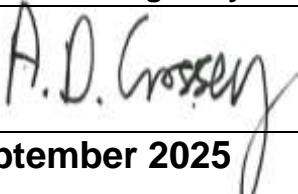


BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING POLICY



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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Create a positive culture that promotes excellent behaviour, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to learn in a calm, safe and supportive environment
- Establish a whole-school approach to maintaining high standards of behaviour that reflect *The Buckingham Way*
- Outline the expectations and consequences of behaviour
- Provide a consistent approach to behaviour management that is applied equally to all students
- Define what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying and discrimination

2. Legislation, statutory requirements and statutory guidance

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

- Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff 2024
- Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022
- The Equality Act 2010
- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and student referral units in England, including student movement - 2024
- Use of reasonable force in schools
- Supporting students with medical conditions at school
- Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice
- Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for educational settings working with children and young people

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, which outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of its students
- Sections 88 to 94 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, which requires schools to regulate students' behaviour and publish a behaviour policy and written statement of behaviour principles, and give schools the authority to confiscate students' property
- DfE guidance explaining that maintained schools must publish their behaviour policy online

The Buckingham Way

The Buckingham Way is our culture. The foundation block on which everything in our school rests is Kindness. **The Buckingham Way** is clear that **Kindness to All** is a non-negotiable expectation for our whole community.

We strive to display three key behaviours (our **Core Choices**) at all times. We celebrate with students when they are able to demonstrate **Respect, Responsibility and Reflection** in their actions. We seek to actively promote and reward the **Core Choices** as behaviour we would wish to see.

Our Core Choices are:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Reflection

Respect

We celebrate displays of **Respect**. We display **self-respect** by working at our best, being organised, taking pride in school uniform, learning from our mistakes and being on time. We show **respect for others** by listening carefully to the views of others, sharing, offering to help, being supportive and contributing to group work. We show **respect for our community** by picking up litter, paying attention to manners, being aware of others and showing respect for our environment.

As a result, we are an inclusive community

Responsibility

We are a school which understands that students learn from everything that they do, and that they deserve a supportive and forgiving environment to display **Responsibility**. We can display responsibility to ourselves by completing our work, taking ownership of our mistakes, arriving on time and prepared. We can show our **responsibility towards others** by supporting peers with their work, keeping promises, honouring commitments, meeting deadlines, treating others with fairness and honesty. Our **responsibility to the community** is displayed when we follow the rules in school, respect the school environment, take part in volunteering or leadership, challenge unfair or harmful behaviour ourselves.

As a result, we are a supportive community

Reflection

We are a learning community and we believe that we can always improve yet further. To this end, we celebrate **Reflection**. To display **personal reflection**, we regularly think about where we could improve our work, set ourselves goals, embrace feedback, improve our performance and learn from our successes and our failures. **Interpersonal reflection** is achieved by thinking about the impact we have on others, for example when we consider the impact of our words and actions, seek out feedback from others, apologise and make amends when we negatively affect others. **Societal reflection** is when we think about the world around us, and consider our contribution. For example, we think about the type of society that we want to be a part of, engaging in discussion around societal or ethical issues or take pro-active steps to make positive changes in school.

As a result, we are a learning community.

Success for All

School life is a preparation for wider society and, as well as the power of positive behaviour, students learn the poor choices have consequences. Through **respect, responsibility** and **reflection** we seek to support students, and to help them understand the impact of poor choices, and coach them to improve.

Through our **Core Choices** we can ensure The Buckingham School is a happy and connected environment, where equality, dignity, non-discrimination and participation allow students to **grow**.

As a result, we achieve **Success for All**.



4. Definitions

Misbehaviour is defined as:

- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes
- Non-completion of classwork or homework
- Poor attitude
- Incorrect uniform
- Non-compliance with reasonable requests

Serious misbehaviour is defined as:

- Repeated breaches of the school rules
- Any form of bullying
- Sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration, or sexual assault (intentional sexual touching without consent)
- Sexual harassment, meaning unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, such as:
 - o Sexual comments
 - o Sexual jokes or taunting
 - o Physical behaviour like interfering with clothes
 - o Online sexual harassment, such as unwanted sexual comments and messages (including on social media), sharing of nude or semi-nude images and/or videos (including pseudo-images, which are computer-generated images that otherwise appear to be a photograph or video), or sharing of unwanted explicit content
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Fighting
- Smoking/vaping/nicotine pouches or similar
- Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory behaviour
- Possession of any prohibited items. These are:
 - o Knives or weapons
 - o Alcohol
 - o Illegal drugs
 - o Stolen items
 - o Tobacco and cigarette papers
 - o Fireworks

- Pornographic images
- Any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the student)

4. Bullying

Please see our Anti Bullying and Respect Policy.

