



Wilful Damage / Vandalism to School Property Policy



Golden Hill Short Stay School expects pupils to treat the school building, its contents and equipment with respect at all times.

Our school rules are: -

We show respect for ourselves and others

We wait our turn and speak politely to others.

We follow adult instructions.

We complete the tasks set by the adults to the best of our ability

We use a safe space, zone or peace place if we need it or we are asked by an adult.

We understand that sometimes pupils may become dysregulated and cause accidental damage, however this policy is concerned only with the intentional damage of school and other pupils' property.

Golden Hill is not liable for any loss or damage to pupils' personal property, whether accidental or intentional. Pupils are responsible for the safekeeping of their own belongings while on school premises.

Intentional damage of school property directly affects the education of all our pupils by taking much needed funds to repair the damage caused. To redress this, **Golden Hill will charge a repair / replacement fee to the parent(s)/carer(s) of pupils who intentionally destroy or cause damage to the school its fixtures, fittings and property.**

Golden Hill will fully investigate any incident of damage to school property. Any damage incurred will be assessed and photographed as evidence. A copy of the photograph will be sent to parent(s)/carer(s) together with a request for a contribution towards the cost of repair or replacement of the object that has been damaged or vandalised.

Golden Hill acts as a mediator in such cases and may request a contribution from the parent(s)/carer(s) of the pupil responsible to ensure fairness and accountability within the school community.

Unless damage is excessive, this will not result in a suspension from school. However, if repeated acts of damage/vandalism occur or the damage is deemed excessive, parent(s)/carer(s) will be informed, and the pupil may face a fixed term suspension of a period of time at the discretion of the Headteacher.

This Policy will be reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team and parents/carers will be informed accordingly.

Monitoring arrangements

This Policy will be reviewed annually by the Governing Body and parents/carers will be informed accordingly.

Links with other policies

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:
Behaviour Policy

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