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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-Academy approach to maintaining high standards of behaviour that reflect the values of the Academy.
- 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.
- Ensure that all members of the Academy community clearly understand what is expected of them.
- Foster a climate of mutual respect and personal responsibility.
- Set high expectations for the level of behaviour children are asked to display.
- Set clear understandable hierarchies of rewards and sanctions to encourage positive behaviour.
- Promote, among students, self-discipline and proper regard for authority
- Ensure that all children in MLT Academies behave to the highest individual standards possible.

2. LEGISLATION, STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND STATUTORY GUIDANCE

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

- [Behaviour and discipline in schools: advice for Principals and school staff, 2016](#)
- [Behaviour in schools: advice for Principals and school staff 2022](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education \(link to latest version\)](#)
- [Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England 2017](#)
- [Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement - 2022](#)
- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)
- [Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school](#)

It is also based on the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#).

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Schedule 1 of the [Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014](#); paragraph 7 outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, paragraph 9 requires a school to have a written behaviour policy and paragraph 10 requires the school to have an anti-bullying strategy.
- [DfE guidance](#) explaining that academies should publish their Behaviour Policy and anti-bullying strategy.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. DEFINITIONS

Misbehaviour is defined as that which does not, in itself cause harm or emotional damage to students or property but disrupts learning or the smooth running of the Academy. For example:

- Disruptive or distracting behaviour in lessons, at transition times, and /or at break and lunchtimes
- Non-completion of classwork or homework
- Poor attitude to learning
- Incorrect uniform

Serious misbehaviour is defined as any more serious breach of the behaviour code such as will seriously disrupt learning, and/or cause physical or emotional harm to other members of the Academy community:

- Repeated breaches of the Academy rules over a short or longer time period
- Any form of bullying and child-on-child abuse (including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory 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:
 - Sexual comments
 - Sexual jokes or taunting
 - Physical behaviour like interfering with clothes
 - Online sexual harassment, such as unwanted sexual comments and messages (including on social media), sharing of nude or semi-nude images and/or videos, or sharing of unwanted explicit content
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Fighting
- Smoking, vaping
- Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory behaviour
- Possession of any prohibited items. These are:
 - Knives or weapons
 - Alcohol
 - Illegal drugs
 - Stolen items
 - Tobacco, cigarette papers, vaping
 - 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

Bullying is defined in 'Preventing and Tackling Bullying: Advice for Principals and school staff' (DfE - July 2017) as:

'Behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally.'

'... bullying involves an imbalance of power between the perpetrator and the victim. This could involve perpetrators of bullying having control over the relationship which makes it difficult for those they bully to defend themselves.'

Bullying is, therefore:

- Deliberately hurtful
- Repeated, often over a period of time
- Difficult to defend against

Bullying can include:

TYPE OF BULLYING	DEFINITION
Emotional	Being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting
Physical	Hitting, kicking, pushing, taking another's belongings, any use of violence
Prejudice-based and discriminatory, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial • Faith-based • Gendered (sexist) • Homophobic/biphobic • Transphobic • Disability-based 	Taunts, gestures, graffiti or physical abuse focused on a particular characteristic (e.g. gender, race, sexuality)
Sexual	Explicit sexual remarks, display of sexual material, sexual gestures, unwanted physical attention, comments about sexual reputation or performance, or inappropriate touching
Direct or indirect verbal	Name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing
Cyber-bullying	Bullying that takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites

Our approach to robustly dealing with bullying in all its forms is outlined in the 'Anti-Bullying Policy' which can be found in the policies section of the Academy website.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

THE TRUST BOARD

Under Section 88(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (EIA), Governing Bodies must ensure that policies designed to promote good behaviour and discipline on the part of its students are pursued at a Trust/Academy.

Section 88(2) of the EIA requires the Governing Body (and therefore the Trust board as the legally responsible body)* to:

- Make, and from time-to-time review, a written statement of general principles to guide the Principals in determining measures to promote good behaviour and discipline amongst students.