5. Roles and responsibilities

5.1 The Governing Board

The Governing Board is responsible for:

- Reviewing and approving the written statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1)
- Reviewing this behaviour policy in conjunction with the headteacher
- Monitoring the policy's effectiveness
- Holding the headteacher to account for its implementation

5.2 The Headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for:

- Reviewing this policy in conjunction with the governing board
- Giving due consideration to the school's statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1)
- Approving this policy
- Ensuring that the school environment encourages positive behaviour
- Ensuring that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour
- Monitoring that the policy is implemented by staff consistently with all groups of students
- Ensuring that all staff understand the behavioural expectations and the importance of maintaining them
- Providing new staff with a clear induction into the school's behavioural culture to ensure they understand its rules and routines, and how best to support all students to participate fully
- Offering appropriate training in behaviour management, and the impact of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and mental health needs on behaviour, to any staff who require it, so they can fulfil their duties set out in this policy
- Ensuring this policy works alongside the safeguarding policy to offer students both sanctions and support when necessary
- Ensuring that the data from the behaviour log is reviewed regularly, to make sure that no groups of students are being disproportionately impacted by this policy (see section 13.1)

5.3 Teachers and Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- Creating a calm, predictable and safe environment for students
- Establishing and maintaining clear boundaries of acceptable student behaviour
- Implementing the behaviour policy consistently
- Communicating the school's expectations, routines, values and standards through teaching behaviour and in every interaction with students
- Modelling expected behaviour and positive relationships
- Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular students
- Considering their own behaviour on the school culture and how they can uphold school rules and expectations
- Recording behaviour incidents promptly and accurately
- Challenging students to meet the school's expectations

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will support staff in responding to behaviour incidents.

5.4 Parents and Carers

Parents and carers, where possible, should:

- Get to know the school's behaviour policy and reinforce it at home where appropriate
- Support their child in adhering to the school's behaviour policy
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour
- Discuss any behavioural concerns with the class teacher promptly

- Take part in any pastoral work following misbehaviour (for example: attending reviews of specific behaviour interventions)
- Raise any concerns about the management of behaviour with the school directly, whilst continuing to work in partnership with the school
- Take part in the life of the school and its culture

The school will endeavour to build a positive relationship with parents and carers by keeping them informed about developments in their child's behaviour and the school's policy, and working in collaboration with them to tackle behavioural issues.

5.5 Students

Students will be made aware of the following during their induction into the behaviour culture:

- The expected standard of behaviour they should be displaying at school, through TBS (The Buckingham School) Core Expectations and The Buckingham Way
- That they have a duty to follow the behaviour policy
- The school's key rules and routines
- The rewards they can earn for meeting the behaviour standard, and the consequences they will face if they don't meet the standard
- The pastoral support that is available to them to help them meet the behavioural standards

Students will be supported to meet the behaviour standards and will be provided with repeated induction sessions wherever appropriate.

Students will be supported to develop an understanding of the school's behaviour policy and wider culture.

Students will be asked to give feedback on their experience of the behaviour culture to support the evaluation, improvement and implementation of the behaviour policy.

Extra support and induction will be provided for students who are new admissions.

6. The Buckingham School Core Expectations

Staff and students work with one another to ensure a consistent and calm learning environment, supporting student progress and personal growth.

Please see appendix 2.

Where appropriate and reasonable, adjustments may be made to routines within the curriculum to ensure all students can meet behavioural expectations in the curriculum.

6.1 Mobile Phones

Year 7-11 Students - Acceptable Use:

It is vital that staff are consistent and follow the policy outlined below for student mobile phones.

