

**KING EDWARD VI
ACADEMY TRUST
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Behaviour, Attitudes and Rewards Policy

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Values:
Scholarship = Character - Community

BEHAVIOUR POLICY Statement of General Principles

Purpose:

We are all members of the KING EDWARD VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy and we believe that **"Everyone should act with courtesy and consideration to others at all times."**

We use the consistent language of being "Ready, Respectful and Calm" and this supports our students in ensuring they can self regulate and conduct themselves in a manner which is positive and purposeful. This ensures that all stakeholders are safe and allows for all students to reach their full potential.

BEING Ready means:

- Having all of our equipment
- Wearing the correct academy uniform
- Having our home study completed
- Our device should be charged and ready to use

BEING RESPECTFUL means:

- Valuing one another equally
- Treating one another as you would want to be treated
- Looking after property and the school environment
- Listening and valuing other peoples' ideas, feelings and beliefs • Being fair

Being CALM means:

- Movement around site should be safe and courteous
 - Listening to instructions and not disrupting one another
 - Reporting incidents of conflict to members of staff
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These Responsibilities will support the following RIGHTS

RIGHT TO RESPECT

- Everyone should be treated equally • Everyone should be able to say what they feel, to express their ideas and opinions and be listened to

RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE

- Everyone has a right to feel safe and that they are not going to be hurt in any way

This means we have a responsibility to treat everyone with respect. We should try to resolve conflict and seek help to facilitate this. We should never put people down but have a responsibility to see that everyone retains their dignity at all times. We also have a responsibility to report instances of bullying or to speak up if we feel that someone has been treated wrongly.

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Governors and Trustees

Staff should consider themselves responsible at all times for the praise and behaviour of students within sight or sound of them. Ignoring poor behaviour effectively condones it. Praising positive acts promotes an ethos of support and high standards.

- The academy's Behaviour Policy has been adopted by the Governing Body, following a review of the Behaviour policy in spring 2019
- The academy will communicate the Behaviour Policy to all new and existing students through academy rules, Code of Conduct, student planner, student newsletters, assemblies and within the curriculum wherever relevant.
- The academy will seek to ensure that the policy and procedures are accessible to parents/carers and students by providing these on the academy website.
- The academy will ensure that the staff are consulted regularly about the policy and its implementation.
- The academy has communicated the Behaviour Policy to all teaching and nonteaching staff by providing copies of the policy and through the Staff Induction Programme.

Our aim as staff at KING EDWARD VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy should be for discipline to be not so much what we do after something has gone wrong, but how we prevent things going wrong.

AIMS

1. To reward and praise our students when they demonstrate the VAA's 2. To encourage all students to follow an agreed set of principles of behaviour.
3. To support effective teaching and learning.
4. Maintain and further promote a positive and safe learning environment for staff and students.
5. Motivate students by regular use of praise and ensure that all students can receive recognition of their successes.
6. To follow a framework of recording and support for teaching and support staff, students and parents/carers.

PURPOSE

1. To provide consistency in a whole academy approach to behaviour.
2. To provide clear guidance for staff regarding suitable and acceptable practice.
3. To make all staff aware of support available protocols accessible to staff and students.
4. To promote a culture of fairness and equality for all.

IMPLEMENTATION: The Behaviour Policy of KING EDWARD VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy has, as its central focus, a Code of Conduct (Annex) that acts as a guiding principle and applies equally to students and staff.

The code must be displayed on the academy walls and in the student planner and it should be referred to when dealing with students in and out of the classroom. The Code has to apply in every setting - classroom, corridor, playground, school visits and the journey to and from the academy.

The classroom may also be a sports hall, a workshop, a laboratory, and the library or inclusion room. Curriculum Leaders must determine subject or context specific rules but certain general expectations apply.

When expectations are clearly spelt out students benefit from:

- Feelings of confidence from knowing how to behave
- Feelings of security about how others will behave
- Being able to concentrate on the task in hand

It covers all areas of behaviour within the community of the academy: -

- Constant expectations (always)
- Personal organisation
- In the classroom
- In the corridors
- In the canteen
- In the community

School systems and Social Norms

STANDARD ROUTINES FOR STAFF

It is the responsibility of every member of staff to establish clearly explained routines for each class so that the academy rules and expectations as stated in the Code of Conduct are consistently, insistent and persistently applied.

