

Montgomery Academy Behaviour for Learning Policy



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Montgomery Academy (an FCAT Academy)

Behaviour for Learning Policy

Introduction

FCAT Academies have at their heart a firm commitment to putting the needs of children first. Policies and practice promote an environment conducive to learning, ensuring high achievement for all young people, irrespective of their differing needs.

The Academy Council believes that students should be encouraged to adopt behaviour that supports learning and promotes good relations. Poor behaviour and low level disruption threaten the rights of young people to an effective education and can lead to people feeling unsafe, bullied, intimidated, or threatened.

Students learn best in an ordered environment. This can be achieved when expectations of learning and behaviour are high and their consequences are made explicit and applied consistently. The self esteem of all students is enhanced by praise, reward and celebration.

This policy is based on recognition of the rights, rules and responsibilities of all members of the academy community, the importance of clear and consistent classroom routines which are always adhered to and a culture of rewards for success.

Purpose

To create a positive, purposeful teaching and learning environment through:

- enabling all staff to feel confident in their responsibility for the effective management of student behaviour.
- encouraging students to develop and maintain positive relationships with both their peers and adults characterised by mutual respect.
- the provision of opportunities for students to fulfil their potential in both a social and academic context whatever their age, gender, ethnicity, attainment and background.
- helping students to understand that they have a choice in how they behave and that there are consequences for their chosen behaviour.
- a system of rewards and graduated sanctions for students related to both academic progress, success and behaviour

Expectations

All members of the Academy have the same rights, responsibilities and rules:

Rights

- To feel safe at school
- To learn to the best of their ability
- To be treated with respect

Responsibilities

- To ensure that you allow others to feel safe at school
- To ensure that you allow everyone to learn to the best of their ability
- To ensure that you treat everyone with respect
- To have excellent attendance and punctuality

Rules

- I will respect other people and their property
- I will do as I am asked by all members of staff



- I will be well-mannered and helpful at all times
- I will attend lessons in full uniform, on time and 'ready to learn'
- I will not refuse any reasonable request from a member of staff

SMART is how we expect Montgomery students to conduct themselves throughout the day.

Safe

Mature

Ambitious

Respectful

Thoughtful

SMART should be used by staff in conversations about behaviour between themselves and students. Students must be regularly reminded about SMART conduct.

As a consequence of these qualities our expectation for each student is that they

- grow as a person
- be a positive and active member of our school community
- be lifelong learner with a love of reading
- be able to work well independently and interdependently
- be employable
- be the best they can in whatever they choose to do

All these qualities will help them achieve excellence now and in their future lives. As a school community we *Inspire Excellence Together*

Behaviour Management System

These procedures support an ethos based on shared aims and mutual respect where boundaries are clearly defined and where the individuals feel valued. These procedures reflect the fact that there are aspects of behaviour, which can be taught, and that in general the use of praise and rewards and the opportunities in the curriculum have a great effect in motivating students.

A huge emphasis is placed at Montgomery Academy on encouraging positive behaviour. Everyone, staff and students, is aware of the necessity and benefits of working together to ensure a calm, ordered, secure and happy environment. We recognise that the vast majority of students contribute positively to an environment in which effective learning can take place. However, there are pupils who, despite help, support and encouragement, do not respect this ethos and seek to disrupt the learning of others. In such cases it becomes necessary to take decisive action, to involve parents and impose sanctions.

Positive Reinforcement Strategies

Another way of tackling poor behaviour is to use language in positive terms so that you are not focussing on one individual's behaviour when everyone else is behaving appropriately.

Class Teacher should:

- Praise and encourage
- Give Ambition Points
- Give postcards
- Positive phone calls home
- Positive marking
- Have displays

Subject Leader/Curriculum Area Leader / Progress Manager and Pastoral Manager should:

- Praise in front of whole class



- Communicate with parents letters / phone calls
- Assemblies
- Give verbal praise
- Give Ambition Points
- Use Montgomery Way corridor to celebrate achievement and effort
- Give curriculum area / year group rewards

Recognising and Rewarding Positive Behaviour

- Weekly recognition of effort in lesson through the awarding of Ambition Points 1= Engagement in lesson, 2 = Outstanding engagement in lessons, these can be seen using ClassCharts by staff, students and parents. Students also receive positive points for engagement in extracurricular activities.
- Rewards are graded weekly using an e-badge, Bronze (4-5), Silver(6-7), Gold (8-9) and Diamond (10+)- Students and parents receive a notification a 4pm each Friday on the ClassCharts app to inform them of the weeks engagement activity, these are accrued each week to show a running total of reward e-badges.
- A weekly e-certificate is also emailed to parents to share the students engagement levels from the week, bronze, silver, gold and diamond.
- The reward store has been put into place where students can redeem their points for prizes and make donations to their house charity.
- Students receive reward notifications at each milestone to reward students for their progress (100,200,300, 400, etc)
- Pastoral managers are also encouraged to send postcards at these milestones too.
- Top 10 Ambition point students are shared each week in year group specific assemblies
- Termly Celebration Assemblies celebrate the success of students' attendance and top ambition points in school both individually and collectively as house/tutor groups.



Consequence System

'Consequences' is not a replacement for good classroom management techniques and will not compensate for poor teaching and/or unstructured lessons.

Refusal to follow a reasonable request or school rules e.g. wearing the correct uniform or to follow a seating plan, will result in a consequence.

Please see the Additional Needs Section regarding the use of reasonable adjustments.

Consequence System 1st disruption to learning 15 minute detention Mrs Wilson's room 15 minute detention Mrs Wilson's room - Removal to buddy room (another classroom) = 30 minute detention (lunchtime or after school depending on the lesson) - Further disruption within a buddy room = 60 minute detention (after school) 2 or more C2s in one day = 60 minute detention (after school) Loss of two social times

At least 60 minute detention PLUS other potential sanctions:

more time in Isolation, suspension (fixed term or permanent), placements at other

Lesson Expectations

All students are required to follow the SMART lesson expectations

Lesson Expectations



- S Be safe and enter and leave your lessons in a calm manner
- M Be mature and take responsibility for your behaviour
- A Be ambitious and try your hardest every lesson
- R Be respectful and listen to the teacher and others' views
- T Be thoughtful and be kind to other people

Internal Isolation

Some students during their time at Montgomery Academy will be in need of additional support and intervention. The varying needs include the following;

- C5 room Students receiving a C5 will be taken straight to the C5 room where they will stay for and complete an hours detention after school. Where necessary, additional consequences will be decided at the daily C5 meeting.
- Withdrawal from individual/few lessons for longer term, usually following short term, but where repair, rebuild and re-integration have failed. Total long term withdrawal may be a very occasional strategy.