Students are not allowed to use phones in school for the reasons outlined below:

- Prime source of Low-Level Disruption (LLD) in lessons
- Students calling parents to pick them up if they feel ill, without any contact through the medical team or the Student Office.
- Staff having photos/videos taken and used in social media
- Persistent safeguarding issues and concerns

Student mobile phone use is prohibited on the school site, including all social times and class changeover. This applies to any electronic device brought in by students that is deemed to be obstructive and disruptive to teaching and learning. This includes phones, iPods, game consoles and smart watches. This does not include those students who require the use of electronic devices as an essential tool for their learning. Mobile Phones may be carried provided they are in a student's bag (not on their person e.g. in a pocket) and they are not seen or heard. Wearing earphones is also not permitted.

If students are found with their phones or accessories out or visible in their pockets:

- The phone is confiscated, and behaviour for learning policy followed.
- The member of staff confiscating the phone logs this onto EduLink One
- The member of staff must make the call/email home to the parents to inform them of the incident
- The phone is placed in front reception to be collected at the end of the day by the student.
- If the student refuses to hand the phone over, the school behaviour policy is to be followed and pastoral team to follow up if escalation is required

Sixth Form Students – Please see Sixth Form Handbook

7. Responding to Behaviour

7.1 Classroom management

Teaching and support staff are responsible for creating a calm and supportive environment that promotes and encourages positive behaviour whilst consistently addressing behaviour that does not meet expectations.

They will:

- Create and maintain an environment which promotes curiosity and encourages students to be engaged
- Display The Buckingham School Core Expectations on their own classroom rules
- Develop a positive relationship with students, which may include:
 - o Greeting students at the start of lessons
 - o Establishing clear routines
 - o Communicating expectations of behaviour in ways other than verbally
 - o Highlighting and promoting good behaviour
 - o Concluding the day positively and starting the next day afresh
 - o Implementing a variety of strategies to deal with low-level disruption
 - o Using positive reinforcement

7.2 Safeguarding

- The school recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a student needs help or protection.
- We will consider whether a student's misbehaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm.
- Where this may be the case, we will follow our child protection and safeguarding policy, and consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

- Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information.

7.3 Responding to good behaviour

When a student's behaviour meets or goes above and beyond the expected behaviour standard, staff will recognise it with positive recognition and reward. This provides an opportunity for all staff to reinforce the school's culture and ethos.

Positive reinforcements and rewards will be applied clearly and fairly to reinforce the routines, expectations and norms of the school's behaviour culture.

Positive behaviour will be rewarded with, for example:

- Verbal praise
- Communicating praise to parents via a phone call or written correspondence
- Certificates, special acknowledgements, prize ceremonies or special assemblies
- Whole-class or year group rewards, such as a popular activity
- Letters from the Headteacher
- Pizza and Pop events

7.4 Responding to Misbehaviour

- When a student's behaviour falls below the standard that can reasonably be expected of them, staff will respond in order to restore a calm and safe learning environment, and to prevent recurrence of misbehaviour.
- Staff will endeavour to create a predictable environment by always challenging behaviour that falls short of the standards, and by responding in a consistent, fair and proportionate manner, so students know with certainty that misbehaviour will always be addressed.
- De-escalation techniques can be used to help prevent further behaviour issues arising, such as the use of pre-arranged scripts/ phrases and non-verbal and verbal queues.
- All students will be treated equitably under the policy, with any factors that contributed to the behavioural incident identified and taken into account.
- When giving behaviour sanctions, staff will also consider what support could be offered to a student to help them to meet behaviour standards in the future.

The school may use 1 or more of the following sanctions in response to unacceptable behaviour:

- Sending the student for a one to one conversation in the corridor
- A verbal reprimand and reminder of the expectations of behaviour
- Setting of written tasks such as an account of their behaviour
- Expecting work to be completed at home, or at break or lunchtime
- Detention at break or lunchtime, or after school
- Loss of privileges – for instance, the loss of a prized responsibility
- School-based community service, such as tidying a classroom
- Referring the student to a senior member of staff
- Letter or phone call home to parents
- Agreeing a behaviour contract
- Putting a student 'on report'
- Removal of the student from the classroom to work in another supervised area
- Suspension
- Permanent exclusions, in the most serious of circumstances
- Using the agreed call out procedures to request further support

Personal circumstances of the student will be taken into account when choosing sanctions and decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, but with regard to the impact on perceived fairness.