Staff should observe the following routines to consistently achieve the desired behaviour and learning outcomes:

- Arrive at all registrations and lessons **on time** and, if possible before the class.
 - Insist upon **an orderly** entry to and exit from the class – be visible at the doorway to the classroom.
 - Rituals and Routines following the HWGAframework should be adhered to.
 - Check basic expectations i.e. punctuality, uniform, relevant equipment, conduct each lesson, and address any issues that arise.
 - Refer frequently to the Code of Conduct, particularly the **core values**, in order to maintain a calm and working atmosphere.
 - Good behaviour is essential but needs to be taught. Therefore, **teach and regularly reinforce** the desired and necessary behaviour and routines for your lessons.
 - **Model** the behaviour that you would like to see from students.
 - Plan your lessons thoroughly using a **variety of teaching and learning styles** and resources to inspire, motivate and extend students. Interesting lessons set at the appropriate level and with appropriate challenge has a positive effect on behaviour. Similarly, boredom leads to misbehaviour.
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- Make sure work is marked regularly and feedback is given to students.
- Take suitable steps to **resolve issues** and an early stage to avoid escalation. Rewards and sanctions must always be appropriate, consistent and fair.
- **Take responsibility** for the maintenance of good behaviour in your classroom using support, where required, in addition to, but not instead of your own personal action.
- Take time to **develop positive working relationships** at every opportunity both in and out of lessons.

PROTOCOLS FOR REWARDS

We should actively seek every opportunity to praise our students, both in and out of school. Responding positively is a great motivator for students. This can be verbal praise, written comments in exercise books or student planner.

Rewards to include: -

- Rewards to accumulate and tariff system implemented for awards .
- Work put on display, laminated photographs, newspaper reports; the termly newsletter should celebrate student achievement.
- Certificates for attendance.
- Half-termly and annual rewards for excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour.
- Reward visits/excursions for excellent behaviour and attendance.
- Prizes for competitions.
- Headteacher's award.
- Phone call home.
- Departmental postcards home.
- Use of the academy's reporting system to comment positively on academic achievements and also other aspects of conduct and performance in school.
- Letters home for achieving or exceeding target grades
- Post 16 students are offered rewards and incentives in the same way as younger students. These are for both in academy effort and success as well as extra-curricular and voluntary work.
- Awarding of house points.
- Certificates and badges for positive behaviour points, bronze, silver, gold and platinum
- Vouchers for gold and platinum awards
- Air pods for top 10 students to exceed 500 positives

Our rewards system focus on Values Attitudes and Attributes and students are praised and recognised for displaying these.

The tariff system below outlines the awards that students can accumulate.


120 points – Bronze badge/certificate/phone call home by form tutor

180 points – Silver badge/certificate/phone call/10% off trip -HOY phone call home

220 points – Gold badge/certificate/£10 voucher/ phone call home from Pastoral Manager or Deputy Head

260 points – Platinum badge/certificate/£20 voucher/ phone call home by the Headteacher

We emphasise the importance of praise and rewards at the academy. This ensures there is a positive climate for learning and our standards are an expectation for all.



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REWARDS

120 POINTS- BRONZE
Bronze badge, certificate and phone call home from form tutor.

180 Points- SILVER,
Silver badge, certificate, phone call home from Head of year/pastoral manager

220 Points- GOLD
Gold badge, certificate, phone call home from Mrs Dingwall/Miss Takhar and £10 voucher

260 points- PLATINUM
Platinum badge, certificate, phone call home from Mr Riaz, and £20 voucher

READY RESPECTFUL CALM



SANCTIONS

Teachers should have the right to teach effectively and students should have a positive attitude to their learning. Students at the academy have a right to be in a positive and stimulating environment that nurtures their passion for learning. Being Ready, Respectful and Calm is the consistent approach we all need to work towards. Following is a list of behaviours and possible sanctions

Standards/Behaviour

Below are the behaviour codes that will be used to log and sanction different behaviour choices. The severity of each incident will accumulate points and in some instances warrant a period of time in the "reflection room" or in more serious cases will lead to a fixed term exclusion.

Not yet Ready	Not yet Respectful	Not yet Calm
R1 Eating/drinking 1	R5 Electronic Devices -2	C1- Disruption -2
R2 Equipment/Uniform -1	R7 Missed Detention -3	C2- Movement around site -2
R3 Late -1	R8 Bullying (subcategories) -3	
R4 Truancy -1	R9 Abuse (subcategories) -3	
R6 Missing home study -1	R10 Vandalism -3	
	R11 Prohibited items - 3(subcategories)	

Where sanctions are found to be necessary in order to establish boundaries and ensure that all students are able to learn and progress, the focus will always be on supporting the student in working to improve unacceptable standards of behaviour and attitude. Sanctions are to be applied in order to support and promote positive behaviour and learning.

Sanctions should be used fairly.

Detention Processes:

The detention process also includes sanctions for persistent punctuality issues.

- For any student who is late to period 1, which begins promptly at 8.45am, we will issue a **same day 30-minute detention**.
- The detention will take place in school from 3.15pm until 3.45pm.
- Parents/guardians will be informed that this detention is taking place via email and/or text message by 11.15am on the day.

We encourage students to be on site no later than 8.35am so that they are seated and ready to start their first lesson promptly at 8.45am.