Isolation from other students within the Academy as part of a consequence for misbehaviour. This will also include
withdrawal of normal break and lunchtime privileges. This will include students who have been given a fixed term
exclusion from school, containment for full day as either a consequence for truanting or positive prevention of further
truanting.

When students are in Isolation they are encouraged to think about how their behaviour affects others, both students and staff. The aim of this is to help students to understand the impact of their actions and how to put things right.

Mediations also take place where necessary.

Withdrawal Room

The withdrawal room is a 6 week respite facility for students who are consistently disrupting the learning of others in a specific subject.

Whilst accessing the room students will continue with their learning with the support of the Withdrawal Room Manager who will also do work with the student to help them change their behaviour so that they can be successfully reintegrated back into their timetabled lessons. Referrals are made to the Progress Managers.

Staff will liaise with the Withdrawal Room Manager to facilitate a successful reintegration for the student.

The emphasis for all the above situations needs to be on 'refocus and redirection'. The aim will be to create a busy purposeful unit where real learning and the acquiring of good working habits is taking place.

Other possible support needs may include the following:

- Withdrawal from lessons for the day in the C5 room
- integration into school from other schools (managed moves)
- positive placements to support learning or coursework
- to support other academies' behaviour management systems

Fixed Term Suspension

Good discipline in schools is essential to ensure that all pupils can benefit from the opportunities provided by education. The Government supports headteachers in using suspension as a sanction where it is warranted.'

(DfE Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement published 2023). All decisions to exclude are serious and only taken as a last resort or where the breach of the Academy rules is serious or persistent. Daily meetings take place with the Deputy Headteacher and the behaviour team where suspension decisions are made however the Deputy Headteacher liaises with the SEND team regarding students on the SEND register. This is also the case with the safeguarding team regarding our most vulnerable students. The following are examples of reasons for suspension;

- Failure to comply with a reasonable request from a senior member of staff. 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.
- 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 'Consequence System'
- Wilful damage to property.
- Homophobic or racist bullying.
- Bullying.
- Sexual misconduct.
- Theft.
- Making a false allegation against a member of staff.
- Behaviour which calls into question the good name of the Academy
- Persistent defiance or disruption.
- Fighting
- Harmful sexual behaviour, online sexual abuse, sexual violence (including sexualised language)
- Other serious breaches of Academy rules



Permanent exclusion

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 pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement published 2023).

A permanent exclusion is when a pupil is no longer allowed to attend a school (unless the pupil is reinstated). The decision to exclude a pupil permanently should only be taken:

- in response to a serious breach or persistent breaches of the school's behaviour policy; and
- where allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the pupil or others such as staff or pupils in the school.

For any permanent exclusion, headteachers should take reasonable steps to ensure that work is set and marked for pupils during the first five school days where the pupil will not be attending alternative provision.

(DfE Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement published 2023).

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

- serious actual or threatened physical assault against another student 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 members of the public in significant danger or at risk of significant harm.
- Persistent disruption and defiance including bullying (which would include racist or homophobic bullying) or repeated possession and/or use of an illegal drug or drug paraphernalia on school premises.

These instances are not exhaustive, but indicate the severity of such offences and the fact that such behaviour can affect the discipline and well-being of the Academy community.

The Academy Council's Guidance on Offensive Weapons - the Academy has determined that, in addition to legislative guidance, any knife, irrespective of length, constitutes an offensive weapon and should not be brought into the Academy. In addition to knives; axes, BB guns, air guns, GATT guns, catapults, slings, etc., will also be deemed to be offensive weapons. Other types of offensive weapons will include:

lengths of pipe, bats, other blunt instruments, or items judged by the Headteacher or the Local Academy Council to be carried with the intention to inflict injury on another individual – this would include blades removed from pencil sharpeners, etc.

In addition, the Academy Council also considers the following to be serious incidents may result in the permanent exclusion of a student:

- 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 network.
- Repeated verbal abuse of staff. Persistent disruption and defiance that may or may not be directly linked to the Consequences system.



Students with Additional Needs

The Behaviour, Pastoral and SEND team work together to support students with any additional need. Weekly Meetings of Concern take place where members of each team are represented to review and plan strategies for our students who need extra support and intervention. The meetings enable the teams to work together so that all possible difficulties are explored.

When applying the behaviour policy reasonable adjustments are applied to support students with SEN, Children in Care, vulnerable students with complex needs associated with trauma, managing relationships and attachment and those accessing the Engage Programme.

Students with additional needs including behaviour needs are assigned a key worker who works closely with them and their families.

Student Support Centre

Rationale

Montgomery's Student Support Centre Team work with Montgomery students with education learning needs, sensory difficulties and social, emotional and mental health issues. Students with special educational needs all have learning difficulties or disabilities, which may produce barriers to learning. These students may require support that is additional to, or different from other students of the same age.

Students with special educational needs may need extra help because of a range of needs such as thinking, understanding, physical or sensory difficulties, or how they relate to and behave with other people.

All students make progress at different rates and have varying ways in which they learn more effectively. Teachers consider this at Montgomery by taking careful consideration over how they structure and organise their lessons, the classroom environment and layout, the exercise books and the planning and differentiation of resource material given to students. Advice and strategies for teachers are produced and outlined on student passports, which are updated twice a year. Teaching staff use this information to consider appropriate options in order to enable effective differentiation according to the individual student needs.

