..." "Michael I have asked you to ... can you please do so." Refusing a reasonable request (in some circumstances, this could equally be Serious "Michael are you refusing to follow a reasonable request to ..." Defiance and be a C5B or Suspension) "Michael you have refused to follow a reasonable request, this has resulted in a C4." (Respectful) At this point the student must leave the room to the Supervision room. • Teacher sends ON-CALL ALERT on Bromcom and student is Other conduct concerns that may arise in the classroom may be dealt with as C4B (Other conduct issues), or C5 collected by the colleague designated to that zone in the On-theconduct issues (see below) but may not result in floor plan. • The colleague collecting the student will escort the student to the removal from the classroom. designated Supervision Room. • Students are expected to complete the work they have been set and/or complete a reflection sheet.

The teacher will schedule a C4 detention on Bromcom.

The detention will be a Teacher Detention (up to 30 minutes).

 Mobile Phone - refused confiscation (C4B). (In extreme circumstances, this could be escalated to a C5 or Suspension). 	School year Group Detention) Recorded by the Member of Staff on Bromcom. Students and parents will be notified through Bromcom (Back Office	
4B ther classroom conduct concern	These C4B Concerns will NOT result in removal from the classroom to Supervision, but will be issued with a C4B Detention (Whole-	-1
	This will be re-scheduled and they will be notified via Bromcom (Back Office function)	
	If a student does not attend a detention because they are ill the detention will be rearranged for the next available day.	
	Teachers are asked to briefly attend the detention to hold a restorative conversation, where they discuss the behaviour with the student and the strategies that will be put in place to support them next time, and to confirm that they will return with a clean slate.	
	If they continue to be argumentative, send ON-CALL ALERT function in Bromcom for Session Manager.	
	If they become argumentative then defer and ask for them to discuss this during their detention.	
	The student is expected to return at the end of the lesson to bring their work. If the student does return and a restorative conversation is successful, the teacher has the authority to cancel the student's detention.	
	 Failure to attend a Departmental Detention will result in a C4B Detention (Year Group Detention – 1 Hour). Students and parents will be notified through Bromcom (Back Office function) 	
	 Where students do not attend, they will be escalated to a C4 Departmental Detention (30 minutes). 	

	These can be recorded by any member of staff and tend to be for conduct around the academy, but can equally apply in classrooms:	
 Conduct concern in Supervision Poor levels of work (Be ready) Talking to another student across the classroom (Be respectful) Distracting others (Be Respectful) 	Continued misbehaviour (in Supervision) means that the student is sent to the Reflective Learning Centre (RLC) for the rest of the lesson. Supervision Teacher sends ON-CALL ALERT on BromCom and student is collected and taken to room. The colleague collecting the student will record this on BromCom as Disruption in Supervision (C5) (If this is a double lesson then students stay there for both parts – if there is a break in between i.e. P2 to P3, the student should return for P3. Again, if lunch is in-between then students will return after the break.) The Session Manager from On the Floor Plan will arrange time in the Reflective Learning Centre (RLC).	-3
 dangerous behaviour (could equally be a suspension); fighting violence or threatening behaviour towards others 	 issues, either within the classroom or around the academy. In the classroom: Take all necessary action to prevent the behaviour from escalating, or putting yourself/other pupils at risk 	Points -5 Per Day
 (could equally be a suspension or permanent exclusion); serious defiance, including walking away from a member of staff; prohibited item (could equally be a suspension or permanent exclusion); verbal abuse towards staff (could equally be a suspension); 	 Call for support using the on ON-CALL ALERT function in Bromcom The Session Manager will arrange for the student to be removed from the lesson and placed in a suitable place pending investigation of the incident as required. Record the incident on Bromcom, selecting the behaviour type from the list of C5 incidents 	

 smoking or vaping; not attending a Conduct C4B detention (after escalation to SLT Detention); persistent truancy hate/prejudice incident (could equally be a suspension or permanent exclusion) persistent bullying sexual misconduct (could equally be a suspension or permanent exclusion) bringing the school into disrepute Any C5B Incident will be reviewed for severity and a decision to Suspend may be taken.	The Session Manager from On the Floor Plan will arrange time in the Reflective Learning Centre (RLC).	
C6 Suspension	A C6 can only be given when a student has worked their way through each stage (C1 to C5)	Points -10 per
Ouspension		day
		(includes half day)
	The Session Manager will arrange for the student to be collected pending C6 Suspension. The suspension will be for the remainder of the day (AM C6, or for the following morning (PM C6) and a reintegration conversation must be held with the student and parent to support the reintegration.	
	The suspension will be for 0.5 Days (points allocated will be equivalent to a full day to ensure consistency of intervention planning)	
	If there is a situation that warrants a suspension for other conduct issues then this behaviour needs to be recorded on Bromcom as a C5B and this will be assessed by the Session Manager.	

As outlined above, an immediate C5B can be issued for serious breaches of the behaviour policy, such as dangerous behaviour, violent or threatening behaviour towards others; serious defiance; possessing prohibited items; smoking/vaping; not attending C4 / C4B detention; x2 C4s in one day; persistent internal truancy; and other behaviours at the headteacher/principal 's discretion.

In all cases the headteacher/principal will ensure that the Reflective Learning Centre (RLC) / C5 location:

- is in an appropriate area of the academy;
- is stocked with appropriate resources, is a suitable place to learn;
- is staffed by trained members of staff;

Headteachers/principals will also ensure that there is a clear process for the re-integration of any student in RLC back into the classroom when appropriate and safe to do so.

Staff will consider additional approaches to support students who are frequently sent from the classroom.

Staff will collect and monitor data to identify who is being sent from the classroom regularly and consider if they may benefit from additional and alternative approaches.

Staff will analyse the collected data to identify any patterns relating to students sharing any of the protected characteristics in order to ensure that the use of C5 is fair and the policy is not having a disproportionate effect on students sharing particular protected characteristics.

If a student has a social worker, including if they have a Child in Need Plan, a Child Protection Plan or are looked-after, the academy will notify their social worker if the student receives a C5. If the student is looked-after, the academy will ensure their Personal Education Plan is appropriately reviewed and amended and notify their virtual school head as and when the student moves between waves of intervention thresholds.

Omega Multi-Academy Trust also recognises that students should not be sent from classrooms for prolonged periods of time without the explicit agreement of the headteacher/principal. Students will be provided with extensive support to continue their studies and address their behaviour in order to be reintegrated within the mainstream academy community.