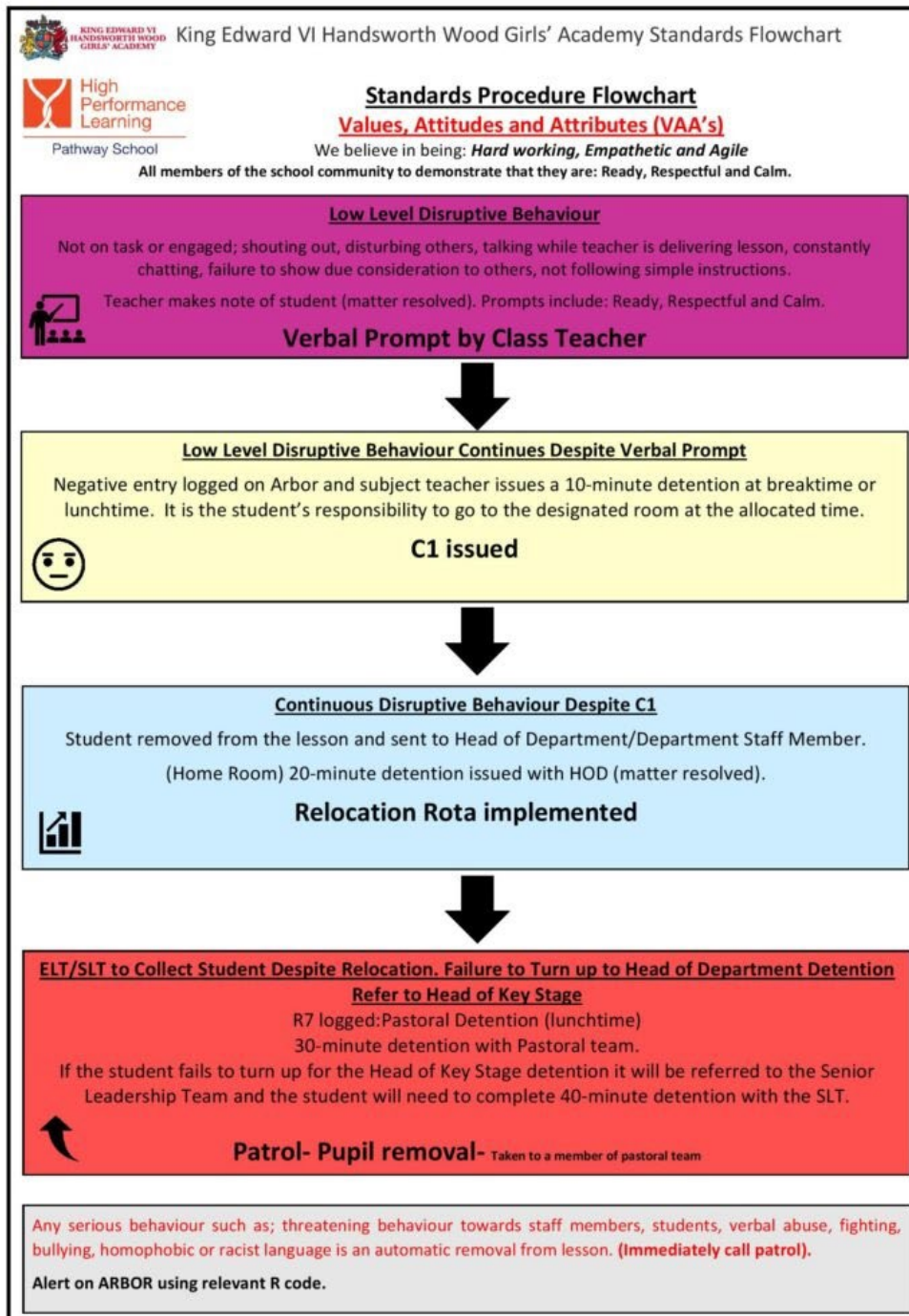
We are looking at the following structure for sanctions.

- 1 late - email/text and 30 min detention same day
- 2 lates- 30 min detention same day and a LETTER posted home
- 3 lates- 30 min detention same day as normal- HOY phone call and logged
- following this will need to be HOY meetings with parents

THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES

It must be understood that violence of any kind is never acceptable at Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy and will be dealt with severely, most likely resulting in exclusion. The bringing of knives or other offensive weapons into school will result in permanent exclusion. It is important to note that the same procedures apply to our sixth form students.

Procedures to support positive choices



Processes to support students with SEND

We at HWGA have created a positive behaviour policy that support the management and development of behaviour for learning for all our students.

