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Student Behaviour and Discipline Policy

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Statement of intent

The school believes that, in order to facilitate teaching and learning, acceptable behaviour must be demonstrated in all aspects of school life including our own personal behaviours.

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, remembering that as members of the same body you are called to live in harmony, and never forget to be thankful for what God has done for you”.

(Colossians 3:15-16)

Our Values:

- **BEING** just and compassionate
- **DEVELOPING** confidence and resilience in our students
- **SHOWING** respect for every person
- **CREATING** a community where we accept responsibility for ourselves and for others
- **BEING** honest and developing a culture of self-belief and value

Staff should demonstrate their own adherence to our underlying values by the way they promote good behaviour and in their responses to students. In exercising their professional duties, staff should be honest, fair and just. Setting a good example will result in students feeling happy, secure, wanted and valued. The policy aims to:

- promote good behaviour, self-discipline and respect through a consistent approach
- prevent bullying – see Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy
- ensure that students complete assigned work
- shape character and promote virtues
- regulate, as appropriate, the conduct of pupils
- keep children safe - see Safeguarding Policy

The school is committed to:

- Children having a right to attend school in safety and to learn without disruption.
- Teachers have a right to work in an environment that allows them to use their skills to the full for the benefit of all their students. The quality of learning, teaching and behaviour are inseparable issues and are the responsibility of all staff.
- Students being disrespectful should never be tolerated; students should show respect to staff at all times and in turn, staff should be sensitive to the needs of students. In keeping with the ethos of the school, it is expected that all **staff and students are courteous and respectful at all times.**
- Recognitions and awards are more effective than punishment in motivating students. Good behaviour and achievement must be recognised – see the Recognising and Rewarding Good Behaviour section.
- Challenging and disciplining misbehaviour.
- Discipline should be constructive in nature and staff attitudes must be consistent.

- Discipline works best when enforced immediately. Standards must be met and appropriate referrals made. A clear and consistent code of conduct is necessary for all students and should ensure that the small minority of disruptors are aware of the rules/expectations and sanctions that can be imposed.
- Parental engagement is crucial and the support of parents essential for the maintenance of good behaviour.
- Students with behavioural issues will be supported through the pastoral system
- The school acknowledges its legal duties under the Equality Act 2010, in respect of safeguarding and in respect of pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.
- Promoting self-esteem, self-discipline, proper regard for authority, and positive relationships based on mutual respect.
- Ensuring equality and fair treatment for all.
- Praising and rewarding good behaviour.
- Providing a safe environment free from disruption, violence, discrimination, bullying and any form of harassment.

Reasonable and proportionate sanctions will be used where a pupil's behaviour falls below the standard that is expected, alongside support to prevent recurring misbehaviour.

The school acknowledges that behaviour can sometimes be the result of educational needs, mental health issues, or other needs or vulnerabilities, and will address these needs via an individualised graduated response.

To help reduce the likelihood of behavioural issues related to social, emotional or mental health, the school aims to create a safe and calm environment in which positive mental health and wellbeing are promoted and pupils are taught to be resilient. The school aims to promote resilience as part of a whole-school approach using the following methods:

- **Culture, ethos and environment** – the health and wellbeing of pupils and staff is promoted through the informal curriculum, including leadership practice, policies, values and attitudes, alongside the social and physical environment
- **Teaching** – the curriculum is used to develop pupils' knowledge about health and wellbeing
- **Community engagement** – the school proactively engages with parents, outside agencies and the wider community to promote consistent support for pupils' health and wellbeing

Legal Framework and Guidance:

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education Act 1996
- Education Act 2002
- Equality Act 2010
- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Health Act 2006
- Voyeurism (Offences) Act 2019
- The School Information (England) Regulations 2008
- DfE (2013) Alternative Provision: Statutory guidance for local authorities, headteachers and governing bodies
- DfE (2022) 'Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff'
- DfE (2022) 'Keeping children safe in education 2022'
- DfE (2021) 'Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges'
- DfE (2018) 'Mental health and behaviour in schools'
- DfE (2015) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'
- DfE (2013) 'Use of reasonable force'
- DfE (2022) 'Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools'
- DfE (2022) 'Suspension & Permanent Exclusion Guidance'

Associated Policies and/or reference documents

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy
- SEND Policy
- Uniform Policy
- Acceptable Use Policy
- On-line Safety Policy
- Physical Intervention Policy
- Emotional Health & Well-being Policy
- Home School Agreement

Roles and responsibilities

The Local Governing Committee is responsible for:

- Approving and monitoring this behaviour policy's effectiveness and holding the Headteacher to account for its implementation.
- Promoting a whole-school culture of good behaviour
- Handling complaints regarding this policy, as outlined in the school's Complaints Policy.
- Ensuring this policy is published on the school website.

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the school environment encourages positive behaviour and that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour.
- Monitoring how staff implement this policy to ensure rewards and sanctions are applied consistently.
- Establishing high expectations of pupils' conduct and behaviour, and implementing measures to achieve this.
- Determining the school rules and any disciplinary sanctions for breaking the rules.
- Communicating this policy to staff, parents and pupils at regular intervals.
- Ensuring that staff have adequate training including at induction.
- Reporting to the Local Governing Committee on the implementation of this policy, including its effectiveness.

Staff are responsible for:

- Implementing the behaviour policy consistently.
- Communicating the school expectations, routines, values and standards both explicitly through teaching behaviour and in every interaction with pupils.
- Not tolerating disruption and taking proportionate action to restore acceptable standards of behaviour.
- Modelling positive behaviour and positive relationships, demonstrating good habits.
- Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular pupils.
- Recording behaviour incidents.
- Keeping the relevant staff including the Headteacher, SENCO and Pastoral Support Lead up-to-date with any changes in behaviour.
- As authorised by the Headteacher, sanctioning pupils who display poor levels of behaviour.
- The Pastoral Team will support staff, monitor behaviour and liaise with parents.
- The Senior Leadership Team will support staff in responding to behaviour incidents.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Adhering to behaviour standards and expectations.
- Their own behaviour both inside school and out in the wider community.
- Reporting any unacceptable behaviour to a member of staff.

Parents are expected to:

- Support their child in adhering to the student conduct and behaviour expectations.
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour.
- Discuss any behavioural concerns with relevant staff promptly.
- Support staff to ensure a consistent approach.