The Role of the Student Support Centre and interventions provided

- In class support for SEND, SEMH and Nurture Unit students
- SEND, EAL, Behaviour and Irlen Passports
- Accelerated Reading programme / buddy reading in registration for identified students
- Regular reading and spelling testing
- Exam concessions and access arrangements
- Screening for Speech and Language difficulties and dyslexia and dyscalculia traits
- Support in internal and external examinations
- Numeracy and Literacy intervention including WIKI programmes
- Care plans for disabled students
- Strategies for dealing with anxiety, developing resilience and social skills
- Referrals to the Educational Psychologists
- Referrals to outside agencies
- Support on school trips with SEND, SEMH and Nurture Unit students
- Loaning laptops for students with temporary physical difficulties
- Requesting/loaning of specialist equipment
- Identifying / key working and conducting planning meetings for vulnerable students
- Providing CPD for all teachers of Most Able, SEND, SEMH, EAL and Nurture Unit students
- Supporting the development of differentiation by subject teachers
- Regular tracking of progress of SEND, SEMH and Nurture Unit students
- Regular reviews / updating of student passports
- Support with handwriting
- Homework support & reading club / homework club / STEM Club / Lego and Robotics Club
- Quality assuring the teaching of SEND students through conducting learning walks



- Transition support with feeder primary schools and post 16 educational establishments
- Support outside the classroom for identified students as required
- Mediation support with SEND, SEMH and Nurture Unit students
- SSC is used as an alternative to the isolation area
- SSC is used as safe place for timeout from lessons and social time
- DSL and SENCo have produced a list of students for who restraint should not be used.



ENGAGE Programme

Engage provides a bespoke alternative learning provision for students who are unable to manage in mainstream education and are at risk of permanent exclusion. We assess students' individual needs and work to foster good relationships, promote positive behaviour and encourage emotionally resilient learners in order to maximise their employability and life chances by:

- Developing a bespoke curriculum and alternative learning experiences for challenging students
- Providing a sense of belonging
- Engaging with parents and students in a positive way
- Fostering positive feelings/relationships about school
- Breaking down barriers to learning
- Supporting with reintegration into mainstream classes where possible
- Supporting teaching staff in their work with challenging students
- Providing cultural and life experiences beyond the classroom in the form of visits and volunteer work
- Offering extended work experience opportunities and relevant bridging programmes to support transition into post 16 education
- Improving behaviour through coaching and teaching of behaviour management strategies
- Reducing number of exclusions
- Improving attendance

Rationale

Montgomery's alternative provision Engage works with students who present with challenging behaviour within the mainstream school setting. The learning programme operates between the normal school hours in an area with restricted access devoted to their needs. Appropriately identified students attend Engage on an individual bespoke timetable appropriate to their need. For KS3 students this is for a minimum of 1 lesson a day and morning registration in tandem with their individual regular timetables. Classes will be decided based on where the greatest concerns or learning requirements have been identified. For KS4 students the programme incorporates the offer of an extended work placement for a maximum of 2 days and a balance of option subjects taught within normal lessons and Engage. All students currently study BTec Home Cooking level 1 & 2 & GCSE History and attend their English, Maths & Science lessons. The programme remains flexible and for all students there may be occasions where it is necessary to adjust timetables on specific days to allow for additional time in engage to access emotional support.

Close links with the SEND team allows for referrals to be made where necessary to support any additional educational needs and outside agency intervention to help with barriers to learning and social, emotional support as required. Students will have an individualised behaviour passport and SEND passport if appropriate to help inform teaching staff of their individual needs, strengths and difficulties with the aim to help inform their planning and effective differentiation of lessons.

All students make progress at different rates and have different ways in which they learn more effectively. Staff in Engage consider this by taking careful consideration over how they structure and organise their lessons, the classroom environment and layout and the planning and differentiation of resource material given to students.

There are opportunities available for students to work in the garden area where students take responsibility for the planting and harvesting of produce to use in their cooking lessons. Volunteer work at a local farm is available for those interested in animal care. We also have a trained therapy dog and have engaged in art therapy sessions to aid with the plethora of social and emotional needs of the students on our programme.

Parents are fully consulted and it is mutually agreed between school and parents of the provision that the Engage programme will provide each child. Parents are contacted weekly and invited into school or visited at home regularly to promote the most supportive working relationships between all stakeholders. The overriding priority is to keep Engage students within the context of Montgomery given their vulnerabilities and provide a sense of belonging. A familiar face each morning giving opportunities for responsibility and encouraging the development of strong relationships across school with staff and ultimately driving the students desire to succeed and improve their behaviour and attendance.

The Role of Engage

- To support students in self-regulation and model positive behaviours
- Support with the accelerated reading programme



- Promote strategies for dealing with anxiety, developing resilience and social skills
- Referrals to outside agencies
- Identifying / key working and conducting planning meetings for students
- Providing CPD for all staff involved in the program
- Reporting the progress to parents and liaising with subject teachers on a regular basis
- Regular reviews / updating of student passports
- Supporting students back into their regular lessons where possible
- Creating new opportunities for learning to engage hard to reach students
- To reduce numbers of behaviour incidents, exclusions and increase attendance with identified cohorts
- To support teaching and support staff in behaviour management and strategies for dealing with challenging behaviour



Whole School Support

The support available for students at Montgomery extends to every student. Any of our students may require additional help at any point of their school career. We have a wide range of support available within school and we also work closely with external agencies who are providing help to our students and their families.

School Support and Therapeutic Intervention

- Pastoral Team
- Safeguarding Team
- Student Support Centre
- Engage Programme
- Life coach
- Student Support Centre
- Walk and Talk
- One to one pastoral
- Safeguarding office
- Mental Health and Well Being Market Place
- Mental Health Lead
- Mental Health Policy
- Mental Health First Aid trained staff
- NLP trained staff
- Lego therapy
- Mindfulness and Well Being Apps
- School nurse
- Peer Mentors
- Stonewall Group
- PWO
- PCSO
- Anti Bullying Ambassadors
- Peer Mentors
- Student Council

External Agencies

- School Home Support Workers
- Young carers
- Social Care
- Virtual School
- CAMHS
- Blackpool Carers
- Blackpool SEND Team
- Blackpool Educational Psychology Team
- Shine Therapy
- Blackpool Young People's Service LGBT, HUB, Sexual Health and Well Being, CASHER,
- Headstart Resilience Coaches
- Youth Mediation Family Worker
- Awaken
- Kooth Assembly Online Support
- Theatre Groups
- Community Safety Co-ordinator (Police)



Punctuality

To school

We are committed to ensuring that students set excellent standards of punctuality and attendance and therefore students that are late will complete a detention with their Progress Manager. All students must be in school by 8.45am.