9. Managing behaviours outside the lesson

At Omega Multi-Academy Trust we expect that all students feel safe and happy during periods where they are not being taught. Students should feel safe to express themselves and engage in play with their peers without experiencing negativity.

In order to maintain consistency for staff and students a complimentary behaviour management system operates during break and lunch times. This provides lunchtime staff with a clear system for supporting students to behave well and a clear escalation route to senior leaders where necessary.

Students failing to behave appropriately outside of taught sessions, e.g. break, lunchtime and/or transitions between lessons receive could be issued a Conduct Reminder for less serious conduct issues (recorded in their planner) a C4B (SLT detention), a C5B (a serious incident, requiring time in Reflective Learning Centre) or Suspension where appropriate.

Conduct/Attitude to Learning	Behaviour Management Dialogue/Strategies	
Conduct Reminder Issued for less serious breaches of the behaviour expectations: Be ready Be respectful Be safe	Form Tutors will present Positive Behaviour Expectations Slide to their tutor groups as a DAILY RESET at the start of each day (Morning Registration). Assemblies will also reinforce expectations frequently. Welcome individuals with positive reminder re expectations, ensuring each day is a fresh start and you praise first!	Points 0
Reasons for a Conduct Reminder in Planner Littering (Respectful) Uniform issues (Ready) Headphones/Earpods Jewellery (Ready/Safe) Failure to bring correct equipment – (Maths, PE, Dance, DT) (Ready) Boisterous behaviour in the dining areas and between lessons (Safe) Eating outside designated area (Respectful)	Where any colleague observes these conduct issues, they will approach the student(s) and ask for their planner (or Daily Planner Sheet where Planners have been lost/forgotten). Colleagues are asked to talk to the student by name and explain the behaviour expectation they have breached (using Ready, Respectful and/or Safe). Record the Type of Behaviour in the Planner on the correct day/week and sign initials. 10 Conduct Reminders recorded in a week will result in a C4B Detention	
C4B Other conduct concern (around school) These can be recorded by any member of staff and tend to be for conduct around the academy	C4B Concerns are to be recorded by staff, directly into Bromcom, and a detention will be scheduled at the next available day. • The detention will be a C4B Year Group Detention (1 Hour).	Points -1

- Smoking or vaping by association (Respectful, Safe)
- Refusing a reasonable request (in some circumstances, this could equally be Serious Defiance and be a C5B or Suspension) (Respectful)
- Mobile Phone refused confiscation (C4B). (In to a C5 or Suspension).
- Being out of bounds (Safe)
- 10 Conduct Reminders (Ready, Respectful, Safe)
- Truancy (see Truancy Guidance in Part 4) which includes being late beyond the 10 minute "Michael I have asked you to ... can you please do so." marker, or missing from class without reason) (Ready, Respectful, Safe)
- E-Safetv/misuse of ICT (could, in extreme cases, this may also lead to a suspension or permanent exclusion)

- Failure to attend a Year Group Detention, will result in escalation to a C4B SLT Detention (1 Hour).
- Failure to attend an SLT Detention will result in a C5B for serious misbehaviour, and likely referral to Reflective Learning Centre.

Guidance for following a reasonable request:

extreme circumstances, this could be escalated Refusal to follow a reasonable request means that student is persistently not complying with a reasonable request. It does not mean that students are immediately given a C4B, but they are asked four times to comply, giving them the best opportunity to make the right choice:

"Michael can you please ..."

"Michael are you refusing to follow a reasonable request to ..."

"Michael you have refused to follow a reasonable request, this has resulted in a C4."

C5B for serious misbehaviour

- dangerous behaviour (could equally be a suspension);
- fighting
- violence or threatening behaviour towards others (could equally be a suspension);
- persistent defiance, including walking away from a member of staff;
- prohibited item (could equally be a suspension or permanent exclusion):
- verbal abuse towards staff (could equally be a suspension)
- smoking or vaping

Around the academy:

- Take all necessary action to prevent the behaviour from escalating, or putting yourself/other pupils at risk
- Log the behaviour against the student's name on Bromcom
- If required, call for support using the ON-CALL ALERT function in Bromcom and/or Walkie Talkie.
- Log the behaviour on BromCom, describing the behaviour as 'bestfit' with location.

The Session Manager will arrange for the student to be collected and placed in a suitable place pending investigation of the incident as required.

Points -5 per day

- not attending a Conduct C4B detention (after escalation to SLT Detention);
- persistent truancy
- hate/prejudice incident (could equally be a suspension or permanent exclusion)
- persistent bullying
- sexual misconduct (could equally be a suspension or permanent exclusion)
- bringing the school into disrepute

Any C5B Incident will be reviewed for severity and a decision to Suspend may be taken.

Suspension For Extremely Serious/Persistent Serious Misbehaviour

- dangerous behaviour (could equally be a C5B);
- violence or threatening behaviour towards others (could equally be a C5B);
- prohibited item (could equally be a C5B or permanent exclusion);
- verbal abuse towards staff (could equally be a C5B)
- hate/prejudice incident (could equally be a C5B or permanent exclusion)
- persistent bullying
- sexual misconduct (could equally be a C5B or permanent exclusion)
- bringing the school into disrepute

The student is likely to be placed in the Reflective Learning Centre (RLC), but could be Suspended if investigation indicates the behaviour represents extremely serious misconduct.

- 1. When a C5B incident occurs that may warrant suspension, the -10 per Session Manager will ensure that all relevant details are documented day thoroughly. This includes an outline of the incident (date, time, location, involved parties, witnesses, and any evidence such as statements, photographs, or video footage.
- 2. Session Manager (or delegated colleague) will conduct investigation into the incident, including witness statements, review any available evidence, and interview the involved parties to ascertain the facts surrounding the incident.
- 3. Refer to Positive Behaviour Policy to determine if the incident warrants suspension.
- 4. Refer incident to Session Manager who will secure approval and duration from the appropriate Senior Leader
- 5. Contact parents and ensure Suspension letter is issued and approval paperwork is signed by Headteacher.
- 6. Arrange reintegration meeting/conversation and document this on student record on Bromcom (linked to behaviour incident).
- 7. Ensure appropriate work-pack is provided for completion during suspension period.