Definitions

Whilst not an exhaustive list, for the purpose of this policy, the school defines ‘**unacceptable behaviour**’ as any behaviour which may cause harm to oneself or others, disrupts learning, damages the reputation of the school within the wider community, and/or any illegal behaviour, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Discrimination – not giving equal respect to an individual on the basis of disability, gender, race, religion, age, sexuality and/or marital status
- Harassment – behaviour towards others which is unwanted, offensive and affects the dignity of the individual or group of individuals, including racist, sexist and homophobic behaviour
- Vexatious behaviour – deliberately acting in a manner to cause annoyance or irritation
- Bullying – a type of harassment which involves criticism, personal abuse, an insidious or persistent action which humiliates, intimidates, frightens or demeans the individual being bullied
- Cyberbullying – the use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature
- Possession of legal or illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco
- Possession of banned items (including but not limited to) knives, fireworks, firecrackers)
- Truancy and running away from school
- Defiance e.g. refusing to comply with instructions and/or disciplinary sanctions
- Theft and vandalism
- Swearing, racist remarks or threatening language
- Fighting or aggression
- Persistently poor and/or disruptive /disobedient behaviour
- Smoking/Vaping
- Lateness to registration and class
- Low level disruption and talking in class
- Failure to complete classwork
- Rudeness
- Refusing to complete homework, incomplete homework, or arriving at school without homework
- Disruption on public transport
- Use of mobile phones/ear phones without permission on the school site
- Graffiti/vandalism/chewing gum or deliberate damage to property
- Failure to comply with the uniform policy (including jewellery/make-up/false nails, trainers etc – see uniform policy)

Sexual abuse and discrimination

The school prohibits all forms of sexual discrimination including sexual harassment, gender-based bullying and sexual violence. The school's procedures for handling child-on-child sexual abuse and discrimination are detailed in the Safeguarding Children / Child Protection Policy.

Types of conduct that are prohibited in the school and may constitute sexual harassment under this policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unwelcome sexual flirtations or propositions, invitations or requests for sexual activity
- Sexual comments, such as making lewd comments or sexual remarks about clothing and appearance, and calling someone sexualised names
- Sexual "jokes" or taunting, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments or sexually degrading descriptions
- Unwelcome communication that is sexually suggestive, degrading or implies sexual intentions, including written, verbal, online etc.
- Physical behaviour, such as deliberately brushing against, grabbing, massaging or stroking an individual's body
- Taking, displaying, or pressuring individuals into taking photos of a sexual nature
- Exposing, or causing exposure of, underclothing, genitalia, or other body parts that are normally covered by an individual, through means including, but not limited to, mooning, streaking, "upskirting", "down blousing", or flashing
- Purposefully cornering or hindering an individual's normal movements
- Engaging in the improper use of school-owned devices and the internet including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Accessing, downloading or uploading pornography
 - Sharing pornography via the internet, email or mobile phones
 - Creating or maintaining websites with sexual content
 - Participating in sexual discussions through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, social media, mobile phone or tablet apps, or any other form of electronic communication

Punishments for incidents of sexual harassment will be determined based on the nature of the case, the ages of those involved and any previously related incidents.

The School will address the effects of harassment and will signpost counselling/support services if the harassment has affected performance or well-being.

Pupil conduct and behaviour expectations

The school has an established a set of clear, comprehensive and enforceable rules which define what is acceptable behaviour and what the consequences are if rules are not adhered to. Attention is given to how rules are worded, such as the use of positive language rather than negative, e.g. “act respectfully towards your peers and teachers”, rather than “do not act disrespectfully towards your peers and teachers”.

The school also has an established set of classroom routines to help pupils work well, in the understanding that behavioural problems can arise due to the lack of a consistent routine. This includes teachers ensuring that before lessons begin, they have the full attention of all pupils, then explaining the task clearly so all pupils understand what they are supposed to be doing.

The Headteacher ensures all teachers understand classroom rules and routines and how to enforce them, including any sanctions for not following the rules.

Teachers support pupils to understand and follow classroom rules and routines. Teachers inform pupils of classroom rules and routines at the beginning of the academic year and revisit these daily. Where appropriate, teachers explain the rationale behind the rules and routines to help pupils understand why they are needed, and will model rules and routines to ensure pupils are professional learners. Teachers also explain clearly to pupils what will happen if they breach any classroom rules to ensure pupils are aware of the sanctions that may be imposed. The following sanction system is applied:

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C1: A quiet word which acts as a verbal warning. The pupil should be told that if the behaviour does not improve then a C2 will be issued. If the pupil rectifies the behaviour then praise should be used to recognise this.

C2: If the pupil does not respond to the C1 warning then a C2 will be issued. The teacher will consistently use the phrase ‘**Are you ignoring a reasonable request?**’

C3: If no improvement in behavior is seen, the classroom teacher will immediately record a C3 on ClassCharts. A ‘*step outside*’ conversation with the pupil will take place with a member of On Call.

C4: The C4 button is to be used for those rare occasions when a pupil's behaviour is either so extreme (urgent support) that they cannot continue to be in the lesson or when the C1-C3 process has been followed and no improvement in behaviour has been seen. A Pastoral Leader will remove the pupil as soon as possible after the C4 is recorded on ClassCharts.

C4 urgent support is only to be pressed in emergency situations where a pupil's behaviour is so extreme that they become a danger to themselves or others. If C4 urgent support is pressed the on-call team will prioritise this call and the pupil will immediately be removed from the classroom. The pupil will be placed in the reintegration room. The member of staff who has pressed the urgent support button will then be asked to provide a written statement to the DHT about the incident.

As a minimum, pupils are expected to:

- Comply with all school rules and expectations
- Conduct themselves around the school in a safe, sensible and respectful manner
- Arrive at lessons on time and enter the room quietly
- Come to lessons properly equipped
- Treat others, their work and equipment with respect
- Take their planners to all lessons and place of desk
- Follow teachers' instructions
- Refrain from being argumentative or defiant
- Take off coats as they enter a classroom, non-uniform items of clothing or jewellery
- Only leave a lesson with the teacher's permission and their planner with a pass
- Produce their very best class and homework.
- Have respect for the school community and environment.