Guidance

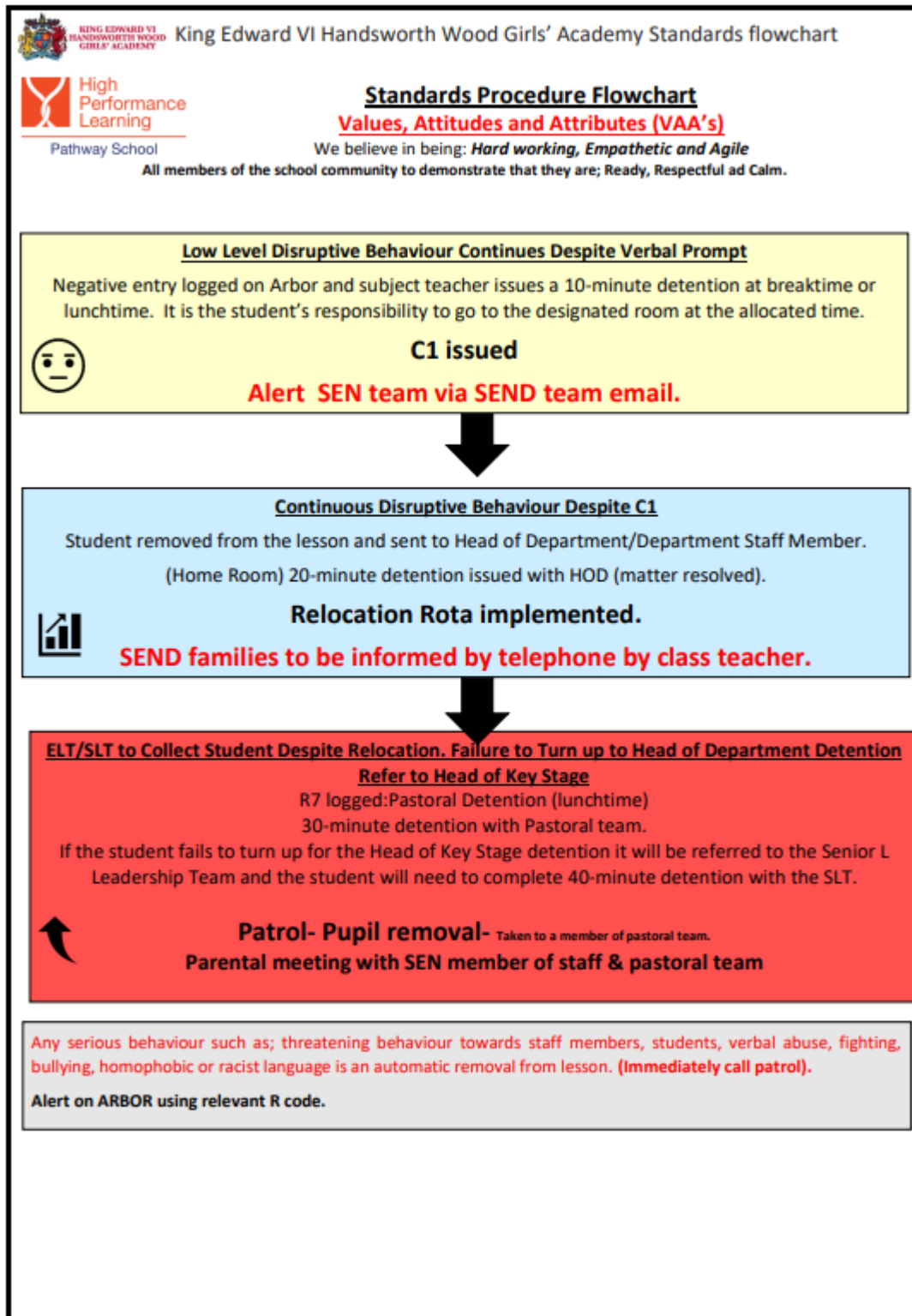
- It is important that staff know who the Special Education Needs (SEN) students are and follow the approach outlined in either their behavioural plan or pupil profile.
- Staff must use these plans to ensure they are following the right approach for the right student whilst maintaining consistent procedures with pupils.

Action

- When following Academy procedures initially offer a discrete verbal warning.
- If you teach SEN students have a classroom checklist for expectations that is visible to all students.
- Ensure work is set at the appropriate levels
- Check on all student's, invisibility is not an option

Process When dealing with SEN students consider

- Consistent background noise
- Use of visual cues



Positive Report / HOY / Pastoral Manager / SLT monitoring
Gradient of support / reports

When a student accumulates the number of behaviour points, they get placed on the report. Each report warrants a phone call home to parents to inform them and discuss the reasons why.

All reports will be communicated with teaching staff, so they are aware who is on report and what report they are on.

The tariff for reports is as follows:

25 negatives:

Positive form tutor report.

This will be with the form tutor.