- Notify the Principal and give him or her related guidance if the Board wants the Trust's behaviour policy to include particular measures or address particular issues.
- Before making their statement of principles, consult (in whatever manner they think appropriate) Executive Leaders, Principals, Academy staff, parents and students.
- Notify Executive Leaders and Principals that the following should be covered in the academy Behaviour Policy:
 - Screening and searching students (including identifying in the Academy rules items which are banned, and which may be searched for).
 - The power to use reasonable force or make other physical contact.
 - The power to discipline beyond the Academy premises gate.
 - Pastoral care for Academy staff accused of misconduct.
 - When a multi-agency assessment should be considered for students who display continuous disruptive behaviour.

In providing guidance the Board must not seek to hinder teachers' powers by including 'no searching' or 'no contact' policies, nor to restrict their power to discipline students for misbehaviour outside of the Academy.

*For the full legislative framework see section 2 of this policy.

THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Local Governance Committee is responsible for monitoring this Behaviour Policy's effectiveness and holding the Principal to account for its implementation.

EXECUTIVE LEADERS/PRINCIPAL/SENIOR LEADERS

Executive Leaders, the Principal and Senior Leaders are responsible for:

- Reviewing and approving this Behaviour Policy.
- Ensuring that the Academy environment encourages positive behaviour.
- Ensuring that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour.
- Monitoring how staff implement this policy to ensure rewards and sanctions are applied consistently to 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 Academy'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 Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy to offer students both sanctions and support when necessary.
- Ensuring that the data relating to behaviour is reviewed regularly, to make sure that no groups of students are being disproportionately impacted by this policy (see section 13).

TEACHERS AND STAFF

Staff are responsible for:

- Creating a calm and safe environment for students.
- Establishing and maintaining clear boundaries of acceptable student behaviour.
- Implementing the Behaviour Policy consistently.
- Communicating the Academy'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 Academy culture and how they can uphold Academy rules and expectations.
- Recording behaviour incidents promptly.
- Challenging students to meet the Academy's expectations.

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

PARENTS AND CARERS

Parents and carers, where possible, should:

- Get to know the Academy's Behaviour Policy and reinforce it at home where appropriate.
- Support their child in adhering to the Academy's Behaviour Policy.
- Inform the Academy 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 Academy directly, whilst continuing to work in partnership with the Academy.
- Take part in the life of the Academy and its culture.

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

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 the Academy.
- That they have a duty to follow the Behaviour Policy.
- The Academy'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 Academy'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 mid-phase arrivals.

6. ACADEMY BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM

At Maltby Learning Trust Academies we aim to provide a positive, safe learning environment in which students can thrive and develop into balanced, motivated individuals and effective learners. Central to this is the provision of a structured, positive learning environment, built on strong values of high expectations of behaviour, respect and self-discipline.

We aim to enable students to develop positive behaviour through the consistent explicit promotion of the Academy's Core Learning Characteristics (CLCs) (Primary) or Key Drivers and the Fully Invested Investment for Learning Criteria (Secondary) (**See Appendix 1 and 2**). These define the core behaviours and qualities needed for students to thrive as they move through the primary phase into secondary education or their secondary phase of education. These CLCs or Key Drivers and Investment for Learning criteria are promoted through rewards, the curriculum and Academy environment.

The Academy also explicitly teaches behaviour through routines, modelling, practice, and reinforcement. Behaviour expectations are revisited regularly through assemblies, tutor time, curriculum lessons, and induction sessions.

Finally, it is important to reward those who behave well. Most children respond well to praise and there is something worthy of praise in all children. However, it is important that children accept responsibility for their own actions through a clearly defined code of conduct understood by all.

In all disciplinary actions it is essential the child knows that it is the behaviour which is unacceptable, not the child as a person.