Expected behaviour at break and lunchtime

Pupils should conduct themselves in an orderly fashion in corridors, the dining rooms and wet weather rooms. Coats should not be worn inside classrooms. Mobile phones must ***not*** be used anywhere on the school site. **Mobile phones will be placed into a lockable pouch at the start of each school day. Pupils will keep the pouch with them at all times during the day and are responsible for it. As pupils leave the school site the pouch will be unlocked, and pupils will be able to use their mobile phone again.**

In good weather, pupils should go outside to the designated yard. Wet weather rooms are assigned to each year group in times of inclement weather. Pupils should not run around or eat in these rooms.

Pupils misbehaving during these times will have appropriate sanctions imposed.

Behaviour out of school premises

This school is committed to ensuring our pupils act as positive ambassadors. The same behaviour expectations for pupils on school premises apply to off-site behaviour.

Therefore, we expect the following:

- Good order on all transport (including public transport) to and from school during educational visits
- Good behaviour on the way to and from school. In the event of poor behaviour reported on school buses, the school, and in some cases the School /LA, has the right to withdraw travel passes
- Positive behaviour which does not threaten the health, safety or welfare of our pupils, staff, volunteers or members of the public.
- Reassurance to members of the public about school care and control over pupils in order to protect the reputation of the school.

Incidents off-site

Under the Education and Inspections Act (2006), the school has the right to exercise discipline beyond the school premises. This includes misbehaviour:

- on activities arranged by the school such as work experience, educational and sporting events
- on the way to and from school (including on the buses)
- when wearing the school uniform in a public place or they are in any way identifiable as a pupil of the school
- which could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public
- which could adversely affect the reputation of the school

In response to poor behaviour or bullying which occurs off site, witnessed by a staff member or reported to the school, the school will investigate the incident, communicate with parents and discipline pupils accordingly.

The school will impose the same sanctions for bullying incidents and non-criminal misbehaviour witnessed or reported outside of the school premises as would be imposed for the same behaviour conducted on school premises. In all cases of unacceptable behaviour outside of the school premises, staff will only impose sanctions once the pupil has returned to the school premises or when under the supervision of a member of staff.

Incidents involving technology (e.g. mobile phones/chat rooms/internet sites)

Mobile phones must ***not*** be used anywhere on the school site. They should be turned off and kept in a lockable pouch. Every pupil will place their mobile phone into a pouch at the start of the school day. The phone will remain locked in the pouch until the end of the school day when it is unlocked as pupils leave the site. If a pupil is seen using his/her phone during the school day, then the phone will be removed. In the first instance the phone will be placed in the school office and will be returned to the pupil at the end of the school day. If a pupil uses a phone a second time, the phone will be placed in the school office and will have to be collected by a parent/carer. If a pupil uses a mobile phone for a third time, it will be handed into the school office at the beginning of the school day before the pupil enters the school building. Additional sanctions will follow for persistent breaches of the mobile phone policy.

Regarding any suspicions relating to illegal content or sexual imagery, the phone will be confiscated and may be handed over to the police for investigation.

The use of defamatory or intimidating messages/images inside or outside of the school will not be tolerated. Disciplinary sanctions will be applied to perpetrators.

As per our Use of Photographic and Video Images of Children Policy, photography or filming will only take place with the permission of the Headteacher and under the supervision of a member of staff.

Disciplinary action against pupils found to have made malicious accusations against staff and other adults working in the school

In order to fulfil its commitment to the welfare of children, this School has a procedure for dealing with allegations of abuse against members of staff and volunteers.

The procedure aims to ensure that all allegations are dealt with fairly, consistently and quickly and in a way that provides protection for the child, whilst supporting the person who is the subject of the allegation.

If a member of staff does not wish to report an allegation directly, or they have a general concern about malpractice within the school, reference can also be made to the Whistleblowing Policy.

The procedure complies with the framework for managing cases of allegations of abuse against people who work with children, as set out in the Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy.

In the event that an allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the Headteacher will consider whether any disciplinary action is appropriate against the pupil who made it, or, if appropriate, the police will be asked to consider whether any action might be appropriate against the person responsible, including situations where the individual concerned was not a pupil. Such cases may be dealt with under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997.

The disciplinary action taken against a pupil might include fixed term or permanent exclusion. Whatever action is taken will be discussed with the parent/carer of the pupil concerned at an early stage and made in consultation and agreement with the Local Governing Committee and Directors of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust.

Any pupil found to have made malicious accusations against staff may be considered for a permanent exclusion. Any cases which arise will be investigated thoroughly and will be treated on an individual case basis.

Staff accused of misconduct will receive appropriate pastoral support.

Recognising and rewarding good behaviour

The school recognises that praise is key to making pupils feel valued and ensuring that their work and efforts are celebrated. When giving praise, teachers ensure:

- They define the behaviour that is being rewarded
- The praise is given immediately following the desired behaviour
- The way in which the praise is given is varied
- Praise is related to effort, rather than only to work produced
- Perseverance and independence are encouraged
- Praise is only given when a pupil's efforts, work or behaviour need to be recognised, rather than continuously without reason
- The praise given is always sincere and is not followed with immediate criticism

Whilst it is important to receive praise from teachers, the school understands that peer praise is also effective for creating a positive, fun and supportive environment. Teachers encourage pupils to praise one another, and praise another pupil to the teacher, if they see them modelling good behaviour.

As with praise, the school understands that providing rewards after certain behaviour means that pupils are more likely to model the same behaviour again. For rewards to be effective, the school recognises that they need to be:

- **Immediate** – immediately rewarded following good behaviour.
- **Consistent** – consistently rewarded to maintain the behaviour.

- **Achievable** – keeping rewards achievable to maintain attention and motivation.
- **Fair** – making sure all pupils are fairly rewarded.

‘Catching them being good’

Praise is a much more powerful tool than sanctions and is much more in keeping with the ethos of the school. Therefore, frequent use of encouraging language and gestures, both in lessons and around the school is to be encouraged so that positive behaviour is instantly recognised and positively rewarded.

Rewards for good behaviour will include, but are not limited:

- Congratulatory post cards home
- Note in pupil planner
- Phone calls home
- Celebration assemblies
- Updated displays around school congratulating positive behaviour
- Special privileges (e.g. early lunch pass)
- Trips
- End of Year Mass trophies and awards

Class charts

Key Stage 3

To be effective, it is important that Class charts is used consistently and frequently as a tool to promote and recognise positive learning behaviours.

Teachers should award between 3 and 5 Class Chart points per class/week under the headings of Values, effort, progress, leadership or representing the school.