Graduated Response to Truancy	Behaviour Management Dialogue/Strategies	
Truancy 1-2: First and Second recorded instance in a half term	This guidance should be followed, in keeping with the Unified Approach to Tackling Truancy and Lesson Avoidance.	Points -1 per
Internal Truancy is where a student		instance
 wilfully avoids attending a lesson. Arriving to a lesson more than 10 minutes after the lesson register closes (in 	Truancy can be a sign that students are experiencing some difficulty in attending/engaging with lessons. Equally, Truancy can be wilful. Either way, consideration must be given to the reasons why students decide to truant.	
accordance with school bells)	Where a student has been identified as a Truant (by the teacher, or by identification on Corridors), the Pastoral Team should explore the reasons for the Truancy, and seek to implement strategies to minimise the risk of truancy in the future.	
appropriate Pass (Sticker on Inside Cover of Planner) • Multiple instances of	Class Teacher: If a student does not arrive for your lesson, and they have been marked present in a previous lesson/session, and you believe a student has truanted your lesson, they should be issued with a C4B Detention for Truancy.	
truancy on the same day will be dealt with as a single instance because	If a student leaves your classroom without permission, they will be reported for Truancy and should be issued with a C4B Detention for Truancy.	
<u> </u>	If the student is seen on corridors and does not have a suitable pass, they will be taken back to their lesson. The person returning to lessons will record the student as Truanting and record this on Bromcom and issue a C4B Detention for Truancy.	
A C4B (Other conduct concern)	, in the second	
detention will be issued unless there is a justifiable concern/barrier that has caused the student to	If a student is seen on corridors and refuse to engage/or run away from staff, this will be dealt with as a C5B incident (see above). The member of staff should make their best endeavours	
truant.	to identify the students, using CCTV or other witnesses and the student will be collected in line with C5B protocol.	
Truancy 3: Third recorded instance	Around the academy:	Points
of truancy in a half term	 Weekly reports of C4B Incidents will be analysed for patterns of Internal Truancy, by the Progress Leader, who will determine the level of response (Truancy 1, 2 or 3) and therefore, the consequence/support. 	-5 per day
C5B for serious misbehaviour • Persistent Truancy		

 Where a student has reach THREE instances of Truancy as recorded in Bromcom, they will be placed in Reflective Learning Centre (RLC) for 1 Day (until 3.30pm – end of Detention)

A suspension could be issued if investigation indicates there was additional behaviour that represents extremely serious misconduct. In either case, a parental meeting will be required to reintegrate the student back into lessons.

Further consideration of Student Support should be considered.

10. Behaviour Points linked to conduct sanctions/consequences:

Students accruing code of conduct sanctions/or suspensions will receive a number of points. Each of these is equivalent to a set tariff for example, (C5 = 3 or 5, C6 = 10, suspension = 10 for each full day). The accumulation of points for a student increases the intensity of the monitoring and intervention. See Preventing the recurrence of misbehaviour (Section 14). These are detailed in Appendix 1.

11. Reasonable adjustments for students with SEND

Omega Multi-Academy Trust Academies will consider, in line with the requirements of the <u>Equality Act 2010</u>, making reasonable adjustments for students with special educational needs and disabilities where it is deemed appropriate. A reasonable adjustment is not the same as lowering expectations; it means that some students need additional support to ensure that they meet the high expectations required of all students.

The academy's culture should consistently promote high standards of behaviour and provide the necessary support to ensure all students can achieve and thrive both in and out of the classroom. The academy should ensure a whole-academy approach that meets the needs of all students, including students with SEN or a disability. Everyone can feel they belong in the academy community and high expectations are maintained for all students. Good behaviour starts with a calm, orderly environment which will benefit students with SEND, enabling them to learn and to feel confident asking for help and support. There is always a need to manage students' behaviour effectively, whether or not the student has underlying needs. When a student is identified as having SEND, the graduated approach should be used to assess, plan, deliver and then review the impact of the support being provided.

However, the academy also has additional duties (for example, with regards to safety) not just to the individual student, but also to the other students and to staff. These are imperatives and sometimes mean that the headteacher/principal might need to consider appropriate actions even despite a student's individual needs. Where appropriate, the academy should anticipate likely triggers of misbehaviour and put in place support to prevent these. Leaders should not assume that because a student has SEND, it must have affected their behaviour on a particular occasion- this is a question of judgement for the academy on the facts of the situation. Staff should consider whether a student's SEND has contributed to the misbehaviour and if so, whether it is lawful to sanction the student in line with the requirements outlined in the Equality Act 2010, as documented above. It is also important for the academy to try and understand the underlying causes of behaviour and whether additional support is needed.

12. C6 Suspensions

A C6 is a suspension from the Reflective learning Centre (RLC) (C5). All other reasons are known as Suspensions.

A C6 during the morning

If a student fails a C5 then they will be suspended (C6) for either 0.5 days or longer depending on the time of the day that the suspension takes place. If a student attends a C5 and receives their AM roll call registration mark, but then fails the C5 before the PM roll call

registration mark is taken, then the student will be suspended for the remainder of the day e.g.:

- Student A arrives at their C5, receives their AM registration mark but then fails the C5 at say 9:30am. Because this is after the AM registration mark, they are marked as present (/) on the register for the morning (0.5 of a day). In order to suspend the student (C6) for failing the C5 but to ensure that they return following a reintegration meeting to complete their time in the Reflective Learning Centre (C5), they should be suspended for the remainder of the day i.e., the afternoon. Thus, their registration for the day will show present: AM (/) and PM (E) a 0.5 C6 suspension.
- Student B fails their C5 after the PM registration has been taken. They should be suspended for the following morning (a 0.5 C6 suspension). Thus, this student will be able to return, following their reintegration meeting, and complete their time in the Reflective Learning Centre (RLC)

13. Suspension and Permanent Exclusions

This government supports headteachers in using suspension and permanent exclusion as a sanction when warranted as part of creating calm, safe, and supportive environments where both pupils and staff can work in safety and are respected. To achieve this, suspension and permanent exclusion are sometimes a necessary part of a functioning system, where it is accepted that not all pupil behaviour can be amended or remedied by pastoral processes, or consequences within the school.' (DfE 'Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and student referral units in England, including student movement: Guidance for maintained schools, academies, and student referral units in England', September 2023).