Students are expected to:

- Develop and display the Academy Core Learning Characteristics or Academy Key Drivers and Fully Invested Investment for Learning Criteria.
- Behave in an orderly and self-controlled way.
- Show respect to members of staff and each other.
- In class, make it possible for all students to learn.
- Move quietly around the building.
- Treat the Academy buildings and property with respect.
- Wear the correct uniform at all times.
- Accept sanctions when given.
- Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the Academy into disrepute, including when outside the Academy or online.

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

MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Primary

We do not allow students to use mobile phones in the Academy. However, we acknowledge that older children who are walking home by themselves carry mobile phones to and from the Academy for safety purposes, therefore Year 5 and 6 students are allowed to bring their phones into the Academy but must hand them in at the start of the Academy day.

Secondary

No student is permitted to use their mobile phone or any electronic device including head/earphones whilst on the premises.

Please see **Appendix 3** for the Academy specific expectations, rules and routines around mobile phones and electronic devices.

Incidents have occurred out of the Academy where postings have been put on social networking sites – parents/carers are reminded of the importance of supporting young people to understand how to use this technology responsibly and the very serious consequences that result in failing to do so.

There may be times when parents/carers need to get a message to their child about an emergency situation, for example, students:

- Who are responsible for picking up younger siblings from school and need to know about logistics changes.
- Who are young carers and their parent has been in an accident.

For situations like the above, the Academy Reception can be called. Reception will then in turn radio the 'on call' team who can relay a message to the child in school.

There may also be times where students who have medical needs, such as students with diabetes, who need their phones to monitor their blood sugar levels. Any medical needs would be discussed on an individual basis and form part of an Individual Health Care Plan.

7. RESPONDING TO BEHAVIOUR

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Teaching and support staff are responsible for setting the tone and context for positive behaviour within the Academy.

They will:

- Create and maintain a stimulating environment that encourages students to be engaged.
- Display the behaviour framework.
- Develop a positive relationship with students, which may include:
 - Greeting students in the morning/at the start of lessons

- Establishing clear routines
- Communicating expectations of behaviour in ways other than verbally
- Highlighting and promoting good behaviour
- Respond effectively and consistently to low-level disruption in line with Academy systems and routines
- Using positive reinforcement.

SAFEGUARDING

The Academy recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a student is in need of help or protection.

We will consider whether a student's misbehaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm.

The Academy recognises that harmful behaviour between peers can take many forms, including bullying, sexual harassment, physical abuse, initiation/hazing and coercive friendships. All child-on-child abuse will be treated seriously, never tolerated, and always investigated in line with the Safeguarding Policy

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 – please see the policies section of the Academy website.

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 Academy's culture and ethos.

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

See **Appendix 4** for a full outline of the Academy's approach to rewards.

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 the 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 from arising, such as the use of pre-arranged scripts and phrases.

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 meet behaviour standards in the future.

The Academy may use one or more of the following sanctions in response to unacceptable behaviour:

- A verbal reprimand and reminder of the expectations of behaviour.
- Removal of the student from the classroom.
- Expecting work to be completed at home, or at break or lunchtime (Primary Academies only).
- Detention.
- Referring the student to a senior member of staff.
- Letter or phone call home to parents/carers.
- Requiring the student to work in a supervised consequence room / removal room, away from their peers, for a fixed period of time.
- Agreeing a behaviour contract.
- Putting a student 'on report'.
- Suspension.
- Permanent exclusions, in the most serious of circumstances.

Please see **Appendix 5** for further details about the Academy's behaviour management system.

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.

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/carers (using CPOMS system)

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.

Where reasonable force is used, the staff member who used the reasonable force should inform the DSL and Principal without delay.

Full details of the Academy's approach to the use of reasonable force can be found within the 'Positive Handling Policy' in the policies section of the Academy website.

SEARCHING, SCREENING AND CONFISCATION

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

Confiscation

Any prohibited items (listed in section 3) 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 the student after a discussion with Senior Leaders and parents/carers, 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 Principal, or by the Principal 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 make sure a written record of the search is kept.