1 late to school in a week = 30 mins after school detention

2 lates to school in a week = 60 mins after school detention

To Lessons

There is 5 minutes movement between lessons however after break and lunch all students are expected to be in their classrooms for the start of their lesson.

YR9 and 10(first break) - should all be in lesson 2 by 10.35am

YR7 (middle break) - should all be back in lesson 2 by 11.05am

YR8 and 11 (third break) - should all be in lesson 3 by 11.35am

YR9 and 10(first lunch) - should all be in lesson 4 by 1pm

YR7 (middle lunch) - should all be back in lesson 4 by 1.30pm

YR8 and 11 (third lunch) - should all be in lesson by 5 by 2pm

All students arriving late to lesson must be marked with an L on the register as well as the number of minutes late.

Late to lesson detentions will take place every day after to school

1 late to lesson in a day = 60 mins detention after school

2 lates to lesson in a day = 120 mins detention after school

Day = Lesson 5 the previous day to lesson 4 the following day

Messages will be sent to parents informing them of the detention

Toilet Policy

At Montgomery family we want to be caring and supportive, but we also want to be expectant. The idea is that students should be in lessons learning.

Students will not be allowed out of lessons to go to the toilet, except of course if they have a medical condition that means they have a long term pass, or there is a genuine medical reason.

If students need to go to the toilet between lessons and in social time there are plenty of opportunities. If they really need to go in lessons, **which should not be necessary**, they make up the time at the end of the lesson.

Toilet Times

1. M Block toilets are open until 9.13am. Toilets are then locked for lesson one. YR7 toilets are always open.

Students 'go 'at home, or before 9.13am.

No student should 'go' unless they have a personalised pass during lesson one

2. M Block toilets are opened at 10.15am for the remainder of the day

M Block toilets on the Humanities corridor are for YR7 students only

Students leaving lesson to go to the toilet must have a pass from their teacher.

This system does not apply to Year 7 students who are new to school and staff should show discretion to girls.



Internet safety

Whenever a student infringes the e-Safety Policy such as cyberbullying, the final decision on the level of sanction will be at the discretion of the school management. This includes e-safety incidents which may take place outside of the academy, but is linked to membership of the Academy. All breaches of the e-Safety Policy will be recorded and referred to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Person.

Examples of sanctions are:

- referred to Headteacher
- contact with parents
- possible exclusion
- refer to PCSO
- e-safety officer
- Refer to the Police

Screening, searching and confiscation

Screening

Schools can require pupils to undergo screening by a walk-through or hand-held metal detector (arch or wand) even if they do not suspect them of having a weapon and without the consent of the pupils.

Schools' statutory power to make rules on pupil behaviour and their duty as an employer to manage the safety of staff, pupils and visitors enables them to impose a requirement that pupils undergo screening.

Any member of school staff can screen pupils.

- If a pupil refuses to be screened, the school may refuse to have the pupil on the premises. Health and safety legislation requires a school to be managed in a way which does not expose pupils or staff to risks to their health and safety and this would include making reasonable rules as a condition of admittance.
- If a pupil fails to comply, and the school does not let the pupil in, the school has not excluded the pupil and the pupil's absence should be treated as unauthorised. The pupil should comply with the rules and attend.
- This type of screening, without physical contact, is not subject to the same conditions as apply to the powers to search without consent.

Searching

Academy staff can search pupils with their consent for any item. Headteachers and staff authorised by the Headteacher have the power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they suspect the pupil has a "prohibited item".

What the law says:

What can be searched for?

- Knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs and stolen items; and
- Tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks and pornographic images; and
- Any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to property; and
- Any item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for
- Electronic cigarettes (vapes) are banned in school and are therefore classed as a 'prohibited item' and can be searched or screened for as above

Teachers can only undertake a search without consent if they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that a pupil may have in his or her possession a prohibited item. The teacher must decide in each particular case what constitutes reasonable grounds for suspicion. For example, they may have heard other pupils talking about the item or they might notice a pupil behaving in a way that causes them to be suspicious.

The powers allow school staff to search regardless of whether the pupil is found after the search to have that item. This includes circumstances where staff suspect a pupil of having items such as illegal drugs or stolen property which are later found not to be illegal or stolen. School staff can view CCTV footage in order to decide as to whether to conduct a search for an item.



The power to seize and confiscate items

What the law allows:

Schools' general power to discipline, as set out in Section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, enables a member of staff to confiscate, retain or dispose of a pupil's property as a disciplinary penalty, where reasonable to do so. Also note:

- The member of staff can use their discretion to confiscate, retain and/or destroy any item found as a result of a 'with consent' search so long as it is reasonable in the circumstances. Where any article is thought to be a weapon it must be passed to the police.
- Staff have a defence to any complaint or other action brought against them. The law protects members of staff from liability in any proceedings brought against them for any loss of, or damage to, any item they have confiscated, provided they acted lawfully.

Telling parents and dealing with complaints

Schools are not required to inform parents before a search takes place or to seek their consent to search their child.

- There is no legal requirement to make or keep a record of a search.
- Schools should inform the individual pupil's parents or guardians where alcohol, illegal drugs or potentially harmful substances are found, though there is no legal requirement to do so.
- Complaints about screening or searching should be dealt with through the normal academy complaints procedure

Use of reasonable force

All academy staff have the power to use reasonable force to prevent pupils committing an offence, injuring themselves or others or damaging property, and to maintain good order and discipline in the classroom.

The Headteacher and staff authorised by the Headteacher can use such force as is reasonable when searching a pupil without consent for prohibited items except where the search is for an item banned by the academy rules.

Members of staff can use such force as is reasonable given the circumstances when conducting a search for knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images or articles that have been or could be used to commit an offence or cause harm. Such force cannot be used to search for items banned under the academy rules.

Malicious allegations against students or staff

The Academy views these extremely seriously and will always be investigated by the Headteacher or his representative.