All students are entitled to an education where they are protected from disruption and can learn in a calm, orderly, safe and supportive environment. Headteacher/principal s can use suspension and permanent exclusion in response to serious incidents or in response to persistent poor behaviour which has not improved following in academy sanctions and interventions. Headteacher/principal s will use their own professional judgement based on individual circumstances when considering whether to exclude a student. The circumstances that may warrant a suspension or permanent exclusion to occur can be found within the section 'Reasons and recording exclusions' commencing on page 14 of the DfE guidance noted above. All decisions to suspend are serious and only taken where the breach of the academy rules is serious. The following are examples of behaviours which may lead to suspension or permanent exclusion:

- Failure to comply with a reasonable request from a senior member of staff
- Refusing to hand over items which are not allowed in the academy
- Swearing
- Failure to wear academy uniform which has been provided (where possible) for a student who is in incorrect uniform, is regarded as failure to comply with a reasonable request
- Repeated breaches of uniform policy
- Breaches of health and safety rules

- Verbal abuse of staff, other adults or students
- Possession of drugs and/or alcohol related offences
- Failure to comply with the requirements of the Expectations for Learning Policy
- Wilful damage to property
- Homophobic/racist/sexist bullying
- Bullying
- Sexual misconduct
- Theft
- Making a false allegation against a member of staff
- Behaviour which calls into question the good name of the trust
- Persistent defiance or disruption
- Other serious breaches of trust rules.

A decision to permanently exclude a student can only be made in response to (1) serious or (2) persistent breaches of a school's behaviour policy <u>and</u> if allowing the student to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the student <u>or</u> of others in the school (<u>DfE 'Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and student referral units in England, including student movement: Guidance for maintained <u>schools, academies, and student referral units in England', September 2023).</u></u>

Headteacher/principal s will make the judgement, in exceptional circumstances, where it is appropriate to permanently exclude a student for a first or 'one-off' offence. These offences might include:

- serious actual or threatened physical assault against other students or a member of staff
- sexual abuse or assault
- supplying an illegal drug
- possession of an illegal drug with intent to supply
- carrying an offensive weapon
- making a malicious serious false allegation against a member of staff
- potentially placing students, staff and members of the public in significant danger or at risk of significant harm
- use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item
- abuse against sexual orientation and gender identity
- abuse relating to disability
- inappropriate use of social media or online technology (including the recording/covert recording of staff or students)
- deliberate activation of the fire alarm without good intent
- repeated or serious misuse of the academy computers by hacking or other activities that compromise the integrity of the computer Omega Multi-Academy Trust's work
- repeated verbal abuse of staff.

These examples are not exhaustive but indicate the severity of such offences and the fact that such behaviour can affect the conduct and well-being of the academy community. Headteacher/principal s have the right to decide where poor behaviour warrants suspension or in the most serious/ persistent cases a permanent exclusion. In some cases,

headteacher/principal s may determine that a one-off offence amounts to a serious breach of the Positive Behaviour Policy which necessities permanent exclusion on the basis that allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the student or of others in the school. However, there may also be occasions where in addition to the serious breach, there have also been historical persistent breaches of the Positive Behaviour Policy. If these persistent breaches would separately justify permanent exclusion (on the basis that allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the student or of others in the school), then in such circumstances, the headteacher/principal may confirm that the decision to issue the permanent exclusion was firstly taken in relation to the serious breach of the Positive Behaviour Policy, but in the alternative, was secondly taken on the basis of the persistent breaches of the Positive Behaviour Policy.

It is important that a student is not allowed to persistently disrupt and defy the Academy rules and expectations for a longer period of time than we would reasonably tolerate, having exhausted our intervention strategies. Therefore, a Headteacher/principal retains full discretion to permanently exclude a student, even if they have not reached 45 days suspension in one academic year for persistent disruption and defiance.

During / Post Suspension:

Whilst suspended, students will complete work set by the academy.

After each suspension, a reintegration meeting with parents/carers will take place. The purpose of the meeting is to assist the reintegration of the student and promote the improvement of their behaviour. The meeting also provides an opportunity to emphasise the importance of parent/carers working in partnership with the school to encourage, support and reinforce the academy's core values and high expectations. During the reintegration meeting, wider issues and any circumstances that may be affecting the student's behaviour will also be explored and an Individual Support Plan/Contract will be put in place and signed to prevent further instances of poor behaviour.

Rescinding a Suspension or Permanent Exclusion

The Headteacher may cancel any suspension that has already begun; however, this should only be done where it has not yet been reviewed by the Local Governing Board. Where a suspension/exclusion is cancelled, then:

- The school will notify parents, the local accountability board and the local authority and if relevant, the social worker and Virtual School Headteacher without delay.
- Parents will be offered the opportunity to meet with the Headteacher to discuss the circumstances that led to the exclusion being cancelled.
- School leaders should report to the Local Governing Board once per term on the number of exclusions that have been cancelled. Including the circumstances and reasons for the cancellation enabling Local Governing Boards to have appropriate oversight.
- The student should be allowed back into the school following a programme of reintegration.

14. Provision of Education for Suspensions Greater than 5 Days

The academy recognises the need to keep suspensions short wherever possible. It is therefore anticipated that in most cases, suspension will not exceed 5 days fixed term. Where it is necessary to suspend a student for a longer period, the academy will ensure that provision is offered from the 6th day.

15. Preventing the recurrence of misbehaviour

The academy will adopt a range of initial intervention strategies to help students manage their behaviour and to reduce the likelihood of suspension and permanent exclusion. The academy will try to achieve this by helping students understand behavioural expectations and norms and by providing support for students who struggle to meet these norms. Some students will need more support than others and this will be provided as proactively as is reasonably practicable within the academy's resources and, in all cases, as soon as possible. It will often be necessary to deliver this support outside of the classroom, in small groups, or in one-to-one activities. The academy has a clear tracking system in place through individual inclusion trackers and the weekly inclusion meeting. This ensures relevant members of staff are aware of any student persistently misbehaving, whose behaviour is not improving following low-level sanctions, or whose misbehaviour is out of character and a sudden change from previous patterns of behaviour.

Initial interventions to address underlying factors leading to misbehaviour may also include an assessment of whether appropriate provision is in place to support any SEN or disability that a student may have. The 'graduated response' will be used to assess, plan, deliver and then review the needs of the student and the impact of the support.

Positive Behaviour Lesson

Each week, a single lesson will be designated as a PB lesson. Students will go to their Form Room during this period and their Planner will be reviewed by their Form Tutor, whilst they complete directed work as part of the Behaviour Curriculum. This provides Form Tutors with the time each week to both log reward stamps on Bromcom, as well as adding C4B detentions for accumulated Conduct Reminders.