If the authorised member of staff considers a search to be necessary, but not required urgently, they will seek the advice of the Principal, 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 Principal, Vice Principal or DSL 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 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, desk or locker.

'Outer clothing' includes:

- Any item of clothing that isn't worn wholly next to the skin or immediately over underwear (e.g. a jumper or jacket being worn over a t-shirt)
- Hats, scarves, gloves, shoes or boots

Searching student's 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/carers

Parents/carers will always be informed of any search for a prohibited item (listed in section 3). A member of staff will tell the parents/carers 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 whether pastoral support, an Early Help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Strip searches (The Police ONLY)

Information about the **Police** conducting strip searches are detailed on pages 12 – 14 in the DfE's [guidance on searching, screening and confiscation](#).

A strip search is a search involving the removal of more than outer clothing. Strip searches on school premises can only be carried out by **Police Officers** under the [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(PACE\) Code A](#) and in accordance with the [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(PACE\) Code C. 12](#). While the decision to undertake the strip search itself and its conduct are Police matters, Academy staff retain a duty of care to the student(s) involved and should advocate for pupil wellbeing at all times.

Screening

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

No Maltby Learning Trust Academies use walk-through screening.

Hand held metal detectors (wands) are sometimes used with individual students.

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

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 Academy
- Poses a threat to another student
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the Academy

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

ONLINE MISBEHAVIOUR

The Academy 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 Academy
- It adversely affects the reputation of the Academy
- The student is identifiable as a member of the Academy

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

SUSPECTED CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR

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

When establishing the facts, the Academy 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, the Principal or an appropriate Senior Leadership Team member will make the report.

The Academy will not interfere with any Police action taken. However, the Academy 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, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will make a tandem report to children's social care, if appropriate.

ZERO-TOLERANCE APPROACH TO SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The Academy 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 Academy's response will be:

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

The Academy 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:
 - Manage the incident internally
 - Refer to Early Help
 - Refer to children's social care
 - Report to the Police

Please refer to our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy for more information which can be found in the policies section of the Academy website.

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 Academy 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 Academy 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 Academy (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 Academy will also consider the pastoral needs of staff and students accused of misconduct. Please refer to our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Allegations of Abuse Against Staff Policy for more information on responding to allegations of abuse against staff or other students.

8. SERIOUS SANCTIONS

For serious misbehaviours the Principal will use their professional judgement, based on the information below, as to the sanction which is used.

DETENTION

Students can be issued with detentions, including same day detentions.

The Academy will decide whether it is necessary to inform the student's parents/carer, however, the Academy does not need parental permission to issue a detention, including same day detentions.

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

- Compromise the student's safety
- Conflict with a medical appointment

See **Appendix 5** for further details about detentions.

REMOVAL FROM THE CLASSROOM

In response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy, the Academy 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, and wherever possible in line with the mainstream curriculum being delivered in class.

See **Appendix 5** for further details about classroom removals and the Academy's behaviour management system.

Removal is a serious sanction and will only be used in response to serious or persistent 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

Staff will record all incidents of removal from the classroom along with details of the incident that led to the removal in the behaviour log.

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

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

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

The Academy will consider an alternative approach to behaviour management for students who are frequently removed from class, which will be outlined in their Individual Behaviour Plan or IEP.

These could include:

- Meetings with pastoral staff
- Use of Teaching Assistants
- Short term behaviour report cards
- Long term behaviour plans
- Off-site direction
- Alternative Provision
- Multi-agency assessment
- Managed move

SUSPENSION AND PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS

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

The decision to suspend or exclude will be made by the Principal and only as a last resort. Please refer to our Suspension and Permanent Exclusions Policy, on the Academy website for more information.

9. RESPONDING TO MISBEHAVIOUR FROM STUDENTS WITH SEND

RECOGNISING THE IMPACT OF SEND ON BEHAVIOUR

The Academy recognises that students' behaviour may be impacted by a Special Educational Needs 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 Academy 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 Academy'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 Academy must co-operate with the Local Authority and other bodies.