7.5 Reasonable Force

Reasonable force covers a range of interventions that involve physical contact with students. All members of staff have a duty to use reasonable force, in the following circumstances, to prevent a student from:

- Causing disorder
- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property
- Committing an offence

Incidents of reasonable force 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

When considering using reasonable force, staff should, in considering the risks, carefully recognise any specific vulnerabilities of the student, including SEND, mental health needs or medical conditions.

7.6 Confiscation, Searches, Screening

Searching, screening and confiscation is conducted in line with the DfE's [latest guidance on searching, screening and confiscation](#).

Confiscation

Any prohibited items found in a student's possession as a result of a search will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to the student.

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

Searching a student

Searches will only be carried out by a member of staff who has been authorised to do so by the headteacher, or by the headteacher themselves.

Subject to the exception below, the authorised member of staff carrying out the search will be of the same sex as the student, and there will be another member of staff present as a witness to the search.

An authorised member of staff of a different sex to the student can carry out a search without another member of staff as a witness if:

The authorised member of staff carrying out the search reasonably believes there is risk that serious harm will be caused to a person if the search is not carried out as a matter of urgency; **and**

In the time available, it is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out by a member of staff who is the same sex as the student; **or**

It is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out in the presence of another member of staff

When an authorised member of staff conducts a search without a witness they should immediately report this to another member of staff, and ensure a written record of the search is kept.

If the authorised member of staff considers a search to be necessary, but is not required urgently, they will seek the advice of the headteacher, designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) or pastoral member of staff who may have more information about the student. During this time the student will be supervised and kept away from other students.

A search can be carried out if the authorised member of staff has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the student is in possession of a prohibited item or any item identified in the school rules for which a search can be made, or if the student has agreed.

An appropriate location for the search will be found. Where possible, this will be away from other students. The search will only take place on the school premises or where the member of staff has lawful control or charge of the student, for example on a school trip.

Before carrying out a search the authorised member of staff will:

- Assess whether there is an urgent need for a search
- Assess whether not doing the search would put other students or staff at risk
- Consider whether the search would pose a safeguarding risk to the student
- Explain to the student why they are being searched
- Explain to the student what a search entails – e.g. ‘I will ask you to turn out your pockets and remove your scarf’
- Explain how and where the search will be carried out
- Give the student the opportunity to ask questions
- Seek the student’s co-operation

If the student refuses to agree to a search, the member of staff can give an appropriate behaviour sanction.

If they still refuse to co-operate, the member of staff will contact the Head teacher /Deputy Head teacher or Assistant Head teacher for Behaviour to try to determine why the student is refusing to comply.

The authorised member of staff will then decide whether to use reasonable force to search the student. This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration whether conducting the search will prevent the student harming themselves or others, damaging property or from causing disorder.

The authorised member of staff can use reasonable force to search for any prohibited items identified in section 3, but not to search for items that are only identified in the school rules.

The authorised member of staff may use a metal detector to assist with the search.

An authorised member of staff may search a student’s outer clothing, pockets, possessions, desks or lockers.

Outer clothing includes:

Any item of clothing that is not worn immediately over a garment that is being worn wholly next to the skin or being worn as underwear (e.g. a jumper or jacket being worn over a t-shirt)

Hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, boots

Searching students’ Possessions

Possessions means any items that the student has or appears to have control of, including:

- Desks
- Lockers
- Bags

A student’s possessions can be searched for any item if the student agrees to the search. If the student does not agree to the search, staff can still carry out a search for prohibited items (listed in section 3) and items identified in the school rules.

An authorised member of staff can search a student’s possessions when the student and another member of staff are present.

If there is a serious risk of harm if the search is not conducted immediately, or it is not reasonably practicable to summon another member of staff, the search can be carried out by a single authorised member of staff.

Informing the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

The staff member who carried out the search should inform the DSL without delay:

- Of any incidents where the member of staff had reasonable grounds to suspect a student was in possession of a prohibited item as listed in section 3
- If they believe that a search has revealed a safeguarding risk

All searches for prohibited items (listed in section 3), including incidents where no items were found, will be recorded in the school’s safeguarding system.