Key Students will be targeted for review by Senior Leaders, the Inclusion team or Pastoral Leaders to provide targeted support and/or challenge to persistent challenging behaviour.

Intervention

The Positive Behaviour System works in conjunction with a number of targeted intervention strategies (see Appendix 1) designed to address the underlying causes of poor attitudes to learning or poor behaviour and disengagement wherever possible. The interventions available are a preventative mechanism which enables academies to target support for identified students.

As outlined in Section 8 and 9, when a student is issued with a sanction, they receive a number of points which are tracked in the school's Management Information System (BromCom), which is monitored closely by the Inclusion and Deep Support Team. The accumulation of points for a student increases the intensity of the monitoring and

intervention. Any resulting intervention and its impact is also recorded in CPOMS, giving a personalised profile of an individual student.

The Inclusion Team will become involved in the intervention with students who are accruing points by receiving several C5s or C6s or suspensions or a combination of all three. Various strategies will be used depending on individual needs (see Appendix 1).

The Senior Leader for Behaviour and/or The SENDCO has an overview of the progress of these students with regular feedback at the Inclusion Team meetings. It is also their responsibility to keep the Senior Leadership Team informed of the progress of students.

16. Managed Moves

A managed move is used to initiate a process which leads to the transfer of a student to another mainstream school/academy permanently. Managed moves should be voluntary and agreed with all parties involved, including the parents and the admission authority of the new school/academy. If a temporary move needs to occur to improve a student's behaviour, then off-site direction should be used.

Managed moves should only occur when it is in the student's best interests.

Where a student has an EHC plan, the relevant statutory duties on the new school and local authority will apply. If the academy is contemplating a managed move, it should contact the local authority prior to the managed move. If the local authority, both the academy and the proposed school/academy and parents agree that there should be a managed move, the local authority will need to follow the statutory procedures for amending a plan.

Managed moves should be offered as part of a planned intervention. The original school should be able to evidence that appropriate initial intervention has been carried out, including, where relevant, multi-agency support, or any statutory assessments were done or explored prior to a managed move.

The managed move should be preceded by information sharing between the academy and the new school/academy, including data on prior and current attainment, academic potential, a risk assessment and advice on effective risk management strategies. It is also important for the new school/academy to ensure that the student is provided with an effective integration strategy. A managed move should only be offered as a permanent transfer and only when the student has been attending the proposed new school/academy under an off-site direction and a review of the direction has established that the student has settled well into the school and should remain there on a permanent basis. The headteacher/principal will follow the guidance on managed moves in the DfE's guidance document.

17. Off Site Direction

Off-site direction is a temporary measure where interventions or targeted support have not been successful in improving a student's behaviour and may be used to prevent further suspensions or a permanent exclusion. In these cases, where the academy requires a student to attend another education setting with the aim of improving their behaviour, a headteacher/principal may organise this via an 'off-site direction'. This should only be done where other interventions and targeted support have not been successful in improving a

student's conduct. Placements should be time-limited and must be at an AP or another mainstream school/academy. An offsite direction can either be full time or a combination of part time support in an AP alongside continued mainstream education.

The academy will record the use of off-site direction and its impact to the trust board through the local academy council and the trust curriculum, standards and welfare committee.

Whilst the headteacher/principal will try to discuss any potential direction off-site with parents/carers and the student and seek their views in an attempt to agree the decision and co-produce the resulting plan, the academy does have the power to direct a pupil off site without parental consent and will use this if necessary.

All information about the pupil's progress, attainment, behaviour, etc. must be made available prior to the start of direction off site. Contact details and information about any known agencies or professionals involved with the child or family must also be shared with the potential receiving school/AP. Clear outcomes must be personalised to the pupil and be agreed at the outset by all, and these should inform any targets set, which should include both academic and pastoral. Targets should be achievable and should not be a "blanket" approach. Any support the pupil will need must be agreed at the initial meeting in order that the new school/provision has time to put this in place ready for the start date. A key member of staff who knows the pupil well and is a trusted member of staff for the pupil should be included in the process and a visit from this key person to the pupil should take place regularly during their time at the new school/provision. This will ensure pupils' voice is captured and any issues arising can be supported quickly.

At the planning phase, a proposed maximum period of time should be discussed and agreed upon, the frequency and timing of review meetings and who should be involved must also be agreed at this meeting. In addition, alternative options should be explored for when the original time limit has been reached, including the option of a managed move on a permanent basis.

Where appropriate, other professionals should be invited to contribute to the planning meeting and subsequent review meetings, e.g. a student's social worker, CAMHS, MASH and youth justice teams. During the planning phase, professionals should establish when monitoring meetings will take place and who should attend. Minutes of all meetings should be retained alongside a clear log of any action points. At the end of each review meeting, it should be determined whether the arrangement should continue and for what period of time.

Parents (or the student if aged 18 or older) will be notified in writing and provided with information about a planned placement no later than two school days before the commencement date.

Parents must be notified in writing and have a right to attend all review meetings. The invitation should be received by parents (or the student themselves if aged 18 or over), no later than six days before the date of a review meeting. In the case of a student with an EHCP, the LA should also be invited to attend. Relevant professionals should also be invited to attend review meetings or to contribute their views in writing where possible. In so far as is practicable, the meeting should be convened at a time and date that enables parents to attend. Failing this, parents should be given the opportunity to submit views in writing on the efficacy of the placement and whether they believe it should continue.

During the off-site direction to another school, pupils must be dual registered. Direction offsite should also still provide a broad and balanced curriculum alongside the support to improve behaviour.

Whilst the regulations specify that regular review meetings must take place, they do not specify time intervals (this should be decided on a case-by-case basis). Reviews should be frequent enough to provide assurance that the off-site education is achieving its objectives and that the student is benefitting from the arrangement. Parents (and/ or the LA where a student has an EHCP), and the student if they are 18 or over can request a review meeting. When this happens, the academy must comply with the request as soon as is reasonably practical, unless there has already been a review meeting in the previous 10 weeks.

Following any review meeting, parents, the student if 18 or over, and the LA (in the case of a student with an EHCP), must receive written notification of the decision as to whether the offsite direction should continue. Written notification must be sent, no later than six days after the date of the review meeting, informing parents (and the student if 18 or over) whether the direction will continue, for what period of time and the reasons for the decision.

Successes should be celebrated and if the placement at the new school/provision is not successful then further support should be offered to the pupil. If the placement is successful a permanent managed move may be considered.