As part of meeting these duties, the Academy 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. Any actions taken will be outlined in Individual Behaviour Plans, IEPs or SEND plans (including SEND Shorts).

ADAPTING SANCTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH SEND

When considering a behavioural sanction for a student with SEND, the Academy 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?

The Academy 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.

CONSIDERING WHETHER A STUDENT DISPLAYING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR MAY HAVE AN UNIDENTIFIED SEND

The Academy'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.

STUDENTS WITH AN EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE (EHC) PLAN

The provisions set out in the EHC plan must be secured and the Academy will co-operate with the Local Authority and other bodies.

If the Academy 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 Academy may request an emergency review of the EHC plan.

10. SUPPORTING STUDENTS FOLLOWING A SANCTION

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

This could include measures like:

- Reintegration meetings
- Daily contact with the Pastoral lead
- A report card with personalised behaviour goals
- Multi- agency assessment and support
- Alternative Provision

Please see **Appendix 6** for further details.

11. STUDENT TRANSITION

INDUCTING INCOMING STUDENTS

The Academy will support incoming students to meet behaviour standards by offering an induction process to familiarise them with the Behaviour Policy and the wider Academy culture.

PREPARING OUTGOING STUDENTS FOR TRANSITION

Primary

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.

Where a student moves school, to ensure a smooth transition, students will have transition sessions with their new school.

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.

Secondary

Where a student moves school, to ensure a smooth transition, students will have transition sessions with their new school.

To ensure behaviour is continually monitored and the right support is in place, information related to student behaviour issues will be transferred to the new school prior to their start date.

12. TRAINING

All staff will have access to regular training regarding the management of behaviour and more targeted CPD and professional support as issues arise. There will be a full review of the behaviour approach in each MLT Academy at least annually to ensure all staff are fully aware of the principles underpinning the application of rewards and sanctions within the Academy. Training will be built into the Academy's ongoing CPD programme and will be a combination of good practice and reactive/pre-emptive CPD.

As part of their induction process, our staff are provided with regular training on managing behaviour.

13. MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

MONITORING AND EVALUATING ACADEMY BEHAVIOUR

The Academy 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, Trustees and other stakeholders on their perceptions and experiences of the Academy's behaviour culture

The data will be analysed regularly by the Academy SLT and reported to Local Governors termly.

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

- At Academy level
- By age group
- At the level of individual members of staff
- By time of day/week/term

- By protected characteristic

The Academy will monitor and analyse behaviour data to identify and address any disproportionate patterns of sanctions or rewards across groups, particularly those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, including SEND, race, gender, and disadvantage. This ensures equity and fairness in the application of the Behaviour Policy

MONITORING THIS POLICY

This Behaviour Policy will be reviewed by Executive Leaders and Senior Leaders at least annually, or more frequently, if needed, to address findings from the regular monitoring of the behaviour data (as per section 13). At each review, the policy will be approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

14. LINKS WITH OTHER POLICIES

This Behaviour Policy is linked to the following policies:

- Suspension and Permanent Exclusions Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Positive Handling Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Allegations of Abuse Against Staff Policy

APPENDIX 1 - ACADEMY KEY DRIVERS/CORE LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS

OUR VISION

Delivering exceptional learning experiences that enable all young people to thrive in a competitive world and lead successful and fulfilling lives.

OUR KEY DRIVERS



THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

Always set and deliver the highest standards: never settle for less.



INVEST TO ACHIEVE

Care about the now; create the very best for your future.



EVERYONE IS VALUED

We are unique individuals; we work together to achieve success.



NO EXCUSES

Create solutions, not excuses.



NEVER GIVE UP

Resilience is essential; self belief drives improvement.



CULTIVATE YOUR CHARACTER

Qualifications open doors; your character gets you through them.