Informing Parents

Parents will always be informed of any search for a prohibited item (listed in section 3). A member of staff will tell the parents as soon as is reasonably practicable:

- What happened
- What was found, if anything
- What has been confiscated, if anything
- What action the school has taken, including any sanctions that have been applied to their child

Support after a Search

Irrespective of whether any items are found as the result of any search, the school will consider whether the student may be suffering or likely to suffer harm and whether any specific support is needed (due to the reasons for the search, the search itself, or the outcome of the search).

If this is the case, staff will follow the school's safeguarding policy and speak to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The DSL will consider if pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Strip Searches

The school does not advocate strip searches. However, in the unlikely event an extreme situation arises where members of the school community are at significant risk. The guidance and law below will be followed. Putting the students physical and mental wellbeing above all else.

The authorised member of staff's power to search outlined above does not enable them to conduct a strip search (removing more than the outer clothing) and strip searches on school premises shall only be carried out by police officers in accordance with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) Code C.

Before calling the police into school, staff will assess and balance the risk of a potential strip search on the student's mental and physical wellbeing and the risk of not recovering the suspected item.

Staff will consider whether introducing the potential for a strip search through police involvement is absolutely necessary, and will always ensure that other appropriate, less invasive approaches have been exhausted first.

Once the police are on school premises, the decision on whether to conduct a strip search lies solely with them. The school will advocate for the safety and wellbeing of the student(s) involved. Staff retain a duty of care to the student involved and should advocate for student wellbeing at all times.

Communication and Record-Keeping

Where reasonably possible and unless there is an immediate risk of harm, staff will contact at least 1 of the student's parents to inform them that the police are going to strip search the student before strip search takes place, and ask them if they would like to come into school to act as the student's appropriate adult. If the school can't get in touch with the parents, or they aren't able to come into school to act as the appropriate adult, a member of staff can act as the appropriate adult (see below for the role of the appropriate adult).

The student's parents will always be informed by a staff member once a strip search has taken place. The school will keep records of strip searches that have been conducted on school premises, and monitor them for any trends that emerge.

Who will be Present

For any strip search that involves exposure of the body parts, there will be at least 2 people present other than the student, except in urgent cases where there is risk of serious harm to the student or others.

One of these must be the appropriate adult, except if:

- The student explicitly states in the presence of an appropriate adult that they do not want an appropriate adult to be present during the search, **and**
- The appropriate adult agrees

If this is the case, a record will be made of the student's decision and it will be signed by the appropriate adult.

No more than 2 people other than the student and appropriate adult will be present, except in the most exceptional circumstances.

The appropriate adult will:

- Act to safeguard the rights, entitlement and welfare of the student
- Not be a police officer or otherwise associated with the police
- Not be the headteacher
- Be of the same sex as the student, unless the student specifically requests an adult who is not of the same sex

Except for an appropriate adult of a different sex if the student specifically requests it, no one of a different sex will be permitted to be present and the search will not be carried out anywhere where the student could be seen by anyone else.

Care after a Strip Search

After any strip search, the student will be given appropriate support, irrespective of whether any suspected item is found. The student will also be given the opportunity to express their views about the strip search and the events surrounding it.

As with other searches, the school will consider whether the student may be suffering or likely to suffer harm and whether any further specific support is needed (due to the reasons for the search, the search itself, or the outcome of the search).

Staff will follow the school's safeguarding policy and speak to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The DSL will consider if, in addition to pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Any student(s) who have been strip searched more than once and/or groups of students who may be more likely to be subject to strip searching will be given particular consideration, and staff will consider any preventative approaches that can be taken.

7.7 Off-site Misbehaviour

Sanctions may be applied where a student has misbehaved off-site when representing the school. This means misbehaviour when the student is:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity (e.g. school trips)
- Travelling to or from school
- Wearing school uniform
- In any other way identifiable as a student of our school

Sanctions may also be applied where a student has misbehaved off-site, at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, if the misbehaviour:

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- Poses a threat to another student
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the school

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the student is under the lawful control of a staff member (e.g. on a school-organised trip).