Expectations:

- Report will run for 4 weeks
- Form tutor to contact home via email or phone call to inform parents
- Form tutor to see report once a day during/after form
- Space for the student to reflect will be put on the back of the report. The student needs to complete this each day during / after form.
- Any negative comments, incomplete report, lost report – automatic pastoral detention

50 negatives:

HOY/Pastoral Manager report

This will be with HOY/Pastoral Manager

Expectations:

- Report will run for 4 weeks
- Space for the student to reflect will be put on the back of the report. The student needs to complete this each day during / after form
- Parental meeting prior to report starting
- Interventions for support such as mentoring referral to TTFE/ALI/SIN
- Any negative comments, incomplete report, lost report – automatic pastoral detention

75 negatives:

Pastoral Care Manager Report / Pastoral Support Plan

This will be with Pastoral Care Manager

Expectations:

- Report will run for 4-6 weeks
- Meet with Pastoral Care Manager 3 times – break, lunch and during/after form
- Letter sent to parents to invite for parental meeting in school
- Any negative comments, incomplete report, lost report – automatic pastoral detention

Still no improvement / 100+ negatives:

SLT report

This will be with Deputy Head / Assistant Head

Expectations:

- Parental meeting in school
- Possible 2 week placement or managed move if no improvements
- Report to Deputy Head / Assistant Head 3 times a day – break, lunch and during/after form
- Mentoring essential
- Any negative comments, incomplete report, lost report – automatic pastoral detention

If the pastoral team feel a two-week placement at another Education Provider will benefit the student, this can be actioned at any point during the Academic Year in agreement with families.

Behaviour Contracts and Home school agreement

The purpose of a behaviour contract is to ensure that at this stage all parties are clear that there is a risk of managed move or permanent exclusion due to repeated poor behaviour. The contract is to be signed by the school/parents/carers and the student. The contract will include specific targets and expectations. Should these not be followed, the student has not fulfilled their responsibility.

The home school agreement is to be adhered to by the Academy, student, and families and these are made clear at the start of each Academic Year.

Child on Child abuse

Definition;

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Child on child abuse is physical, sexual, and/or psychological maltreatment of another child or children, especially by another child often classified as a peer. Child on child abuse may result in actual or potential harm to a child and can occur anywhere, including the organizations, schools, or communities the child interacts with.

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Child-on-child abuse includes, but is not limited to:

- physical and sexual abuse
 - sexual harassment and violence
 - emotional harm
 - on and offline bullying
 - teenage relationship abuse
 - grooming children for sexual and criminal exploitation.
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At HWGA we regularly cover topics of this nature to ensure our students and staff are aware of boundaries and the implications of abuse. These are delivered through drop down days and throughout PSHE curriculum.

We ensure that support is given to both the victim and perpetrator following any sanctions and investigations' to support their understanding for the future.

Actions taken by the academy

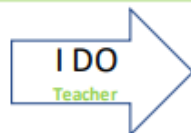
- Students kept separated • Logged
 - Parents/carers informed
 - Investigated
 - Sanction according following schools' behaviour policy where appropriate
 - Education for both the perpetrator and victim
 - Intervention and support provided where appropriate for both parties
 - Risk assessment for students who may pose a risk where appropriate
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HWGA Framework – Climate for Learning

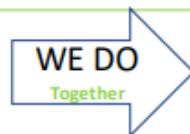


DO NOW: THRESHOLD- staff **READY** to greet students. Students enter (**CALM**) uniforms checked and DO NOW task is started once the students are in their designated seating plan. During this time teachers should ensure the register is submitted accurately. Circulate using IPAD and ensure you are logged into securely/Apple classrooms.



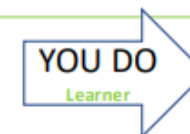
Teacher
Track me
“Hands up and eyes” to me to reengage if necessary

Learner
No talking
Track the teacher
READY
RESPECTFUL
CALM 10 mins



Teacher
Turn and Talk
Talking frame provided to ensure students are focused and engaged
Circulate
“Hands up eyes to me” to re-engage

Learner
Follow talking frame
RESPECTFUL
Track the teacher when prompt is heard 10 mins



Teacher
Circulate using Ipad
Silence
Exit – Check uniform
Dismissed in a **CALM** and orderly way

Learner
Focused and on task
Exit- Stand behind seats 20-25 mins



TURN & TALK: Students should be provided with a “talking frame” to ensure they are engaged and on task. Students should be asked to “track me” or “hands up eyes to me” to re-engage. Teacher to circulate and correct any common misconceptions if required. The activity should be timed and prompts given.



BLENDED LEARNING: Devices out on desks (use Securely/Apple Classroom to monitor on staff ipad)

DO NOW: Tasks should be on TEAMS **READY** to begin the lesson. Staff should be taking the register and ensuring students are meeting standards- punctual/uniform and equipment checks can happen in this time. Circulate using ipad.