18. Respite

The academy considers the use of respite to be a less formal process that does not require the use of dual registration and that can have a positive impact on a student's behaviour and reduce the risk of suspension. Respite is defined as a short-term, time- limited intervention during which a student temporarily attends another academy or school, and may include (but is not limited to):

- Primary students being sent to neighbouring academies for short periods;
- Secondary students unable to attend Reflective Learning Centre or PDC at their home academy.

During the intervention, the home academy will retain safeguarding responsibility for the student and will use code B (off-site educational activity) in the attendance register. The home academy must also take steps to monitor the student's attendance in collaboration with the host academy and use the appropriate absence code where the student does not attend as planned.

When the academy uses a respite placement, this requires parent/carer consent. The duration of the placement will be made clear, as will travel arrangements to and from the 'new' school. The start and finish time and arrangements for provision at the new school will also be made clear. These initial details will usually be discussed in a face to face meeting with parents/carers and a risk assessment complete at the same time. In some circumstances, when a face to face meeting is not possible but the need for a placement is urgent, a telephone call can be used to outline the initial arrangements outlined above, although a risk assessment must also be completed and signed by parents/carers- this may need a home visit to finalise.

19. Reduced/Part-Time Timetable

As an alternative to exclusion a Headteacher/principal may, in limited circumstances, make use of a partial timetable to support a student. This is an agreement between Academy, Student and Parent/Carer and should be documented and logged.

"A part-time timetable should not be used to manage a pupil's behaviour and must only be in place for the shortest time necessary." (Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement Guidance for maintained schools, academies, and pupil referral units in England – September 2022)

Where a student has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), it is recognised that a student MAY need some reasonable steps to be put into place to further support the student with meeting the high expectations set out in the Positive Behaviour Policy. It may also be necessary to put such reasonable steps in place during the interim period when an Academy is currently supporting an application for an EHCP (up to 20 week timescale).

In these instances, "Reasonable adjustments" might include a number of the following where a student has received C5 time in the Reflective Learning Centre (RLC):

- Student given five minutes time-out per hour- administered and supervised by the RLC Supervisor or Pastoral Leader.
- Student allowed to complete the C5 removal time over two days: one AM session plus lunch and one PM session.
- Student allocated a larger working space in the RLC, such as a separate desk- only applicable where there is no chance of disruption to other students.
- Other reasonable adjustments which should be checked at Executive level.

In this instance, it is imperative that the reasonable adjustments which are being taken are noted. Where there is no impact on improving behaviour over time, an Emergency Annual Review should be called by the Headteacher/principal, as advised in the above code of practice.

20. Removal from classrooms

Removal is where a pupil, for disciplinary reasons, is required to spend a period of time out of their normal classroom at the instruction of a member of staff. Removal will only be used for the following reasons:

- a) to maintain the safety of all pupils
- b) to restore effective learning following a period of disruption;

The continuous education provided may differ to the mainstream curriculum but will still be meaningful for the pupil and will be located in a suitable place to learn and refocus. Removal from classrooms will only take place for the following reasons:

- Receiving a C4 for Persistent Disruptive Behaviour. Students will be sent to work in the Supervision Room (C4), which is a table located in another classroom, supervised by another teacher.
- Receiving a C5 for Serious Misbehaviour or Continued Persistent Disruption following a C4. This is based in the Reflective Learning Centre (RLC)

Removal is only used when necessary, however in some cases the behaviour is so extreme as to warrant immediate removal.

Removal should be distinguished from the use of other supportive provisions such as The Hive, for non-disciplinary reasons. For instance, where a pupil is taken out of the classroom to regulate his or her emotions because of identified sensory overload as part of a planned response or intervention.

We will make every effort to inform parents on the same day if their child has been removed from the classroom.

School Leaders will determine the length of time a pupil spends in the Reflective Learning Centre (RLC) (C5), based on the specific circumstances. This should always be kept to a minimum, as far as possible, and pupils will have access to continuity of curriculum and learning during this time.

When dealing with individual removal cases, staff will:

- Consider whether the sanction is proportionate, the age of the pupil and whether there are any relevant special considerations such as Special Educational Needs or Disability. This should include considering where there may be an unidentified unmet SEND need.
- Consider whether any assessment of underlying factors of disruptive behaviour is needed:
- Facilitate reflection by the pupil on the behaviour that led to their removal from the classroom and what they can do to improve and avoid such behaviour in the future;
- Consider whether the sanction is proportionate, the age of the pupil and whether there are any relevant special considerations such as Special Educational Needs or Disability

21. Child-on-Child Abuse

Omega Multi-Academy Trust, have a zero-tolerance approach to child-on-child abuse, it is never acceptable and will not be tolerated. We are not complacent and recognise that it is possible that child on child abuse (including online) could be happening in our school, even when there are no complaints. Omega Multi-Academy Trust has a zero-tolerance approach to child-on-child sexual abuse or harassment, and it should never be passed off as "banter", "just having a laugh", "part of growing up" or "boys being boys" as this can lead to a culture of unacceptable behaviours and an unsafe environment for children.

The Trust recognises that there are different forms of child-on-child abuse which can take place, including:

- Bullying (including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying)
- Abuse in intimate personal relationships between children (known as teenage relationship abuse).
- Physical abuse which can include hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling, or otherwise causing physical harm.
- Sexual violence and sexual harassment.

- Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos (also known as sexting or youth produced sexual imagery).
- Causing someone to engage in sexual activity without consent, such as forcing someone to strip, touch themselves sexually, or to engage in sexual activity with a third party.
- Upskirting (which is a criminal offence), which typically involves taking a picture under a person's clothing without their permission, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks to obtain sexual gratification, or cause the victim humiliation, distress, or alarm.
- Initiation/hazing type violence and rituals.

Child on child abuse can be perpetrated face to face or indirectly. Single acts of any form of abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.

We make every effort to prevent such incidents occurring, including the implementation of a comprehensive 'Relationship and Sex Education Programme'.

In cases where child on child sexual violence and/or sexual harassment types of behaviours are witnessed or reported, adults will take such incidents seriously, not dismiss, excuse, or tolerate the behaviours as children being children. In all cases adults will:

- 1. Stop the behaviour.
- 2. Follow the behaviour policy in way of sanctions.
- 3. Record and report the behaviour to a designated safeguarding lead in keeping with the school's safeguarding and child protection policy.