7.8 Online Misbehaviour

The school can issue behaviour sanctions to students for online misbehaviour when:

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

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the student is under the lawful control of a staff member.

7.9 Suspected Criminal Behaviour

If a student is suspected of criminal behaviour, the school will make an initial assessment of whether to report the incident to the police.

[When to call the Police, Guidance for Schools](#)

When establishing the facts, the school will endeavour to preserve any relevant evidence to hand over to the police.

If a decision is made to report the matter to the police, a member of the pastoral team will make the report.

The school will not interfere with any police action taken. However, the school may continue to follow its own investigation procedure and enforce sanctions, as long as it does not conflict with police action.

If a report to the police is made, a member of the pastoral team will make a tandem report to children's social care, if appropriate.

7.10 Zero-Tolerance approach to Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence

The school will ensure that all incidents of sexual harassment and/or violence are met with a suitable response, and never ignored.

Students are encouraged to report anything that makes them uncomfortable, no matter how 'small' they feel it might be.

The school's response will be:

- Proportionate
- Considered
- Supportive
- Decided on a case-by-case basis

The school has procedures in place to respond to any allegations or concerns regarding a child's safety or wellbeing. These include clear processes for:

- Responding to a report
- Carrying out risk assessments, where appropriate, to help determine whether to:
 - o Manage the incident internally
 - o Refer to early help
 - o Refer to children's social care
 - o Report to the police

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information.

7.11 Malicious Allegations

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

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

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

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

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information on responding to allegations of abuse against staff or other students.

8. Serious sanctions

8.1 Detention

Students can be issued with detentions during breaks or after school. The school will decide whether it is necessary to inform the student's parents.

When imposing a detention, the school will consider whether doing so would:

- Compromise the student's safety
- Conflict with a medical appointment
- Prevent the student from getting home safely
- Interrupt the student's caring responsibilities

8.2 Removal from Classrooms

In response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy, the school may remove the student from the classroom for a limited time.

Students who have been removed will continue to receive education under the supervision of a member of staff that is meaningful, but it may differ from the mainstream curriculum.

Removal is a serious sanction and will only be used in response to serious misbehaviour. Staff will only remove students from the classroom once other behavioural strategies have been attempted, unless the behaviour is so extreme as to warrant immediate removal.

Removal can be used to:

- Restore order if the student is being unreasonably disruptive
- Maintain the safety of all students
- Allow the disruptive student to continue their learning in a managed environment
- Allow the disruptive student to regain calm in a safe space

Students will not be removed from classrooms for prolonged periods of time without the explicit agreement of the headteacher.

Students should be reintegrated into the classroom as soon as appropriate and safe to do so. The school will consider what support is needed to help a student successfully reintegrate into the classroom and meet the expected standards of behaviour.

Parents will be informed on the same day that their child is removed from the classroom.

The school will consider an alternative approach to behaviour management for students who are frequently removed from class, such as:

- Meetings with members of the Inclusion team
- Use of teaching assistants
- Short term behaviour report cards
- Long term behaviour plans
- Time in the Student Support Unit
- Multi-agency assessment
- Referrals to intervention groups

Staff will record all incidents of removal from the classroom along with details of the incident that led to the removal, and any protected characteristics of the student in the behaviour log.

8.3 Suspension and Permanent Exclusions

The school can use suspension and permanent exclusion in response to serious incidents or in response to persistent poor behaviour, which has not improved following in-school sanctions and interventions.

- The decision to suspend or exclude will be made by the headteacher and only as a last resort.
- Please refer to our exclusions policy for more information.

9. Responding to misbehaviour from students with SEND

9.1 Recognising the impact of SEND on Behaviour

The school recognises that students' behaviour may be impacted by a special educational need or disability (SEND).

When incidents of misbehaviour arise, we will consider them in relation to a student's SEND, although we recognise that not every incident of misbehaviour will be connected to their SEND. Decisions on whether a student's SEND had an impact on an incident of misbehaviour will be made on a case-by-case basis.