WE DO: Turn and Talk activities should be structured and teachers should circulate to ensure students are focused and on task. This also allows teachers to ensure that misconceptions are rectified but also to ensure that each student has the opportunity to vocalise during this segment of the lesson.

YOU DO: Teacher should circulate and insist on silence. Apple classrooms/securely should be used to ensure students are on task. Upon exit from the classroom- teachers should ask students to stand behind their seats and ensure that the students are **READY RESPECTFUL** and **CALM** on exit from the lesson.

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KING EDWARD VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy Mobile Phones Policy

Statement:

Mobile phones are banned within KING EDWARD VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy because of the negative effect on student learning and wellbeing.



To ensure that the policy is clear, Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy has implemented basic principles which are listed below.

- Mobile phones should be 'off and away' at all times, any phone seen or heard will be confiscated, this includes phones on display and in shirt pockets etc.
- The first instance that a mobile phone is heard or seen, it will be confiscated and put in the school safe in a named envelope until the end of the week, parents will need to come in and collect it.
- Restriction is in place at all times while students are in the grounds and buildings of the school, this includes when students arrive and leave at the end of the day. Phones should be away before students enter the school grounds and not accessed until they have left the site
- Should students wish to use their phone at the end of the day to contact parents/carers with any concerns or for collection following school based activities they are to report to their Key Stage hub or reception where a telephone call will be made.
- Should you wish to contact your child during the day you will need to call the school Reception and speak to your child's Head of Year or a Pastoral Manager on 0121 544 8122 and they will ensure the message gets to your child. Arrangements can also be made for your child to speak to you on a phone in exceptional circumstances

Any misuse of social media will result in mobile phones being confiscated and kept for a long period of time pending investigation. In some serious cases this could result in a police investigation.

Student behaviour when using Digital Technology

- When teacher is demonstrating/instructing, device should not be used, placed on the desk with case closed if necessary to avoid distractions.
- Time should not be wasted logging on, this should be done at the beginning of the academy day with devices kept on standby as necessary.
- Devices should look after the device, in terms of vandalism and damage.
- Devices should only be used as instructed, with appropriate software/web site used.
- Students should not be able to use devices in examinations/tests if not appropriate.
- Device to remain in the bag if not needed during the lesson.
- Devices placed in student bag at the end of each lesson, to avoid damage in corridors.

PROTOCOL FOR RECORDING BEHAVIOUR

The academy uses the Arbor Behaviour system to record all positive and negative behaviour. Each positive example of behaviour will be awarded 1-3 plus points, each negative example of behaviour will be awarded 1-3 negative points. All staff both teaching and support staff should access and use this recording system to record behaviour events.

Form Tutors, Heads of Year, Heads of Faculty, Head of Key Stage 3 and 4, Key Stage 3 and 4 Pastoral Support Manager and Deputy Headteacher of Pastoral and Standards will be emailed a daily behaviour report.

Detailed analysis of all codes entered is carried out each week. This is used to:

- Analyse the trends in codes.
- Identify decreased or increased incidents of a particular behaviour.
- Monitor staff use of the system and identify classes that may need additional support.
- Develop teaching and learning strategies that can be shared
- Inform parents/carers when necessary
- Students who receive three negative entries in a week will be issued with an after school Leadership detention

Class teacher action includes: -

- Discussion between teacher and student to resolve the situation.
 - Consider rearranging seating plan.
 - Report and target setting to a member of staff (Faculty, Department, Form Tutor or Pastoral team).
 - Break/lunchtime detention (student must be able to have lunch).
 - Completion of report for Behaviour followed up with incident report if necessary.
 - After school detention (10 minutes without notice)
 - Referral to HoD or HoF for advice/support.
 - Referral to Form Tutor or Head of Year.
 - Class teachers use the Behaviour Standards Flowchart to manage behaviour:
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SEN/D specific:

Head of Department/Faculty action includes: -

- Conversation with student
- Departmental sanction or detention
- Letter or telephone call to parent/carer (must inform HoY/HoKS) - Change of teaching group
- Advice from Additional Needs Co-ordinator
- Referral to FT/HoY for information/action

Form Tutor actions include: -

- Contact via phone/email/meetings with student / families
- Detention
- Referral to HOY
- Referral to mentoring

Head of Year action includes: -

- React to and support teacher referrals re students
- Work in conjunction with HoKS and or Pastoral support Manager KS3 or KS4
- Informative letters/phone calls home and meetings set up between the student, Parents/Carers and appropriate members of staff
- Use of Reflection Room (a dedicated room for students to reflect on their behaviour. They will have the opportunity to discuss what happened and work through strategies to prevent a repeat occurrence).
- Referral to behaviour mentor or external mentoring service that works in school

Deputy Headteacher – Pastoral Care includes: - - Follow-up advice/Support and management in all of the above

- Advice/support/action re: Reflection Room/Fixed Term/Permanent exclusion.
 - Support with parental interviews.
 - Advice, support, guidance Re: Behaviour/SEN/Multi-Agency. - Co-ordination of pastoral support programmes - Engagement of additional support agencies.
 - Co-ordination of Governors Disciplinary Panel for a final warning - Co-ordination of Governors Exclusion Panel.
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SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR STUDENTS

Where a student finds themselves in receipt of sanctions, they will be supported by a number of means to ensure that they can make the necessary improvements to be able to access their learning.