The school will keep and maintain comprehensive records of incidents on CPOMs which will be carefully and regularly analysed to continually improve our practice.

Omega Multi-Academy Trust will work with professionals as required to understand why a child may have abused a peer. The child's age, development stage and nature and frequency of the allegations will all be considered as well as whether the actions were deliberately invented or malicious.

Support and consequences will be considered on a case-by-case basis, including whether they pose a risk of harm to other children. Advice will be taken, as appropriate, from children's social care, specialist sexual violence services and the Police.

Where necessary the student that has harmed another child, may receive a consequence in line with the Behaviour Policy which could be:

- A referral to the Reflective Learning Centre
- A suspension
- A planned intervention
- A managed move
- A permanent exclusion

Omega Multi-Academy Trust acknowledge that school can be significant protective factor for children who have displayed harmful sexualised behaviour, and continued access to school, with a comprehensive safeguarding management plan in place, is an important factor to consider before final decisions are made.

If the decision is to take disciplinary action, then the school will ensure they are still implementing appropriate support at the same time.

22. Searches and Confiscation

Omega Multi-Academy Trust adheres to the guidance set out in 'Searches Screening and Confiscation' published by the Department for Education in June 2022. The general power to discipline, as set out in Section 91 of the <u>Education and Inspections Act 2006</u>, enables a member of staff to confiscate, retain or dispose of a student's property as a disciplinary penalty, where reasonable to do so. The school also holds the power to search for the following prohibited items:

- Knives and weapons
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Stolen items
- Tobacco, cigarette papers and E-cigarettes
- Fireworks
- Pornographic images
- Any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause injury or damage to property.
- Any item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for.

Whilst staff have the power to search for any item, the staff member involved must ensure that the student understands the reason for the search and how it will be conducted so that their agreement is informed.

If cooperation from a student is not forthcoming, the member of staff will consider why this is. If a student continues to refuse to cooperate, the student may be sanctioned in line with this policy. If the search, in discussion with the Headteacher or other authorised person, is still deemed necessary to recover a prohibited item, then the use of reasonable force may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

All searches will be carried out in line with the academy's health and safety requirements. Two members of staff will be present at the time of the search and one of these members of staff will be a senior leader. The person making a search of a student's person must be of the same gender as the student.

It is important that all staff understand the implications of searches in the context of substance-related incidents. All details around the confiscation and disposal of prohibited items can be found in the <u>DFE Screening & Confiscation guidance (July 2022)</u>.

The designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) should be informed of any searching incidents where the member of staff had reasonable grounds to suspect a student was in possession of a prohibited item, and they believe that the search has revealed a safeguarding risk.

Any prohibited items (listed above) found in a students' possession as a result of a search will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to the student. We will also confiscate

any item that is harmful or detrimental to school discipline. These items will be returned to students after discussion with senior leaders and parents, if appropriate.

23. Positive Handling

Omega Multi-Academy Trust believes that it is important to establish a safe, secure and stable environment to enable students to grow, develop and learn. To achieve this, our School recognise that, in certain circumstances, managing aggressive behaviour through positive handling interventions.

Omega Multi-Academy Trust Positive Handling Policy outlines types of positive handling responses, using positive handling responses, reporting incidents and staff training. The Behaviour Policy should be read in conjunction with Omega Multi-Academy Trust Positive Handling Policy.

24. Behaviour Beyond the School Premises

The Behaviour Policy may be applied where a student has made poor choices off-site when representing the academy. This means when the student is:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity (e.g., school trips)
- Travelling to or from the academy
- · Wearing the school uniform
- In any other way identifiable as a student of Omega Multi-Academy Trust

The Behaviour Policy may also be applied where a student has made poor behaviour choices off-site, at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, if the behaviour:

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the academy
- Poses a threat to another student
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the school or Omega Multi-Academy Trust Application of the Behaviour Policy will only occur on school premises or elsewhere when the student is under the lawful control of a staff member (e.g., on a school-organised trip).

25. Online:

The school can apply the Behaviour Policy to address student behaviour online when:

- It poses a threat or causes harm to another student or member of staff.
- It could have repercussions for the orderly running of the academy.
- It adversely affects the reputation of the school or the Omega Multi-Academy Trust
- The student is identifiable as a member of the academy.

26. Suspected Criminal Behaviour

In cases when a member of staff or Headteacher suspects criminal behaviour, the school should make an initial assessment of whether an incident should be reported to the police by referring to, "When to call the police-guidance for schools and colleges" when-to-call-the-police-guidance-for-schools-and-colleges.pdf (npcc.police.uk) issued by the National Police Chief's Council.

Any initial fact-finding investigations should be fully documented, and the school will make every effort to preserve any relevant evidence.

Once a decision is made to report the incident to police, the school will ensure any further action they take does not interfere with any police action taken. However, the school retains the discretion to continue investigations and enforce their own sanctions so long as it does not conflict with police action.

When making a report to the police, it will often be appropriate to make in tandem a report to local children's social care, where appropriate. As set out in Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), it would be expected in most cases that the designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) would take the lead.

In cases where the police report that a student on roll at the school is under police investigation, the school will complete a risk assessment management and support plan. The purpose of this plan will be to consider any potential safeguarding risks to the pupil or others within the school community. The plan will consider appropriate support for all parties concerned in order to cause minimum disruption to education and ensure that any police investigation is not jeopardized.

27. Malicious Allegations

Where a student makes an allegation against a member of staff and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will consider whether to discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

Where a student makes an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment against another student and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will consider whether to discipline the student in accordance with this policy.

In all cases where an allegation is determined to be unsubstantiated, unfounded, false or malicious, the school (in collaboration with the local authority designated officer (LADO), where relevant) will consider whether the student who made the allegation is in need of help, or the allegation may have been a cry for help. If so, a referral to children's social care or a risk management and support plan may be appropriate.

The school will also consider the pastoral needs of staff and students accused of misconduct.

Please refer to our Child protection and Safeguarding Policy for more information on responding to allegations of abuse against staff or other students.

28. Restorative Practice

Omega Multi Academy trust academies aim to be a restorative school which takes a restorative approach to resolving conflict and preventing harm. Restorative approaches enable those who have been harmed to convey the impact of the harm to those responsible, and for those responsible to acknowledge this impact and take steps to put it right. Restorative approaches refer to a range of methods and strategies which can be used both to prevent relationship-damaging incidents from happening and to resolve them if they do happen.