When dealing with misbehaviour from students with SEND, especially where their SEND affects their behaviour, the school will balance their legal duties when making decisions about enforcing the behaviour policy. The legal duties include:

- Taking reasonable steps to avoid causing any substantial disadvantage to a disabled student caused by the school's policies or practices (Equality Act 2010)
- Using our best endeavours to meet the needs of students with SEND (Children and Families Act 2014)
- If a student has an education, health and care (EHC) plan, the provisions set out in that plan must be secured and the school must co-operate with the local authority and other bodies

As part of meeting these duties, the school will anticipate, as far as possible, all likely triggers of misbehaviour, and put in place support to prevent these from occurring.

Any preventative measures will take into account the specific circumstances and requirements of the student concerned.

Possible measures could include:

- Short, planned movement breaks for a student with SEND who finds it difficult to sit still for long
- Adjusting seating plans to allow a student with visual or hearing impairment to sit in sight of the teacher
- Adjusting uniform requirements for a student with sensory issues or who has severe eczema
- Training for staff in understanding conditions such as autism
- Use of Student Support Rooms where students can regulate their emotions during a moment of sensory overload

9.2 Adapting Sanctions for students with SEND

When considering a behavioural sanction for a student with SEND, the school will take into account:

- Whether the student was unable to understand the rule or instruction?
- Whether the student was unable to act differently at the time as a result of their SEND?
- Whether the student is likely to behave aggressively due to their particular SEND?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, it may be unlawful for the school to sanction the student for the behaviour.

The school will then assess if it is appropriate to use a sanction and if so, whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made to the sanction.

9.3 Considering whether a student displaying challenging behaviour may have unidentified SEND

The school's special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) may evaluate a student 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 student, 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.

9.4 students with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan

The provisions set out in the EHC plan must be secured and the school will co-operate with the local authority and other bodies.

If the school has a concern about the behaviour of a student with an EHC plan, it will make contact with the local authority to discuss the issue. If appropriate, the school may request an emergency review of the EHC plan.

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10. Supporting students following a sanction

Following a sanction, the school will consider strategies to help students to understand how to improve their behaviour and meet the expectations of the school.

This could include measures such as:

- Reintegration meetings
- Daily contact with a member of the Inclusion Team
- A report card with personalised goals

11. student transition

11.1 Inducting incoming students

- The school will support incoming students to meet behaviour standards by offering an induction process to familiarise them with the behaviour policy and the wider school culture.

11.2 Preparing outgoing students for transition

To ensure a smooth transition to the next year, students have transition sessions with their new teacher(s). In addition, staff members hold transition meetings.

To ensure behaviour is continually monitored and the right support is in place, information related to student behaviour issues may be transferred to relevant staff at the start of the term or year.

12. Training

As part of their induction process, our staff are provided with regular training on managing behaviour, including training on effective ways to manage and build relationship and managing including training on:

- The needs of the students at the school
- How SEND and mental health needs impact behaviour

Behaviour management will also form part of continuing professional development.

13. Monitoring arrangements

13.1 Monitoring and evaluating school behaviour

The school will collect data on the following:

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

The data will be analysed every term by the Assistant Head teacher for Behaviour.

The data will be analysed from a variety of perspectives including:

- At school level
- By age group
- At the level of individual members of staff
- By time of day/week/term
- By protected characteristic
- The school will use the results of this analysis to make sure it is meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010. If any trends or disparities between groups of students are identified by this analysis, the school will review its policies to tackle it.

13.2 Monitoring this policy

This behaviour policy will be reviewed by the head teacher and the full governing board at least annually, or more frequently, if needed, to address findings from the regular monitoring of the behaviour data (as per section 13.1). At each review, the policy will be approved by the Head teacher.

The written statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1) will be reviewed and approved by the full governing board annually.

14. Links with other policies

This behaviour policy is linked to the following policies:

- Exclusions policy
- Child protection and safeguarding policy
- Positive Handling policy
- Mobile phone policy
- Anti-bullying and Respect policy

Appendix 1: written statement of behaviour principles

- Every student understands they have the right to feel safe, valued and respected, and to be able to learn free from the disruption of others
- All students, staff and visitors are free from any form of discrimination
- Staff and volunteers set an excellent example to students at all times
- Rewards, sanctions and reasonable force are used consistently by staff, in line with the behaviour policy
- The behaviour policy is understood by students and staff
- The exclusions policy explains that exclusions will only be used as a last resort, and outlines the processes involved in suspensions and exclusions
- Students are helped to take responsibility for their actions
- Families are involved in behaviour incidents to foster good relationships between the school and students' home life

The governing board also emphasises that violence or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated in any circumstances.