	Attitude and Effort	Oracy	Homework	Response to Feedback
4. Fully Invested in Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am always punctual to lessons. • I am always fully equipped for learning. • I have a positive attitude towards my learning, 100% of the time. • I have high aspirations for myself. • I am always resilient in lessons. • I learn from my mistakes; I understand that they are vital in my progress. • I never receive warnings. • I always complete work to the highest standard, to the best of my ability, striving to challenge myself every lesson. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I articulate myself confidently. • I actively take on any of the 6 Oracy roles during discussions, debates and when sharing ideas. • I express my opinions and ideas, without needing the sentence stems provided. • I work effectively in a variety of different Oracy groupings. • I apply accurate, subject-specific vocabulary in my contributions. • I always listen carefully to my peers and build on their ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I take responsibility for my homework and always complete it to a high standard. • I always hand in my homework on time. • If needed, I always seek support, well in advance of the deadline. • I often complete extra work and submit this work for feedback. • I always actively catch up on work that I miss due to authorised absence, so no gaps in my learning appear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I always proactively seek support on how to improve. • I always use my initiative and independent thinking skills to improve. • I am consistently willing to go back and improve my work, showing resilience. • I always engage with CTG activities in order to improve. • I always have a resilient attitude when mistakes are made. • I can ask important questions to help improve my work.
3. Engaged in Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am mostly punctual to lessons. • I am well equipped for learning most of the time. • I have a positive attitude towards my learning, almost all of the time. • I am mostly resilient in lessons. • I rarely receive warnings. • I complete work to a high standard and to the best of my ability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I articulate myself with growing confidence. • I take on most of the 6 roles during discussions, debates and when sharing ideas. • I express my opinions and ideas, sometimes without needing the sentence stems provided. • I work in different Oracy groupings. • I apply some subject-specific vocabulary to my contributions. • I mostly listen effectively to my peers and build on their ideas most of the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I take responsibility for my homework and complete it. • I almost always hand in my homework on time, but sometimes need a reminder. • I rarely complete extra work and submit this work for feedback. • If absent from school, I usually catch up, meaning there are sometimes gaps in my learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I often seek support on how to improve. • I am willing to go back and improve my work most of the time, showing some resilience. • I mostly engage with CTG activities in order to improve. • I have a mostly resilient attitude when mistakes are made. • I ask questions to help improve my work.
2. Partially Engaged in Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am sometimes late to lessons. • I am not always equipped for learning. • I have a positive attitude most of the time. • I am sometimes passive in lessons. • I sometimes receive warnings. • I complete my work, but sometimes it is not to the best of my ability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I communicate clearly with my peers, but I am not always confident beyond that. • I take on some of the 6 roles during discussions, debates and when sharing ideas. • I can sometimes explain my opinions and ideas, but I need the sentence stems and need prompting. • I work well in some of the Oracy groupings. • I apply some subject-specific vocabulary to my contributions, but not always. • I sometimes listen effectively to my peers and occasionally attempt to build on their ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I complete homework most of the time. • I sometimes rush my homework because I am not yet in the habit of working independently. • I do not always hand in my homework on time and often need a reminder. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I sometimes seek support, but I do not always make a quick start. • I sometimes need encouragement to go back and improve my work. • I sometimes engage with CTG activities in order to improve. • I do not always make the effort to avoid repeating mistakes and misconceptions. • I ask occasional questions about how to improve my work.
1. Disengaged from Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am rarely on time to lessons. • I am rarely equipped for learning. • I sometimes have a positive attitude towards my learning, but at times it is negative. • I am passive in lessons. • I often receive warnings, which sometimes results in removals. • I do not always complete work to the best of my ability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I sometimes communicate with my peers. • I do not take on any of the Oracy roles or participate in discussion. • I occasionally share opinions and ideas, when prompted, and I am working on justifying my ideas. • I cannot yet work in the Oracy groupings. • I cannot yet apply subject-specific vocabulary to my contributions. • I do not always listen carefully to my peers, consequently, I miss opportunities to build on their ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am not yet in the habit of completing homework. • I do not ask for any help and support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I never seek support about how to improve. • I find it difficult to go back and improve my work. • I do not engage with CTG activities in order to improve. • I feel disheartened when I make mistakes and have not yet learnt to use mistakes as a tool to improve. • I do not ask any questions to help improve my work.