For further information:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/21/contents

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/21/contents

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/Schoolslearninganddevelopment/index.htm

www.education.gov.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444053/Searchi

ng screening confiscation advice Reviewed July 2015.pdf

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444051/

Use of reasonable force advice Reviewed July 2015.pdf



https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/393770/B

Behaviour and Discipline in Schools -

A guide for headteachers and school staff 080115.pdf



Appendix A

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Behaviour Support	For who?	What support?	How?
Educational Psychology	For students who may have a SEND need and further	Our Educational Psychologist will observe and work with students, staff	Referral via email to NWE by completing a SEND referral form which can be located in the
SEND/behaviour	specialist assessment is needed (see Blackpool SEND Team above)	and parents where concerns have been raised about how a student interacts and learns, how they develop new skills and become independent, how they behave and relate to others, how they learn about and manage their feelings and how they may behave differently at home and in other situations.	All staff Google Drive folder under SEND 2019/2020.
REACH - Ed Diveristy	Educational Diversity Reach placements are aimed at young people in need of short term intervention that helps to make positive behaviour change.	The aim is to provide a learning environment with emphasis on developing the students social skills, self-esteem and resilience with the aim of reducing behavioural barriers to learning	Names to be given to GSH. KCH will liaise with Ed Diversity.
PCSO Behaviour	Whole school for delivery of education Such as Knife Crime assemblies. Supports school with individuals or groups of students as identified by the Police or School (as requested)	Deliver education packages. Word of advice re the Law Support school staff with individual students including searches for prohibited items . Safeguarding Welfare support	Information from the Police direct to Community PCSO. JHG is the school the link to the PCSO. Referral through her.
Blackpool Carers Behaviour	Provide an extensive range of services for all carers/parents. For students with persistent behaviour problems in school and at home	Will act as advocate Offer managing challenging behaviour courses for parents. Sibling workshops. Behaviour workshops. Mental Health and wellbeing support. Family Focus where if a parent/carer has alcohol/drug or mental health issues will support the whole family. Support with physical needs	Pastoral Team . Referral form in Staff Drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms. Then email directly GPs and other professionals. Self-referrals/family/friends through form on carers website or telephone Direct Tel: 01253 393748 Fax: 01253 393450 Email: admin@blackpoolcarers.org Web: www.blackpoolcarers.org
Resilience Coach	Students who are struggling to regulate their behaviour or mood. Students who have low self esteem, confidence or lack motivation Y7s who have struggled with transition	Direct 1-1 work which aims to build the emotional resilience and wellbeing of young people aged 10 to 16 and prevent serious mental health issues before they develop.	Pastoral staff to complete referral which is located in /staff drive/pastoral area/agency referral form/Resilience Coach. This is then sent to Carly Chapman.
Lancashire Fire Intervention Education response scheme Behaviour	Students who have been involved in fire play (lighters fireworks gas cans etc) Students who have started fires/arson Students who have made hoax calls or bragged about fires Students who voice an unhealthy focus on fires	Direct 1-1 work with student and families. Group sessions with students if required	Pastoral staff with consent from parents and have given parents interim fire safety advice from the referral form Referral form in Staff Drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms. Then email directly
Wall Daina Command	For who?	Mhat august?	How?
Well Being Support CAMHS Welfare - Mental Well Being	For who? Any student up to 16 yr and their families who are experiencing difficulties ranging from significant emotional or behavioural problems to persistent mental health disorders.	What support? The teams provide assessment and a range of therapeutic interventions As well as direct work with children, young people and families,	How? Referrals made through GP, School Nurse, A&E community health staff. School, SENCO and Pastoral Team . Referral form in Staff Drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms. then email directly
Blackpool Young People's Service Welfare Risky Behaviour	Students displaying risk taking behaviour who are using substances or alcohol. Students who need sexual health and relationship advice	1-1 sessions doing direct work with the young person	Referral through Pastoral Team Referral through MARF Form which is in staff area/pastoral/agency referral forms/MARF or young person can self-refer –by filling in referral form and posting or by accessing CONNECT drop in



CASHER Mental Well Being	The CASHER Team are based at Blackpool Victoria Hospital. They see young people who require mental health support out of normal hours. 5pm till 10pm mon to fri and from 10am till 8pm sat/sun.	Drop in sessions at the hospital. Group sessions at the Zone Fleetwood Wednesdays 6pm till 8pm Talbot & Brunswick Family Centre, Gorton St, Blackpool from 6pm till 8pm	Drop in sessions and triaged through A&E Pastoral staff advise students and Parents to attend CASHER drop ins when the student is struggling with their emotional health and safety For Advice The CASHER Team phone will be answered between the shift hours. The number is 07810 696565.
Young Carers Welfare - Support	For students who have a caring role for parents or siblings Who help with practical tasks, personal care, parenting of siblings, financial assistance emotional support. Interpreting etc Some have high caring levels and some low. Either can impact on life opportunities Assemblies and drop ins at schools to raise awareness and to identify Young Carers	Will act as advocate Family support worker to identify level of support, arrange for students to be able to join or continue with activities. Offer emotional support Advice on health and emotional issues 1. direct work, Youth club free activities Opportunity to meet other young carers. Information around medical conditions and medication dispensing safely. Support with financial issues etc as identified.	Pastoral Team . Referral form in Staff Drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms. Then email directly Students can self refer by using the same form and posting it directly or through drop in sessions. GPs Social Workers etc will also make referrals
N-Compass Welfare - /Carers support	Any student requiring extra support. with low mood or need resilience building or 1-1 counselling	N-compass NorthWest offers support through the provision of Carers, Advocacy, Wellbeing, Counselling and Volunteering services.	Pastoral Team Referral form in Staff Drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms. Then email directly Social Worker can also refer
Linden Centre Welfare - Bereavement	Any student who have had a significant loss, bereavement or are currently living with a family member with a progressive terminal illness.	1-1 direct work Therapeutic bereavement group outings/activities to give opportunities to meet other young people. 1-1 counselling Liaise with school link and offer school training	DBE school Link Pastoral Staff Referral form in Staff Drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms. then email directly
UR Potential Welfare	All students who may benefit from doing different activities in their social time and increase civic participation Young people will develop a set of skills and behaviour to support them in society and the future labour market through training and volunteering role. Young people will develop key social and emotional skills including emotional resilience to support them in further education and work situations.	Youth Participation group Volunteering Training & Employment support NCS Safeguarding and CSE advice online for parents and young people Peer mentors Wellbeing work 1-1 Youth Volunteering LGB&T support groups Youth Participation Blackpool Youth Council Mentoring Programme Art Group Allotment	Pastoral Staff Referral form in Staff Drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms. Then email directly Student drop in or self-referral www.urpotential.co.uk
Aiming Higher	Supports children with disabilities and their families	offer 1-1 counselling Family support Community events	Referral through SEND team or Pastoral team online referral form https://www.aiminghighercharity.org.uk/referral-form
Social Care Referral Welfare and safety	When school have concerns about the safety and wellbeing of a pupil. When a student makes a disclosure re Physical/Sexual/Emotional Harm or significant neglect. Students at risk of CSE or CCE Level 3 Family Support to provide emotional help and practical help and advice to families who are experiencing long or short term difficulties to	Social care will make an assessment of the level of need and 1.Call a child Protection conference and the child will be given a social worker a plan will be made to ensure safety reduce risks and support family this is mandatory 2. Offer family a Child in need plan a Social Worker will be allocated and a plan made to support child/ family and try prevent escalation to CP this is voluntary 3. Offer FIN team intervention targeted work as identified on Early Help Form	DSL/DDSL will send MARF after telephoning the duty team 01253 477299