Half termly, the Pastoral Team will award Class Chart points for attendance. Positive learning behaviours will be recognised and awarded to correspond with parents’ evenings and academic reporting rounds.

Recognitions and rewards for pupils in both academic and pastoral will be shared with parents.

Sanctions and interventions

Systems and procedures

It is important that all staff ensure that standards are maintained and are **consistent**. Instances of misbehaviour must be dealt with by the teacher present at the time of the incident and should take into consideration the context of the incident and the circumstances of the child. Where examples are mentioned it is important to remember that they are not exhaustive lists.

Sanctions are more likely to promote positive behaviour if the pupils see them as fair. Staff should be clear, therefore, that they:

- are dealing with the behaviour and not stigmatising the pupil
- impose sanctions fairly and consistently
- use sanctions to help the pupil and others to learn from mistakes and recognise how they can improve their behaviour
- attempt to link the concept of sanctions to the concept of choice, so that the pupils see the connection between their own behaviour and its impact on themselves and others and so increasingly take responsibility for their own behaviour (self-regulation)
- avoid whole group sanctions that punish the innocent as well as the guiltily
- never issue a sanction which is humiliating or degrading or involves corporal punishment

The school will consider the imposing of sanctions on an individual case basis, will always act **lawfully, reasonably and proportionately in relation to the misbehaviour identified, the students' age and any specific SEND or religious requirements** and, whilst not an exhaustive list, will draw from a range of strategies including:

- **Verbal warning**
- **Withdrawal from classroom**
- **Cooling off period**
- **Behaviour/punctuality/monitoring reports**
- **Multi agency assessments**
- **Withdrawal of access to the school IT system** (e.g. if the pupil misuses it)
- **Meetings with parents/carers**
- **Mobile phone handed into school office each morning**
- **Confiscation of property**
- **A variety of forms of detention (e.g. break and lunchtimes/after school following communication with parents) and where this will not compromise a pupil's safety.** It should be noted that parental consent is not required for detention. The school is therefore able to issue detention as a sanction without first notifying the parents of the pupil, including for same-day detentions. Consideration will need to be given:
 - Whether the detention is likely to put the pupil at increased risk.
 - Whether the pupil has known caring responsibilities
 - Whether the detention timing conflicts with a medical appointment
 - Whether the parents ought to be informed of the detention – in most cases it will be necessary to do so, but it may not be if the detention is for a short period after school and the pupil is able to return home safely.
 - Whether suitable travel arrangements can reasonably be made by the parent for the pupil; it does not matter whether these transport arrangements are inconvenient for the parent.
- **Catch-up sessions break and/or lunchtime**
- **Withholding participation in a school event/trip/sporting activity**
- **Withdrawal of break or lunchtime privileges**
- **Carrying out a community/useful task in the school**
- **Internal exclusion/isolation** - In many instances internal exclusion is more appropriate than a suspension. If a pupil is on internal exclusion, it will be for a limited period only (as defined by the school) and appropriate work will be set. The

School will ensure that pupils are kept in isolation no longer than is necessary and that their time will be used constructively. Internal exclusion is principally used as a sanction for disruptive, defiant behaviour and truanting. This is known as the reintegration room.

- **A suspension** (note: students excluded from School for more than 5 days will receive full-time education elsewhere from the sixth day)
- **Permanent exclusion** – see also DfE guidance [Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement July 2022](#)

Permanent exclusions will be considered for:

- Physical assault (against a pupil or adult) including fighting, violent behaviour, wounding, obstruction and jostling)
- Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour (against a pupil or adult) including threatening violence, aggressive behaviour, swearing, homophobic abuse and harassment, verbal intimidation, carrying an offensive weapon
- Serious bullying including verbal, physical, cyber/online, homophobic, racist, peer on peer
- Racist abuse including racist taunting, derogatory racist statements, swearing that can be attributed to racist characteristics, racist bullying, racist graffiti
- Sexual misconduct including sexual abuse, sexual assault, sexual harassment
- Drug and alcohol related incidents including possession of illegal drugs, inappropriate use of prescribed drugs, drug dealing
- Deliberate damage including to school or personal property belonging to any member of the school community, vandalism, arson, graffiti
- Theft including stealing school property, personal property, from local shops or on a school visit, selling and dealing in stolen property
- Carrying an offensive weapon
- Persistent disruptive behaviour including repeated challenging behaviour, defiance, persistent violation of school rules, truancy
- One-off serious incidents not covered by the categories above.

Preventative measures to school exclusion

Off-site direction

An off-site direction is when the school requires a pupil to attend another education setting to improve their behaviour where previous interventions or targeted support have not been successful in improving a pupil's behaviour. An off-site direction should be used to arrange time-limited placements at an Alternative Provision (AP) or another mainstream school. During the off-site direction to another school, pupils must be dual registered.

Depending on the individual needs and circumstances of the pupil, off-site direction into AP can be full-time or a combination of part-time support in AP and continued mainstream education. A proposed maximum period of time should be discussed and agreed upon as part of the planning phase for an off-site direction. As part of planning, alternative options should be considered once the time limit has been reached, including a managed move on a permanent basis (if a pupil is in a mainstream school) upon review of the time-limited placement. The school will have regard to the following guidance when making an off-site direction: [Alternative Provision: Statutory guidance for local authorities, headteachers and governing bodies](#).

Managed moves

A managed move is used to initiate a process which leads to the transfer of a pupil to another mainstream school permanently. Managed moves should be voluntary and agreed with all parties involved, including the parents and the admission authority of the new school. If a temporary move needs to occur to improve a pupil's behaviour, then off-site direction (as described in 35 to 46) should be used. Managed moves should only occur when it is in the pupil's best interests.

Where a pupil has an EHC plan, the relevant statutory duties on the new school and local authority will apply. If the school is contemplating a managed move, we will contact the authority prior to the managed move. If the local authority, both schools and parents are in agreement that there should be a managed move, the local authority will follow the statutory procedures for amending a plan.

Managed moves will only be offered as part of a planned intervention where appropriate initial intervention had 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 will be preceded by information sharing between with the new school, 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 to ensure that the pupil is provided with an effective integration strategy.