Where sanctions are found to be necessary in order to establish boundaries and ensure that all students are able to learn and progress, the focus will always be on supporting the student in working to improve unacceptable standards of behaviour and attitude. Sanctions are to be applied in order to support and promote positive behaviour and learning.

Sanctions should be used fairly and could include:

- Peer Mediation via the Student Welfare Team
- Referral to the Health and Wellbeing Lead
- Department report
- Tutor report
- Pastoral Care Manager report
- PSP – Pastoral Support Plan
- SLT report
- Mentoring internal and/or external
- Reflection room
- Fixed Term Exclusion
 - Behaviour Contract via the Head Teacher following an exclusion
 - Inclusion Room
- Alternative provision/fixed term respite at another school
- Managed Move (North West Sharing Panel)
- Governors' Behaviour Appeals Panel

THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES

It must be understood that violence of any kind is never acceptable at Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy and will be dealt with severely, most likely resulting in exclusion. The bringing of knives or other offensive weapons into school will result in permanent exclusion.

It must also be understood that the school will take seriously any allegations against staff. However, all allegations MUST be proven and any false or malicious allegations will result in permanent exclusion and the likely involvement of the police.

The carrying of mobile electronic technologies is **not** allowed. Any student found to be using any of these items will have them confiscated by staff, secured and later returned to a parent/carer by appointment.

Training and Professional Development for all Staff

A variety of teaching strategies promote positive behaviour in the classroom.

Behaviour management training is ongoing and reviewed to ensure that it is appropriate to the needs of staff and the academy. This will include induction of new staff to current procedures and policies, training for all staff on changes to current procedures for instance new discipline reports, on/off site by experts as appropriate.

Relevant information and training on behaviour management matters is available to all groups of staff, including:

- Support staff (e.g. Teaching Assistants)
- Newly qualified teachers during their formal induction period
- Students undertaking programmes of initial teacher training
- Supply teachers
- Class teachers (there are many different strategies that can be used to improve classroom behaviour). Heads of Key Stage, Heads of Year, Pastoral Manager, Pastoral Leader, Pastoral Care Manager the Deputy Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher of Behaviour and Attendance are willing to assist with this as needed. There are opportunities to observe other teachers, have input on different teaching and learning styles that could help to improve classroom management.
- The academy undertakes annual reviews of the continuous professional development needs of all staff.
- Opportunities are provided for relevant staff to develop their knowledge and skills in relation to such issues as
 - Implementing the academy's Behaviour Policy
 - Continuous referral to the Code of Conduct which is in the student planners and are on posters in every classroom. - Logging and recording of incidents
 - Lunchtime supervision
 - Classroom management
 - Student Welfare support
- Equal opportunities and anti-discrimination
- Techniques for promoting positive behaviour

In issuing negative consequences to correct unacceptable behaviour the following guidelines must be observed:

- Use a variety of sanctions that are appropriate to the offence.
 - Use a staged approach so that action is appropriate to the severity of the misbehaviour.
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- Adopt a positive approach and positive language so that appropriate behaviour is taught, re-enforced and understood by the student.
- Allow pupils the opportunity to explain their actions as part of the process of improving their understanding of appropriate and acceptable behaviour.
- Avoid humiliation as this causes resentment.
- Make sure that negative consequences are not escalated until the early stage sanctions have been applied.
- Accept responsibility for the issue and follow through of sanctions.
- Seek support if required but never relinquish your own responsibility to resolve the incident.
- Make sure that negative consequences are appropriate, fair, consistent, followed through.
- Avoid issuing statements/threats that you, as the teacher, are not empowered to carry out removing any incentive for the student to behave well.
- Avoid blanket or whole class sanctions that may punish students who are not involved.
- Do not punish that which cannot be proven.

INAPPROPRIATE SANCTIONS

The actions listed below are inappropriate and unacceptable and should not be employed as negative consequences:

- Corporal punishment or physical reprimand.
 - A consequence that is not related to the negative behaviour that has been displayed.
 - Moving to severe consequences before early stage sanctions have been used.
 - Standing a student outside a classroom, in a corridor or in unsupervised isolation or restricting liberty.
 - Whole class punishment should be avoided unless every pupil in the class has behaved unacceptably– otherwise innocent and well behaved pupils can be demotivated.
 - Inappropriate use of curriculum as a punishment i.e. extra maths, extra English, sending pupil on a run etc.
 - Exclusion of a pupil from a curriculum activity i.e. swimming, educational visit, work experience, class based activity is not appropriate unless on the grounds of potential health and safety.
 - Issuing statements/consequences that you, as the teacher, are not empowered to carry out which removes any opportunity for the pupil to behave well.
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Staff induction, development and support

Staff at the academy are given regular training and updates regarding behaviour management and ensuring our climate for learning is conducive to students attaining their personal best.