	support children to remain in their families and reduce escalation of problems	4. Will decline referral they will then pass back to school Level 2 with advice on identifying other support eg referral to parenting courses this will be done by the school to be the Lead Professional and liaise with any support required. Decline the referral and pass back to Level 1 Universal services eg school, school nurse Health visitors, voluntary and community sector service.	
Youth Mediation Family Worker Welfare - family breakdown	Y11 students who are having conflict with parents/carers and whose family placement may break down	Works closely with student and family will also organise family group conferences and look at housing options if needed	telephone conversation through Y11 team./Pastoral team 01253 477270 email to housing.advice@blackpool.gov.uk
Life Coach Welfare//Behaviour	Students identified as needing emotional or behavioural support.	direct 1-1 work with students delivering strategies to support changing behaviours and become more resilient	Referral form to be completed by Progress Leaders and Pastoral Team and sent to Marc Taylor School Lead Referral form in Staff Drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms.
	Early Help form is an ongoing assessment which is used to highlight difficulties in families and allow school to work with other universal services to support the family eg pupil welfare, school nurse food banks etc (This is held in school) This should be submitted to CSC for a level 3 referral to FIN is problems/Issues are escalating and more targeted family work is required	Level 3 Family Support to provide emotional help and practical help and advice to families who are experiencing lon or short term difficulties to support children to remain in their families and reduce escalation of problems	Pastoral Staff, SSC staff, Early Help Form is in staff drive/pastoral/early help forms
Welfare and behaviour	For families who are experiencing difficulties to help to identify any needs. Also for students who are close to PEx. This is an ongoing assessment Early Help form is an ongoing assessment to allow school to work with other universal services to support the family eg pupil welfare, school nurse food banks etc (This is held in school)	Attendance issues - direct to PWO Financial Issues - direct family to benefit and support agencies Parenting Issues - refer to parenting course (pastoral drive) Youth Mediation worker Young care referral Any Other needs identified by the form	Pastoral Staff, SSC staff, Early help Form is in staff drive/pastoral/early help forms
School Youterapy Counsellor	for young people up to 24 for support with their mental health needs	1-1 support Drop in sessions	Pastoral team referral form in staff drive/pastoral team/agency referral forms/youtherapy students can also self refer by using the online form or accessing the drop in sessions
Welfare - relationships	All young people from 13-19 who need support or advice on Sexual Health and relationships	1-1 direct work and group work , Mobile Bus which gives advice on sexual health, drugs, alcohol and other issues also has C-Card scheme (distributing condoms to young people)	Pastoral staff to refer using the MARF form. in staff drive/pastoral/agency referral forms/MARF Students can go to drop in sessions Monday: 09:00-17:00 Tuesday: 09:00-18:00 Wednesday: 09:00-17:00 Thursday: 09:00-18:00 Friday: 09:00-17:00 Saturday: 12:00-15:30 Or access the Buss locations on website or telephone CONNECT 01253 955856
Butterfly Project Welfare - Mental health	Girls from Fylde & Wyre aged 12 - 18 years who self-harm or engage in destructive behaviour.	The project offers one to one counselling (minimum of 6 sessions), group work and self-help and peer monitoring group	Pastoral Staff and Progress Leaders Referral form in Staff Drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms.



	The project offers one to one counselling (minimum of 6 sessions), group work and self-help and peer monitoring group.	Drop in community sessions	
The DEN/ Safehaven Welfare - domestic violence	Students who have witnessed or been a victim of domestic violence	Direct 1-1 work with students	Referrals made through MASH Telephone enquiry can be made to see if a student referral will be taken 01253 596699 referral forms on Fylde Coast Womans Aid web site https://www.fcwa.co.uk/children-young-peoples-referral-form
NEST Welfare - victim	Students who have been affected by a crime or are subjected to threats or harassment	Direct 1-1 work with students	Self referral website https://nestlancashire.org/ or phone 0300 111 0323 Text NEST and students phone number to 60777. Pastoral team Referral form in Staff Drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms. Police PCSO
Boathouse	Boathouse provide fully funded opportunities for young people and their families.Children up to the age of 17 can access this service	Duke of Edinburgh Young Leaders Community Center Hot Hub SEN Club Direct Engagement work Holiday activities and food.	Support can be accessed via drop in at Boathouse Bispham, young people can also request to join through the Boathouse website.
Blackpool Football Club	Year 9 Students - 20 week mental health and wellbeing programme to support in preparation for their GCSEs 1;1 Mentoring - for 11-16 years to manage stress and support with strategies Divert Youth Programme - a preventative programme aimed at 10-17 year olds who are at risk of entering the criminal justice system	Group work and 1;1 sessions for all targeted programmes. Blackpool Football Club also runs family hubs which are free for anyone as long as adults are accompanying children. Young people can access activities, homework support, hot meals and gaming.	Students are identified by the Pastoral team and referred directly to the school link. Police and Social Care can also refer to the Divert Youth programme.
Dohertys Destiny	Positive Mindset and Resilience Programme aimed at 11-16	6 week course through group workshops.	Referral made by Pastoral Team to Carly Chapman
Athena Referral Welfare - mental health	Available to students with significant medical issues or mental health concerns who are currently overseen by a senior CAMHS Practitioner or Medical Consultant on a referral basis. Once medical evidence is available from respective medical professional's school submit a request for support to a monthly panel for consideration. This is available for students living within the Blackpool area	Bespoke timetables for students to be taught in a smaller setting on an alternative site within the Athena Centre. This provision and referral process also to include the home and hospital education service for students who are too unwell to attend school or the centre and need 1:1 home tuition.	School refer to a monthly panel for consideration. There needs to be significant supporting medical evidence, a completed EHA and school referral forms completed and submitted via the school link. Referral forms in Staff drive/Pastoral/Agency referral forms
Risky Behaviour Support	For who?	What support?	How?
Awaken Risky behaviour	Students at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation	Direct work with student	Referral through MARF to CSC AWAKEN team or Police
Enlighten Risky behaviour	Counselling support for students who are putting themselves at risk or who are a risk to others or whom are having assessments by outside agencies.	Direct 1-1 work with student	Referred by AWAKEN CSC or Police Direct work commissioned by CSC eg for AIMS assessment risk of offending or students assessed by AWAKEN as risk of CSE or CCE who need more direct work or an assessment
Missing from Home Prevention Officers	Students who have been missing from home and may be at risk of exploitation	Direct 1-1 work with student Will work with family around safety planning	Referred by AWAKEN or Police
SEND Support Blackpool SEND Team	For who? For students who may have	What support? The SEND Advisory teachers will	How? Referral via email to NWE by completing a
	Special Educational Needs	work closely with school staff,	SEND referral form which can be located in the