This written statement of behaviour principles is reviewed and approved by the full governing board annually.

Appendix 2

The Buckingham School Core Expectations

Staff Will	Students Will
Meet and greet students at the door, providing a safe environment in the corridors and the classroom.	Arrive on time, quietly and enter the classroom silently. Be equipped and ready to settle quickly. If the member of staff is arriving from another room, students will wait outside and quietly line up.
Staff will ensure there is a 'Do Now Task' that students immediately complete.	Students will engage immediately with the task.
Staff will plan and deliver lessons that meet the needs of all.	Students will give their best at all times.
Staff will ensure the class is settled and the room is immaculate before dismissing students in an orderly manner.	Students will leave the room and enter the corridor quietly and move to their next lesson immediately.

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE



If a student's behaviour disrupts the learning or is inappropriate to ANY member of the school community, the following consequences should be applied:

Stage	Definition	Consequence	Actions and Ownership
0	Verbal warning and non-verbal warnings used to remind students of expectations.	0 behaviour points	Students are reminded of the teacher's expectations and gently encouraged to discontinue the behaviour they are displaying.
B1	Student is asked to step outside for a restore and repair conversation as a result of verbal and non-verbal warnings not having an impact No equipment. Uniform infringement. No homework for the first time (KS3 only)	1 behaviour point	Positively framed conversation in the corridor following repeated low-level disruption and failure to follow the code of conduct. Script available for staff to follow. B1 Recorded on G4S using 'drop-down' menu Monitored by Tutor/HOY. In the case of equipment, a B1 is issued but no conversation is needed.
B2	Being heard swearing. Lateness to lesson after the 3 movement time (up to 10 minutes). Lateness to school. Misuse of IT technology. Behaviour that causes concern at social times. Lack of homework for the second time (KS3 only)	10-minute class teacher detention at break time 2 behaviour points	Staff runs detention at break time. B2 Recorded on G4S using 'drop-down' menu Monitored by Tutor/HOY/CL Student is informed on the detention time and place.
B3	-Lack of cooperation. -Failing to attend a break time detention issued. -Mobile phone is seen or heard. -Lack of homework	50 minutes after school detention 3 behaviour points	B3 Recorded on G4S inc details by teacher. student attends after school detention. Teacher phones/emails home to inform parents. Monitored by Tutor/HOY/CL In the case of lateness, a B3 is issued automatically but no removal takes place. Phone is handed over to the teacher and after school detention is issued. Phone given back to the student at the end of the school day.
B3 Class-room specific	On-going inappropriate behaviour which results in removal from the lesson Or 'Red Line' results in an immediate removal. Or Significant lateness to lesson (more than 10 minutes).	50 minute after school detention 3 behaviour points	Student is asked to leave the lesson and go to the removal room in Student Hub. B3 Recorded on G4S inc details by teacher. student attends after school detention. Teacher phones/emails home to inform parents. Monitored by Tutor/HOY/CL
B4	On-going disruptive behaviour. student refuses to go to the removal room and/or significantly disrupts the new learning environment or refuses staff instructions. A serious incident. Truancy of a lesson or attempted truancy of a lesson. Refusal to hand over a mobile phone.	HOY/SLT parental contact 4 behaviour points SSU Day issued	B4 issued by the witnessing staff member and recorded with commentary on G4S. students are placed in SSU the following day. HOY informs parents. Monitored by HOY/CL/SLT
Referral for AHT for Behaviour/SLT			
B5	A significant incident. <i>Exceptional circumstances where, in the head teacher judgment, it is appropriate to PX a child for a first or 'one off' offense</i>	Possible sanctions: Fixed term suspension. Reintegration meeting held by HOY/SLT. SSU Day 5 behaviour points	B5 issued and recorded with commentary on G4S. HOY/SLT informs parents. Monitored by SLT/HOY Could also include a one off serious incident.