New staff have a comprehensive induction into our systems and protocols and Heads of department ensure they are supported within their teams. Heads of year also ensure that new staff have regular support to ensure we are consistent in our application of Rewards and Sanctions if required.

Staff also have regular professional development in terms of classroom behaviour management and this is calendared throughout the academic year. The Pastoral team conduct regular drop ins to ensure consistency and support is accessible to all staff.

Pastoral staff meet regularly to discuss developmental needs and attend courses that further enhance their practice.

Staff also have the opportunity to access our weekly “pastoral drop in sessions” with our Pastoral Manager to discuss particular students and how we can further support them but also to clarify any areas they feel they need to.

Teachers' Duty of Care

The teacher has a duty of care to exercise disciplinary control. Specifically this includes:

- the maintenance of good order and discipline among the students
- the safeguarding of students' health and safety.

These are duties required to ensure the efficient conduct of the education process and also to protect students against causing harm to themselves and to other students.

If one student causes injury to another, the teacher may bear a responsibility if it can be shown that the injury occurred as the result of the teacher's failure to maintain order.

Teachers have a discretionary **power to use force**. However, failure to take action (including failure to use reasonable force) could in some circumstances be argued as being a breach of the duty of care towards students.

A very great deal will depend upon the circumstances of the incident. Teachers cannot reasonably be expected to foresee every incident nor, of course, to be everywhere on the school premises at the same time.

A teacher is not under a duty to run the risk of personal injury by, for example, breaking up a fight, unless this can be done without the likelihood of harm to the teacher.

However, if an injured student was involved in misbehaviour, issues of contributory negligence may arise.

Power to Restrain Students

Under certain circumstances teachers are allowed to use reasonable force to control or restrain students. Teachers should:

- only use **reasonable force** in very specific circumstances
- exercise **caution in the use of force**
- make **accurate records** of incidents when force is used.

Use of reasonable force

Although teachers may not use corporal punishment as a disciplinary sanction, they and others, if authorised to do so by the Principal, may use such force as is reasonable to prevent a pupil from: • committing a criminal offence

- injuring themselves or others
- damaging property, including their own
- behaving in a way which is prejudicial to the good discipline and order of the college, whether in the classroom or elsewhere where the teacher has lawful control of a student.

The law distinguishes from corporal punishment any action by a teacher which averts the danger of a pupil causing personal injury or damage to property.

Reasonable force may also be used in exercising the statutory power, introduced by the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006, to search students without their consent for weapons. However, in situations where resistance is expected, the Academy reserves the right to call the police instead.

Definition of reasonable force

There is no legal definition of what constitutes “reasonable force”.

Force is usually used either to control or restrain and should always be “reasonable in the circumstances” –in other words, no more force should be used than is needed.

Control can either involve:

- passive measures, such as blocking a pupil's path
- actual physical contact, such as taking a student by the arm out of a classroom.

Restraint means to hold back physically or to bring a pupil under control. Typically this is used in more extreme cases where two fighting students refuse to separate without physical intervention. College staff will always avoid acting in a way that might result in injury to a student however, it is

recognised that this might not be possible in extreme cases. Situations where reasonable force might be justified include:

- violent behaviour by a student, eg fighting or attacking a member of staff or another student
 - acts of vandalism
- behaviour by a student, eg rough play, the misuse of objects or running in the corridors which is likely to cause personal injury or damage to property.
- An incident which seriously disrupts a lesson or other school event.

Power to Search Students - Banned Items

The Headteacher and authorised staff have the general power to use reasonable force to search, without consent, students if they suspect them to be carrying prohibited items. These include:

- knives and weapons
- alcohol
- illegal drugs
- legal highs
- stolen items
- tobacco/e-cigarettes
- fireworks
- pornographic images
- any article likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property.
 - Any students found with drugs or weapons: As per the new WMP guidelines, SIPOs will now be able to deal with drug and weapons crime directly.
 - As such, any student bringing a knife or other weapon into school will need to be arrested. A 999 call will be made. If there is no threat, it may be downgraded. Staff member who found the weapon will provide a statement.

Academy staff can seize any prohibited item found as a result of a search.

An **electronic detection wand** will be used to search a student or students suspected of carrying a weapon or knife. An electronic search will only be deemed necessary based on intelligence received. A dated record will be kept of all searches carried out.

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