Reintegration into school

The school will ensure that pupils are appropriately reintegrated following their removal from the classroom, time spent in a pupil support unit, in another setting under off-site direction or following suspension. This may involve reintegration meetings between the school, pupils, parents and, if relevant, other agencies. The school will consider what support is needed to help the pupil return to mainstream education and meet the expected standards of behaviour. The school has a designated member of staff to support pupils with reintegration.

Searching, Screening and Confiscation

The School reserves its right to confiscate, retain or dispose of a pupil's property i.e. an item which poses a threat to others/an item which poses a threat to good order for learning/an item against the schools' uniform rules/an item which poses a health or safety threat/illegal items. It also has the power to search without consent for where it has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item items including (not an exhaustive list):

- Knives and weapons
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Stolen items
- Tobacco and cigarette papers
- Fireworks
- Pornographic images
- Any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, caused personal injury or damage to property

- Any item banned by college rules such as chewing gum, aerosol sprays, e-cigarettes, energy drinks.
- Mobile phone or electronic device
- 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 any person, including the pupil themselves; or
 - To damage the property of any person, including the pupil themselves.

Any search of a pupil will comply with DfE advice: [Searching, Screening and Confiscation guidance July 2022](#). This advice provides advice on the use strip searches on school premises by the police.

Records of confiscated items and searches for a prohibited item will be kept. All confiscated items will be stored safely and returned to the pupil and or parent as appropriate – normally at the end of the school day. However, illegal items will be handed over to the police. Staff cannot be held liable for the loss of confiscated items. Records of searches will include:

- the date, time and location of the search;
- which pupil was searched;
- who conducted the search and any other adults or pupils present;
- what was being searched for;
- the reason for searching;
- what items, if any, were found; and,
- what follow-up action was taken as a consequence of the search

Interventions

A range of initial intervention strategies to help pupils manage their behaviour and reduce the likelihood of more severe sanctions will be used. Support will consider the pupil's specific needs and may be delivered outside of the classroom, in small groups or in one-to-one activities. A system will be in place to ensure relevant members of the SLT and pastoral staff are aware of any pupil that is:

- Persistently misbehaving
- Not improving their behaviour following low-level sanctions
- Displaying a sudden change in behaviour from previous patterns of behaviour

Examples of initial Interventions to help get a pupil back on track include but are not limited to the following:

- Pastoral referral
- Restorative approaches
- Named member of staff as point of contact
- Graduated responses (e.g. reduced/personalised timetable)
- Personalised support programmes (e.g. anger management/self-esteem/resilience)
- One to one mentoring and coaching sessions (e.g. with well-being co-ordinator or Head of Year)
- Engaging with parents/carers

- Short-term behaviour report cards
- Long-term behaviour plans

Where the pupil has SEND, an assessment of whether appropriate provision is in place to support the pupil, and if the pupil has an EHC plan, contact with the LA to consider a review of the plan

A multi-agency assessment, such as an early help assessment, that goes beyond a pupil's education will be considered where serious concerns about a pupil's behaviour exist.

Removal from the classroom

The school may decide to remove pupils from the classroom for a limited period, at the instruction of a member of staff. The pupil will be moved to a room that is:

- In an appropriate area of the school
- Stocked with appropriate resources
- Suitable to learn and refocus
- Supervised by trained members of staff

The school will only remove pupils from the classroom where absolutely necessary and for the following reasons:

- To maintain the safety of all pupils and restore stability following an unreasonably high level of disruption
- To enable disruptive pupils to be taken to a place where education can continue in a managed environment
- To allow the pupil to regain calm in a safe space

The school will ensure that pupils' health and safety is not compromised during their time away from the classroom, and that any additional requirements, such as SEND needs, are met.

The amount of time that a pupil spends removed from the classroom will be up to the school to decide. This could be for more than one school day. The school will ensure that the pupil is not removed from the classroom for any longer than necessary.

The staff member in charge and supervising the pupil will decide what the pupil may and may not do during their time spent removed from the classroom. The Deputy Headteacher will request that the pupil's class teachers set them appropriate work to complete.

The Deputy Headteacher will establish a clear process for the reintegration of a pupil who has been removed from the classroom when it is deemed appropriate and safe for them to return. Consideration will be given to what support is needed to help the pupil return and meet the expected standards of behaviour. Reintegration meetings will be held between the school, pupil and their parents, and other agencies if relevant, where necessary.

Pupils are permitted to eat during the allocated times of the school day and may use the toilet as required.

Recording

Incidents of a serious nature should be recorded in CPOMS with details of the incident and any actions taken or interventions put in place. Details of impact should be attached as/when appropriate – see **Appendix 1**.

Effective Classroom Management

Well-managed classrooms are paramount to preventing disruptive and unacceptable behaviour. The school understands that effective classroom management allows staff to:

- Start the year with clear sets of rules and routines that are understood by all pupils.
- Establish rewards and positive reinforcements.
- Establish sanctions for misbehaviour.
- Establish clear responses for handling behavioural problems.
- Encourage respect and development of positive relationships.
- Make effective use of the physical space available.
- Have well-planned lessons, using OLSBMASTER' with a range of activities to keep pupils stimulated.

Teachers should maintain high standards at all times and should impose sanctions, as per the process outlined above, when pupils fail to adhere to these standards.

Behaviour management will be a regular feature of teacher training especially for new, inexperienced or struggling staff.

Classroom Environment

The school understands that a well-structured classroom environment is paramount to preventing poor behaviour. This includes the teacher positioning themselves effectively within the classroom, e.g. wherever possible, teachers avoid standing with their backs to pupils and ensure they have full view of the room at all times.

Teachers employ strategic seating arrangements to prevent poor behaviour and enable it to be noticed early, such as:

- Seating those who frequently model poor behaviour closest to, and facing, the teacher.
- Seating those who frequently model poor behaviour away from each other.
- Ensuring the teacher can see pupils' faces, that pupils can see one another, and that they can see the board.
- Ensuring the teacher can move around the room so that behaviour can be monitored effectively.
- Utilising Class charts to record and adapt seating plans as necessary.

Punctuality

Pupils who arrive late for school will be monitored. If a pupil arrives late 3 or more times per week, he/she will be issued with an after-school detention. Heads of Year and the Attendance team will regularly track and monitor punctuality – see also Attendance Policy.

Dress code

Pupils must be challenged by all members of staff if they fail to comply with uniform regulations (including length of skirts/make-up/appropriate footwear/jewellery) and sanctions imposed on repeated offenders – see also Uniform Policy.