SEND	and/or a Disability in terms of learning and cognition, social/communication difficulties, SEMH or a physical / sensory disability / need	students and parents to support and advise with ongoing SEND difficulties. The SEND Officers work closely with the SSC Team regarding possible cases for EHCP statutory assessment.	All staff Google Drive folder under SEND 2019/2020.
Shine Therapy SEND	For students displaying social, communication and development language difficulties	Our Shine Therapist will work with students who may have underlying communication difficulties such as inference and verbal reasoning, vocabulary and poor social communication skills, including speech impediments which may be impacting on their learning, behaviour and/or social and emotional development.	Referral via email to NWE by completing a SEND referral form which can be located in the All staff Google Drive folder under SEND 2019/2020.
Educational Psychology	For students who may have a SEND need and further specialist assessment is	Our Educational Psychologist will observe and work with students, staff and parents where concerns have	Referral via email to NWE by completing a SEND referral form which can be located in the All staff Google Drive folder under SEND
SEND/behaviour	needed (see Blackpool SEND Team above)	been raised about how a student interacts and learns, how they develop new skills and become independent, how they behave and relate to others, how they learn about and manage their feelings and how they may behave differently at home and in other situations.	2019/2020.
Neuro Development Pathway	For students displaying social, communication difficulties / common symptoms of ASD	Once information is gathered, a referral is made and health and SEND professionals working on the pathway	Referral via email to NWE by completing a SEND referral form which can be located in the All staff Google Drive folder under SEND
SEND	such as rigidity, the need for routines etc. or for students with complex presentation / possible comorbidity	will complete standardised assessments, observations and social communication assessments with the student and meet with parents and school which may lead to a young person being diagnosed with ASD or complex comorbidity.	2019/2020.
SENDIASS	For parents/carers of children who may have SEN and or disabilities and students	works closely with families to support and advise around education, health or Social Care provision	Parents can self refer by contacting 01253 477083 or sendiass@blackpool.gov.uk or through the SEND team

		Internal School Support	
Behaviour Support	For who?	What support?	How?
School Key Worker Behaviour	Those who need extra support with behaviour/wellbeing	One to one meetings with support worker. Regular contact with home.	Refer to Year Team
Withdrawal Room Behaviour	Students who are having regular behaviour issues in one particular subject	6 weeks in the withdrawal room where they continue with work and mediations are planned to aid successful reintegration	Referral form from staff to Progress Managers Form has been emailed to all staff.
Engage Programme Behaviour	For students who are at risk of permanent exclusion or have a significant number of fixed term exclusions and continue to display challenging behaviour in and around school	An alternative provision based around bespoke timetables for individual students. This could include work placements for year 10 & 11 students of upto 3 days, college placements or reduced timetabled lessons and key lessons taught in Engage. Coaching and mentoring around resilience and managing behaviour in school, building positive relationships with key staff members through extra curricular opportunities and reward based curriculum.	Following completion of EHA and through discussion at meeting of concern and discussions with Engage staff & SLT



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	look at improving their behaviour or working in small groups on core subjects to improve their skills and attainment	
For who?	What support?	How?
For any student who is struggling with their mental health	1 to 1 sessions with our counsellor	Referral through any of the pastoral team.
Students where there are concerns about attendance.	Home visits, Multi agency meeting/coordination. Facilitating various attendance improvement initiatives.	Referral through TBU (Lead Behaviour and Attendance Manager)
For any student who there is any safeguarding concern for	Initial conversation with the safeguarding team to establish the need of further support/action	Report through My Concern
For students who may have a social, emotional or mental health need or more specifically who may have self-harmed/are self-harming, a suspected eating disorder, suicidal intent, obsessive compulsive tendencies or suspected anxiety or depression,	Initial conversation with the student to discuss the concerns raised and a decision as to how to proceed in terms of offering support in school to manage ongoing difficulties, contacting parents to ensure they are aware and making a referral to appropriate outside agencies.	Concern raised via My Concern or via email to Mental Health FIrst Aid trained staff: JHG, RSH, or TMC.
Students with health concerns or who require medical advice and support	Drop in sessions on a Wednesday	Student drop in or referral from any member of school staff. Staff can do this through the pastoral team.
For who?	What support?	How?
For students who have had a fallout/fight and who there are ongoing issues with other	Mediation meeting between those involved and a member of the pastoral staff.	Raise concerns with any member of the pastoral team.
Available to every student who feels they are a victim of bullying	Support, Signposting, intermediary between student(s) and pastoral network	Designated room (SSC) Anti Bullying Ambassadors meet every week at break times for others to approach them and ask for advice and support
		How?
For students who may have: Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability in terms of learning and cognition, social/communication difficulties, social, emotional or mental health needs a physical or sensory disability / need a health need which requires medication / an individual health care plan writing with the support of the school nurse	The SSC Team are trained to deliver a variety of interventions including: Literacy intervention to support and improve reading, writing and speaking & Listening skills Numeracy to support and improve basic skills to Reading intervention to support students with a reading age below 9 years 6 months Reading pen training Screening and IDL intervention for dyslexia, dyscalculia and literacy skills	Referral via email to NWE by completing a SEND referral form which can be located in the All staff Google Drive folder under SEND 2019/2020.
	For any student who is struggling with their mental health Students where there are concerns about attendance. For any student who there is any safeguarding concern for For students who may have a social, emotional or mental health need or more specifically who may have self-harmed/are self-harming, a suspected eating disorder, suicidal intent, obsessive compulsive tendencies or suspected anxiety or depression, Students with health concerns or who require medical advice and support For who? For students who have had a fallout/fight and who there are ongoing issues with other students. Available to every student who feels they are a victim of bullying For who? For students who may have: Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability in terms of learning and cognition, social/communication difficulties, social, emotional or mental health needs a physical or sensory disability / need a health need which requires medication / an individual health care plan writing with the support of	For who? For any student who is struggling with their mental health Students where there are concerns about attendance. For any student who there is any safeguarding concern for sacial, emotional or mental health need or more specifically who may have self-harmid, a suspected eating disorder, suicidal intent, obsessivon. Students with health concerns or who require medical advice and support For students who have had a fallout/fight and who there are ongoing issues with other students. Available to every student who feels they are a victim of bullying For who? For students who may have: Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability in terms of learning and cognition, e social, emotional or mental health needs a physical or sensory disability / need a health need which requires medication / an individual health care plan writing with the support of Screening and IDL intervention for dyslexia, dyscalculia and