Following any Suspension, the student and parents/carers will meet with a member of the Pastoral Year Team with a colleague, usually the SLT link for the year to conduct a return to school meeting and discuss strategies to move forward, alongside any specific reintegration plan.

29. Safeguarding

Omega Multi-Academy Trust recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a student is in need of help or protection.

We will consider whether a student's behaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm.

Where this may be the case, we will follow our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, and consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Please refer to the Omega Multi-Academy Trust Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy for more information.

30. Staff Training

As part of their induction process, our staff are provided with regular training on managing behaviour, including training on:

- The needs of the pupils at the academy
- How SEND and mental health needs can impact behaviour
- · Child on child abuse
- Positive Behaviour will also form part of the school continuing professional development cycle.
- The school will keep a record of all training received by teaching and non-teaching staff.

31. Complaints

An individual wishing to make a complaint about anything within the remit of this policy should discuss this with the school in the first instance. If the issue is not resolved, then a formal complaint may be made, following the complaints procedure as set out in the Omega Multi-Academy Trust Complaints Policy. This policy can be found on the Omega Multi-Academy Trust website.

If the complaint relates solely to suspensions and exclusions, as described in Sections 14-15, then please refer to the Omega Multi-Academy Trust Suspension and Exclusion Policy and follow the guidance regarding complaints.

32. Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluating school behaviour

The school will collect data on the following:

- Behavioural incidents, including removal from the classroom
- Attendance, permanent exclusion, and suspension
- Use of pupil support units, off-site directions and managed moves
- Incidents of searching, screening, and confiscation
- Anonymous surveys for staff, students, governors, trustees and other stakeholders on their perceptions and experiences of the school behaviour culture
- Incidents of harmful sexual behaviour (including online).
- Incidents of prejudicial and discriminatory behaviours

The data will be analysed every term by the Vice Headteacher for Personal Development, Behaviour and Attendance (PDBA). The data will be analysed from a variety of perspectives including:

- At school level
- By age group
- At the level of individual members of staff
- By time of day/week/term
- By protected characteristic

The school will use the results of this analysis to make sure it is meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010. If any trends or disparities between groups of students are identified by this analysis, the school will review its policies to tackle it.

33. Reviewing this Policy

This policy will be reviewed by the Trust Central Team in collaboration with key professionals from across the Trust, every two years or if changes are made to statutory guidance.

Any changes required to be made to the policy will be implemented by the School Headteachers.

Any changes to the policy will be clearly communicated to all members of staff: teachers, coprofessionals and the Trust Board.

Appendix 1

Positive Behaviour - Overview

- Students are reminded of conduct expectations every day in their Form Rooms and in every lesson, using the Positive Behaviour Expectations slide.
- Students are expected to Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe at all times.
- Where students don't meet these expectations, by showing some of the conduct below, they will be issued with a Conduct Reminder in their planner.



Mobile Phones:

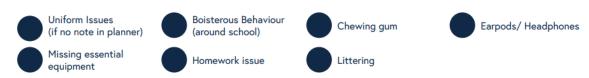
- · Mobile phones are not allowed in school. They should be switched off and kept out of sight.
- If seen, explain to the students that phones are not allowed and explain that the phone will now be confiscated until the end of the day.
- If a student refuses, explain that a C4B Detention will be issued and schedule this on Bromcom.
- Avoid escalation.

When disruption occurs or behaviour is observed, adults are expected to respond calmly and consistently:



Positive Behaviour in the Classroom

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First Conduct Concern



Suggested script:

- "Michael you are talking across the classroom, this is not respectful. You are now on a C1"
- Record the student's name on the Conduct Board, along with a Tick under C1, then
 redirect behaviour with teaching and learning reminders.
- Raise expectations. Praise those who are working well.

Second Conduct Concern



Suggested script:

- "Michael you have been disrespectful again by continuing to talk/distract others. You have now moved to a C2"
- Record a Tick against the student's name, under C2.
- Try speaking privately to the student.

Third Conduct Concern



Suggested script:

- "Michael you are on the verge of leaving the lesson because you are not being respectful."
- Record a Tick against the student's name, under C3.
- Remind the student that it is their choice to break the rules and the rule they are breaking and privately offer them solutions on how they can alter their behaviour.

Fourth Conduct Concern

or Immediate C4 for unsafe classroom behaviour, or refusal to follow reasonable request.



Suggested script:

- "Michael you have now moved to a C4 because ... which means you can no longer stay in the room. You will be escorted to the Supervision Room"
- Send ON-CALL ALERT on Bromcom and Patrol will be deployed to support in escorting the student to the Supervision Room.

Positive Behaviour Around School Other Conduct Concerns

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Other Conduct Concern (Can occur in classrooms or around the school)

Issued for other conduct issues around school that don't typically result in classroom removal. These can be recorded on Bromcom by any member of staff:

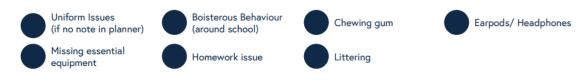
- Smoking or vaping by association (Respectful, Safe).
- Refusing a reasonable request. In some circumstances, this could lead to a Serious Defiance and be a C5B or suspension (Respectful).
- Mobile Phone refused confiscation (C4B). In extreme circumstances, this could be escalated to a C5 or Suspension (Ready, Respectful).
- Being out of bounds (Safe).
- 10 Conduct Reminders within one week, C4 is Issued by Form Tutors (Ready, Respectful, Safe).
- Truancy (Safe).
- Eating outside designated area (Respectful).
- E-Safety/misuse of ICT. This could lead to a a C5B or in extreme cases may lead to suspension or permanent exclusion (Resectful, Safe).

Consequence

A C4B will result in a Year-Group Detention

Positive Behaviour Around School Serious Conduct Concerns

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- Avoid escalation.

When serious behaviour is observed, adults are expected to respond calmly and consistently:



Serious Conduct Concern

For serious conduct issues, around school or in classrooms, these will be logged as C5B incidents on Bromcom:

- Dangerous behaviour
- Fighting
- · Violence or threatening behaviour towards others
- · Serious defiance, including walking away from a member of staff
- Prohibited item
- Verbal abuse towards staff
- Smoking or vaping
- Not attending a Conduct C4B detention (after escalation to SLT Detention)
- Persistent truancy
- Hate/prejudice incident
- Persistent bullying
- Sexual misconduct
- Bringing the school into disrepute

Consequence

Investigate for RLC, Suspension or Exclusion.