Homework

Homework is compulsory; failure to hand in work on time without a reasonable explanation must result in a sanction being imposed – see also Homework Policy.

Staff Training, Induction and Support

As part of their continuing professional development teaching staff will receive regular updates and/or training on behaviour management and expectations. Newly qualified or newly appointed staff to the School will receive training at the point of induction. In addition, nominated staff will receive specialist training in physical restraint. Support for staff to improve their practice can be requested as and when needed.

Pupil Support & Dealing with Underlying Issues

The school recognises its legal duty under the Equality Act 2010 to prevent pupils with a protected characteristic from being at a disadvantage. Consequently, our approach to challenging behaviour may be differentiated to cater to the needs of the pupil.

The school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator will evaluate a pupil who exhibits challenging behaviour to determine whether they have any underlying needs that are not currently being met.

Where necessary, support and advice will also be sought from specialist teachers, an educational psychologist, medical practitioners and/or others, to identify or support specific needs.

When acute needs are identified in a pupil, we will liaise with external agencies and plan support programmes for that child. We will work with parents to create the plan and review it on a regular basis.

Preventative measures for pupils with SEND

For the majority of children/young people with Special Educational Needs, the clear and consistent rules and boundaries found within the school behaviour policy will be enough to support their behaviour.

Our Lady and St Bede recognise behaviour as a form of communication, with this in mind, we consider what might be underpinning a child/young person's behaviour whilst not immediately seeking labels such as ADHD, ASD. We consider the child/young person holistically/ in context. Their behaviour might be a very normal response to adverse life experiences, or it may be due to their Special Educational Needs.

Where a pupil is identified as having SEND, the graduated approach will be used to assess, plan, deliver and review the impact of support being provided.

The school will promote a positive approach and aim to anticipate likely triggers of misbehaviour and put in place support to prevent these, taking into account the specific circumstances and requirements of the child/young person concerned. Reasonable

adjustments the school will implement where appropriate include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Differentiated expectations or response, such as, planned ignoring, reduced demands etc.
- A key adult to engage and make a connection with the child/young person
- Short, planned movement/sensory breaks for a pupil whose SEND means they find it difficult to sit still for long or become overwhelmed.
- Adjusting uniform requirements for a pupil with sensory issues or relevant medical conditions

Training for staff in understanding attachment, autism, ADHD and other needs. Reasonable adjustments will be made on a case-by-case basis to ensure individual needs are met, and in discussion with the SENDCo, child/young person, parents and any other relevant parties.

De-escalation strategies

Where negative behaviour is present, staff members will implement de-escalation strategies to diffuse the situation. This includes:

- Appearing calm and using a modulated, low tone of voice
- Using simple, direct language.
- Avoiding being defensive, e.g. if comments or insults are directed at the staff member.
- Providing adequate personal space and not blocking a pupil's escape route.
- Showing open, accepting body language, e.g. not standing with their arms crossed.
- Reassuring the pupil and creating an outcome goal.
- Identifying any points of agreement to build a rapport.
- Offering the pupil, a face-saving route out of confrontation, e.g. that if they stop the behaviour, then the consequences will be lessened.
- Rephrasing requests made up of negative words with positive phrases, e.g. "if you don't return to your seat, I won't help you with your work" becomes "if you return to your seat, I can help you with your work".

Use of reasonable force

Where 'reasonable force' is required to prevent a child displaying dangerous behaviour from hurting themselves or others, care will be taken to adhere to DfE 'Use of Reasonable Force' (2013) guidance and the Physical Interventions Policy. The school will ensure that staff have safe handling training that complies with this guidance.

Physical restraint

In some circumstances, staff may use reasonable force to restrain a pupil to:

- Remove disruptive children from the classroom where they have refused to follow an instruction to do so;
- Prevent a pupil behaving in a way that disrupts a school event or a school trip or visit;
- Prevent a pupil leaving the classroom where allowing the pupil to leave would risk their safety or lead to behaviour that disrupts the behaviour of others;
- Prevent a pupil from attacking a member of staff or another pupil, or to stop a fight in the playground; and

- Restrain a pupil at risk of harming themselves through physical outbursts.

Incidents of physical restraint must:

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

Physical restraint cannot be used:

- as a punishment – it is always unlawful to use force as a punishment.
- to enforce the school's own rules.
- to search for prohibited items, such as weapons and knives, drugs etc unless there is a good reason to assume the pupil is carrying such items.
- to prevent a pupil from leaving the classroom if they are not at risk by doing so

Investigations

The School will co-operate fully with external agencies such as the Police/Social Services and will liaise with parents as appropriate or within the guidelines of the law and statutory duties outlined by the Government's Department for Education.

If a serious incident takes place it will be investigated, and statements taken. Such statements can then be viewed and taken into consideration when determining outcomes – see **Appendix 2 and 3**.

Managing Behaviour

Instances of unacceptable behaviour are taken seriously and dealt with immediately. Staff will respond promptly, predictably and with confidence to maintain a calm, safe learning environment. Staff will consider afterwards how to prevent such behaviour from recurring. Staff will recognise the importance of restorative work with a pupil after a sanction has been issued.

The pastoral lead will keep a record of all reported incidents, via ClassCharts, to help identify pupils whose behaviour may indicate potential mental health or safeguarding problems. All staff will be alert to changes in a pupil's behaviour that could indicate they need help or protection.

Support, such as targeted discussions with pupils, a phone call with parents, and inquiries into circumstances outside of school by the DSL/DDSL, will be provided alongside the use of sanctions to prevent the misbehaviour recurring.

Form tutors are responsible for ensuring good behaviour, checking planners, checking uniform, monitoring attendance and punctuality, and imposing sanctions where appropriate. Referrals via 'Forms' should be made to Heads of Year where necessary.

Classroom teachers are responsible for following classroom routines, promoting achievement for all and imposing sanctions where appropriate. Referrals via 'Forms' should be made to the Head of Department about individuals or classes who are causing concern.

Heads of Department are responsible for monitoring department behaviour and achievement using their HOD dashboards and imposing sanctions where appropriate. They should liaise with parents/carers about concerns. Referrals via 'Forms' should be made to the Head of Year about individuals or classes who are causing concern.