For students who may have a suspected SEND need which may need further investigation / assessment in terms of:

- speech and language
- handwriting difficulties
- reading difficulties
- anxiety
- social and communication difficulties
- Literacy
- Reading and spelling difficulties
- Numeracy
 - Suspected dyslexia or dyscalculia
- Visual, processing or auditory difficulties

- providing dyslexia friendly resources such as overlays and exercise books
- Lexonik Leap and Sound intervention
- Speech and Language intervention
- Handwriting practice to improve dexterity
- Lego Therapy
 - Neuro Linguistic
 Programming for anxious and over-stimulated students
 - Mindfulness and wellbeing interventions

Should the SSC Team feel further support is needed from an external agency, a bespoke referral will be made to suitable services.



Appendix B

Montgomery Academy

Reintegration Contract

Student:				
	ne school's code of conc throughout the day.	luct. SMART is how	we expect Montgor	mery students to
• I will act in a SAFE	manner			
• I will behave in a N	1ATURE way			
• I will be AMBITIOU	S and work hard in my l	essons		
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• I will be THOUGHT	FUL to all members of th	ne Montgomery fai	mily	
I agree that I will not	::			
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	Int	ternal School Support		
		<u>Behaviour</u>		
School Key Worker Withdrawal Room		Engage Programme	Restorative Conversations	
		Welfare Support		•
Safeguarding Team	Pupil Welfare Officer	School Counsellor	Mental Health First Aid	School Nurse
Stonewall Group				
		Peer Issues		•
Mediation	Anti Bullying Ambassadors			
		SEND Support		
Student Support Centre				
Additional in school	support/actions offered			
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External Agency Support

<u>Behaviour</u>						
School Home Support Worker	Educational Psychologist	PCSO	Blackpool carers	Headstart Resilience Coach	Lancashire Fire Intervention	
Community Safety Officer	Respite Placements					
		Welfare S	Support	•		
CAMHS	Blackpool Young People's Service	CASHER	Young Carers	N-Compass	Linden Centre	
UR Potential	LGBT Group	Social Care referral	Youth mediation Family worker	Life Coach	EHA completion	
EHA submission	Walk and Talk	Sexual Health and Wellbeing Worker	Butterfly Project	Den/Safehaven	NEST	
Aspired Futures	Athena Referral					
		SEND S	<u>upport</u>	•		
Blackpool SEND Team	Shine Therapy	Educational Psychologist	Neuro Development Pathway			
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being taken by	the school.					
Student signatu	ıre:		Date:			
	eintegration progra hool of any problem	_		-		
Parent/Carer si	gnature:		Date:			
Copy of exclusion	on letter received			YES/NO		



Harmful Sexual Behaviour/Child on Child Abuse

Montgomery Academy has appropriate school-wide policies in place that make it clear that sexual harassment, online sexual abuse and sexual violence (including sexualised language) are unacceptable and the academy behaviour policy outlines appropriate potential sanctions. All staff have received training about Child on Child Abuse and all students have had assemblies on the subject.

These policies are reflected in the academy curriculum, Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy and procedures, which specifically address sexual harassment, online abuse, sexual violence and issues of consent, ensuring that:

- academy staff have appropriate knowledge of part 5 of the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' statutory guidance
- all pupils are supported to report concerns about harmful sexual behaviour freely
- all (such) concerns are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately and that pupils are confident that this is case
- comprehensive records of all allegations are kept
- work to prevent sexual harassment, online sexual abuse and sexual violence operates through a culture-led, whole-school approach that includes an effective behaviour policy, pastoral support and a carefully planned relationships, sex and health education curriculum

Academy staff will remain alert to factors that increase vulnerability or potential vulnerability such as mental ill health, domestic abuse, children with additional needs, and children from groups at greater risk of exploitation and/or of feeling unable to report abuse (for example, girls and LGBT children).

Academy staff are aware of the very high local incidence of multiple combinations of such potentially adverse childhood experiences and the needs this could present.

Academy staff will also seek to understand and minimise any barriers that could prevent a pupil from making a disclosure, for example communication needs, are identified and addressed.

Academy staff will assume that sexual harassment, online sexual abuse and sexual violence are happening in and around the school, even when there are no specific reports, and deliver a whole-school approach to address them.

Academy staff will be regularly trained to:

- have good awareness of the signs that a child is being neglected or abused, as described in 'What to do if you're worried a child is being abused'
- understand how to handle reports of sexual violence and harassment between children, both on and outside school premises (in line with DfE guidance)
- be confident about what to do if a child reports that they have been sexually abused by another child
- ensure that children are taught about safeguarding risks, including online risks
- support pupils to understand what constitutes a healthy relationship (online and offline)