

Blackpool Skills Academy: Damage to School Property Policy

1. Purpose

Blackpool Skills Academy is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and well-maintained learning environment for all students, staff, and visitors. To preserve our facilities, this policy outlines expectations for care of school property and consequences for damage.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students, parents/carers, staff, and visitors of Blackpool Skills Academy. It covers any damage to property, equipment, or facilities owned, leased, or used by the school.

3. Policy Statement

All members of the school community are expected to treat school property with care and respect. Intentional or careless damage undermines the learning environment and will not be tolerated.

4. Types of Damage

Damage to school property may include, but is not limited to:

- Vandalism, graffiti, or defacement of school buildings or equipment.
- Damage to classroom furniture, IT equipment, or teaching aids.
- Tampering with safety equipment, such as fire extinguishers or alarms.
- Destruction or loss of textbooks, library books, or other school materials.

5. Responsibilities

- **Students:** Expected to care for school property and report any damage immediately.
- **Staff:** Responsible for monitoring student use of school property and reporting incidents of damage.
- **Parents/Carers:** Share the responsibility for ensuring that their child understands the importance of respecting school property.

6. Wilful Damage

Wilful damage is defined as intentional harm caused to school property, equipment, or facilities. Examples include, but are not limited to, graffiti, breaking windows, or deliberately destroying classroom materials.

7. Consequences for Wilful Damage

- **Investigation:** All incidents of damage will be investigated by the school.
- **Communication:** Parents/carers will be informed of any incident involving their child.
- **Reparation:** Students responsible for wilful damage will be expected to repair or replace the damaged property where appropriate (e.g., repainting graffiti or repairing minor damage).

- **Financial Charges:** Parents/carers will be charged the cost of repairing or replacing damaged property in cases of wilful damage. A detailed invoice will be provided.

8. Accidental Damage

Accidental damage will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. In cases where negligence is a contributing factor, parents/carers may still be liable for costs.

9. Preventative Measures

- Regular education on the importance of respecting school property.
- Adequate supervision in classrooms and communal areas.
- Use of surveillance systems to monitor high-risk areas.

10. Appeals

Parents/carers may appeal any decision regarding financial charges by submitting a written request to the school within 14 days of receiving the invoice. Appeals will be reviewed by the school leadership team.

11. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or as needed to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with school values and legislation.

12. Contact Information

For questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact:

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