Heads of Year are responsible for monitoring general behaviour in and outside the classroom, imposing sanctions where appropriate. They should provide feedback on actions/interventions that are implemented following the referral of a pupil by a Head of Department. They should meet/speak to parents/carers on a regular basis. They provide regular updates to the Deputy Headteacher and support other school staff with managing pupil behaviour.

The Deputy Head teacher is responsible for overseeing pupil behaviour and managing the referral system, imposing sanctions when appropriate and parental involvement. The Deputy Headteacher will be responsible for making referrals to the Headteacher and will provide regular feedback to the SLT.

The Headteacher will decide on any action required to individuals and/ or groups of pupils who cause serious or constant disruption. FTE will be reported termly to governors. Permanent exclusion will necessitate the involvement of governors as per DFE exclusion guidance.

Sanctions must only be made by a member of staff who has been authorised by the Headteacher. In the first instance, misbehaviour should be dealt with by the teacher on the spot. If a pupil's attitude and behaviour lead a member of staff to believe that he/she has the potential to cause major disruption the teacher should utilise the C1-C4 process.

It is usually consistently disruptive pupils who cause most teachers problems. The Head of Year will closely monitor all pupils and will become involved with a particularly serious incident which in itself necessitates the involvement of parents.

When an incident occurs during a lesson of sufficient seriousness that it needs immediate action, staff should call for urgent support via Class Charts. A member of the pastoral and/or SLT will attend the incident. All incidents of a serious nature should be investigated by the Head of Year/DHT in the first instance and recorded using the record of incident forms – see appendices 2 and 3. The member of staff who logs a serious incident (urgent support) will be required to submit a written account of the event to the Deputy Headteacher.

For serious incidents an immediate intervention should be made, however on all occasions reasons for intervention and sanctions imposed should be recorded. (email/CPOMS).

In cases of extreme misbehaviour, (e.g. behaviour which threatens the safety of students and/or staff), the services of external agencies such as the Police or Social Care may be called upon.

All incidents involving knives, weapons and extreme or child pornography will be referred to the Police.

Where an individual or group of pupils prove to be disruptive, staff who teach these pupils should join together to develop a coordinated action to deal with the problem. Staff should meet under the leadership of the Deputy Headteacher and Head of Year to:

- Identify the disruptive pupil/s
- Formulate a combined and appropriate strategy for dealing with such pupils (which may include the drawing up of a behaviour plan or the imposing of sanctions)

Such a meeting should be initiated by the Head of Year.

Monitoring/Report Forms

Report forms are designed to monitor attitude, behaviour and general ability of a student to conform to all standards expected in both academic and pastoral areas.

Pastoral/Behavioural Report

Pupils who are being consistently disruptive will be placed on report. Parents/carers will be informed if a pupil is placed on report. There are three tiers of report in school.

Tier one – A tier one report will be issued by a form tutor if a pupil is not meeting basic expectations. Pupils will be on report for a minimum of one week. The Form Tutor will inform the Head of Year, the Pastoral Leader and the parents/carers the outcome of the report.

Tier one Department report – If a teacher referral via 'Forms' meets threshold, the Head of Department will place a pupil department report. If a pupil receives three C3's or C4's in a half term they will also be placed on report. The Head of Department will make parents/carers, Head of Year and Pastoral Leaders aware of the report. The report will be kept by the Head of Department in between lessons. The report will last for a minimum of 5 lessons.

Tier two HOY/Pastoral Leader report – If a pupil fails their form tutor report it will be upscaled to a HOY/Pastoral Leader report. If a pupil fails their department report and a HOD referral meets threshold, The HOY will place the pupil on report. If a pupil receives five C4's in a half term, they will also be placed on report. HOY/Pastoral Leader will make parents aware.

Tier three SLT report – If a pupil fails their tier two report, they will be placed on SLT report. The SLT member will contact parents/carers to make them aware. If a pupil fails their SLT report, the parent/carer must attend a meeting with the DHT and HOY to create a formal behaviour plan and contract.

Inclusion

**“The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out”.
(Proverbs 18:15)**

We strive to provide a supportive and nurturing learning environment within which our young people can develop and grow emotionally and spiritually. This is provided both in and out of the classroom by specialist teachers and support staff. Our holistic approach develops pupils to become resilient, confident and independent.

Some of our pupils find education challenging for a number of reasons. By providing a structured and supportive environment, with skilled and committed staff who understand their individual needs, our students are given the best opportunities to experience success.

We recognise that children can, and sometimes do, make mistakes. We firmly believe, however, that when mistakes are made, we can learn from them and use the experience to further develop character and values which underpin and support our Christian ethos.

Pupil Support Unit & Internal Exclusion (Reintegration room)

A pupil support unit is a planned intervention occurring in small groups and in place of mainstream lessons. The purpose of this unit can be two-fold:

- as a planned intervention for behavioural or pastoral reasons
- as a final preventative measure to support pupils at risk of exclusion.

In both circumstances, the underlying ambition should be to improve behaviour and maintain learning with the goal to successfully reintegrate pupils into mainstream lessons. The approach in the unit should be aligned to the culture of the whole school and compatible with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Internal exclusion and the use of pupil support units where provided forms part of our whole school approach to promoting positive behaviour and may serve a number of different purposes, including:

- To accommodate pupils who have been removed from a lesson at very short notice for poor behaviour
- A cooling off period for one off incidents
- A punitive measure for unacceptable behaviour and/or disruption
- Avoidance of a suspension
- Time to reflect and move forward

Internal exclusion should not become a:

- Provision for long-term respite care or a dumping ground for pupils who may need specific support
- 'Badge of honour' for children and young people (i.e. they can gain inappropriate approval from their peers)
- Fast track to permanent exclusion

Data on the use and referral to Pupil Support Units is routinely collected.

Wellbeing support

Additional well-being support is offered to pupils who are experiencing difficulties on their journey through the school. These difficulties can be short or longer term and for a variety of reasons and may prevent pupils from accessing fully the opportunities the school has to offer. Well-being staff work closely with the Pastoral Team, striving to provide a learning environment where all pupils can achieve their personal goals. The advice and support made available is delivered in partnership with pupils, on the basis of equality and inclusivity. Support is offered in a variety of different forms and parental involvement is encouraged to ensure that a strong home/school relationship is developed and maintained.

Reintegration/RESET room

“Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning” - Desmond Tutu

This is a short-term provision which aims to provide continued teaching and support programmes which are tailored to the needs of pupils who need help in improving their behaviour, attendance or attitude to learning. It is used:

- for pupils who have been internally excluded and referred through the Pastoral system
- when a potentially explosive situation needs to be diffused and resolved
- for restorative purposes and the teaching/affirming of virtues linked to our concept of character education

Referrals

There is a transparent referral system for pupils who are internally excluded. An internal exclusion has to be authorised by the Deputy Headteacher on the recommendation of the Head of Year. The reasons for the referral should be made clear to the pupil and parents/carers.

Whilst in the reintegration room, pupils will be required to complete set work provided by teachers. Pupils will also be expected to reflect on the reasons for their internal exclusion. Activities might include:

- completing a task set by the class or subject teacher
- completing a task set by staff supervising internal exclusion
- discussing the incident with an adult
- conducting a self-review resulting in a practical outcome (such as a written apology)
- analysis of the pupil’s behaviour with relevant staff, with suggestions as to how the same situation can be avoided in the future

Pupils who misbehave whilst in the reintegration room or who refuse to go there will usually be issued with a suspension and a meeting with parents/carers arranged.

Structure:

The programme of activities in the reintegration room will be carefully planned and structured to meet students’ individual needs. The time spent in there will focus on reflection, progress, lessons learned and a plan for the future.

Environment:

The reintegration room is a separate room, located in a quiet area of the school. The room may operate different start/finish/lunch and break times compared to the rest of the school.

Numbers in the room will be low to afford each child in there some one-to-one time with relevant teacher(s). Staff have access to an internal telephone. Appropriate resources, such as pens, pencils, rulers, calculators and laptops, will be made available. A variety of literacy, numeracy and problem-solving exercises will be made available for pupils to carry out if they have finished their work or while waiting for it to arrive. Pupils will have appropriate access to toilets and drinking water. Positive messages and examples of the type of behaviour expected (as described within the school behaviour policy) will be on display, as a reminder to pupils as they reflect on the incident that has resulted in their internal exclusion. Self-reflection/esteem questionnaires will be used - one at the beginning of the isolation period to be used a starting point for staff in gauging how best to move the pupil forward. There will

also be an exit questionnaire and follow- up interview with a relevant member of staff (e.g. Head of Year/Deputy Headteacher). If deemed appropriate, a further action plan will be decided upon and monitored by the Head of Year.

Monitoring and analysis

All referrals will be recorded and monitored on a regular basis. Information collected will include, for example, gender, ethnicity, SEN status and age of pupils referred, the length of time each pupil spends in the reintegration room. This data will help inform early intervention projects and school self-evaluation.

Data collection and behaviour evaluation

The school will collect data from the following sources:

- Behaviour incident data, including on removal from the classroom
- Attendance, permanent exclusion and suspension data
- Use of pupil support units, off-site directions and managed moves
- Incidents of searching, screening and confiscation
- Anonymous surveys for staff, pupils, governors, and other stakeholders on their perceptions and experiences of the school behaviour culture

The data will be monitored and objectively analysed termly by the Headteacher and the SLT. Attempts will be made to identify possible factors contributing to the behaviour, any system problems or inadequacies with existing support. The data will also be analysed considering the protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 to inform school policies and practice.

Monitoring & Review

This policy will be reviewed at least every 3 years. Regular reports on behaviour will be submitted within the Headteacher report to the Local Governing Committee and where necessary the policy will be reviewed at more frequent intervals.

Appendix 1 CPOMS Recordable Incidents

Reason	
Physical assault against pupil <i>including</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fighting• Violent behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wounding• Obstruction and jostling
Physical assault against an adult <i>including</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violent behaviour• Wounding• Obstruction and jostling	
Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against a pupil <i>including</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Threatening violence• Aggressive behaviour• Swearing• Homophobic abuse and harassment• Verbal intimidation• Carrying an offensive weapon	
Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult <i>including</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Threatening violence• Aggressive behaviour• Swearing• Homophobic abuse and harassment• Verbal intimidation• Carrying an offensive weapon	
Bullying <i>including</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verbal• Physical• Cyber/Online bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homophobic bullying• Racist bullying• Peer on Peer bullying
Racist abuse <i>including</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Racist taunting and harassment• Derogatory racist statements	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swearing that can be attributed to racist characteristics • Racist bullying • Racist graffiti
<p>Sexual misconduct <i>including</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual abuse • Sexual assault • Sexual harassment
<p>Drug and alcohol related <i>including</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession of illegal drugs • Inappropriate use of prescribed drugs • Drug dealing
<p>Damage <i>including</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To school or personal property belonging to any member of school community • Vandalism • Arson • Graffiti
<p>Theft <i>including</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stealing school property • Stealing personal property (pupil or adult) • Stealing from local shops on a school outing • Selling and dealing in stolen property
<p>Persistent disruptive behaviour <i>including</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging behaviour • Disobedience/defiance • Persistent violation of school rules • Repeated truancy
<p>Other - this category should be used sparingly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious incidents which are not covered by the categories above

Updated Exclusion Codes:

- Please note that as of September 1st2020 the DFE have made some changes to the pupil attendance and exclusions regulations in response to COVID-19. Schools should report using the new codes immediately.
- There have been 5 new exclusion categories introduced to describe reasons for exclusion.
- These are as follows:
 - (PH) – to capture the ‘wilful and repeated transgression of protective measures to protect public health’.
 - (MT) to capture the inappropriate use of social media or technology
 - (DS) to capture abuse relating to a disability
 - (LG) – to capture abuse against sexual orientation or gender identity
 - (OW) – to capture the use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item
- In addition to the new codes the previous code of (OT) – to capture “other” reasons has now been removed and should not be used.
- All other previous codes remain unchanged.
- Please note, where previously, only one reason per exclusion was recorded (no matter how many a school listed on their return), now, up to 3 reasons can be recorded for each exclusion (where applicable). There is no requirement to order the reasons, which will be presented as unweighted counts in statistical outputs.

RANGE OF SANCTIONS AND INTERVENTIONS (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST)

- Intervention by Senior member of staff
- Meeting with Parents
- Detention/Internal exclusion
- Monitoring reports
- Fixed term exclusion
- Permanent exclusion (following formal investigation)
- Police involvement

Appendix 3 - Statement

Statement

Type of Incident	
Who was involved	Reported by:
	Incident with:
Date	
Time of reported incident	

Statement of Incident

Signed: _____ Date _____