APPENDIX 3 – ACADEMY SPECIFIC MOBILE PHONE POLICY

At Sir Thomas Wharton Academy, our vision drives every decision we make. We are deeply committed to ensuring that every student thrives—academically, socially, and emotionally—and leaves us prepared for a successful and fulfilling life.

School should be a place where students build friendships and focus on learning. If a student experiences a problem during the day, they are supported by a network of trusted adults. If necessary, we will contact parents directly. Likewise, messages from home—while well-meaning—can cause distraction or distress during the school day. If urgent contact is needed, our office systems can facilitate this appropriately.

Smartphone use can easily become addictive and can foster unhealthy attachments, often leading to peer issues and poor mental health outcomes. To eliminate this distraction of mobile phones and support student wellbeing, students use the Yondr pouch system in the academy.

Each student will be issued a Yondr pouch at no cost. However, if a pouch is lost, a replacement will cost £16. If a student forgets their pouch, their phone must be handed in and stored securely for the day.

When students arrive at the academy, KS3 students will go to standing assembly where they will complete the process of locking their mobile phone in a pouch. KS4 students lock their pouch during single point in a morning before they head of tutor.

At the end of the day we have unlocking stations at the exit to school where students will unlock their pouch, collect their phone and store their pouch safely away in their bag for the following day.

MOBILE PHONE SANCTIONS

Phase 1

Students are permitted to use the Yondr pouch system as intended, following the normal procedures for locking and unlocking their mobile phone.

If a student is found to have:

- Graffitied or damaged their Yondr pouch, or
- Been in possession of their mobile phone outside of the pouch during school hours, they will move to Phase 2.

Phase 2

At this stage, the student must hand their mobile phone to the designated staff member each morning and collect it at the end of the day. This arrangement will remain in place for **three school weeks**.

Phase 3

If a student fails to follow the Phase 2 arrangements, they will move to Phase 3. At this stage, the student is **not permitted to bring their mobile phone onto the academy site at all**. This ban will apply for the duration of a **full half-term**. The academy also reserves the right to apply additional sanctions for continued defiance, including suspension or referral to another academy or provision.

Phase 4

If a student in Phase 3 breaches the mobile phone policy, they will move to Phase 4. At this stage, the student is **banned from bringing a mobile phone to school for a full school year**. The academy also reserves the right to apply further sanctions for persistent non-compliance, such as suspension or referral to another academy or provision.

APPENDIX 4 – REWARD SYSTEM

P – Prepared Learner. Awarded each week by Form Tutor for 100% attendance, correct uniform, no late marks, planner **(10 points per week)**.

R – Responsible Learner. Awarded by all staff during the week for acts such as positive conduct, helping others **(2 points)**.

I – Invested Learner. Awarded by all staff during the week for effort, reading, responding to feedback and effective engagement in learning **(2 points)**.

D – Determined Learner. Awarded by all staff during the week for acts of resilience, seeking a new challenge, responding well to a setback **(2 points)**.

E – Emotionally Aware Learner. Awarded by all staff during the week for being polite, showing positivity, supporting others **(2 points)**.

GOLDEN TICKET EVENTS

Our Golden Ticket events are a termly recognition of the investment of our students who consistently make positive choices, demonstrate habits in line with our PRIDE agenda for effective learning in lessons and are outstanding representatives of the Academy.

The points that are awarded during lessons and for good behaviour around the Academy all go towards student eligibility for our fantastic Golden Ticket events which take place on a termly basis. These events provide celebration experiences for students. From eSport and cinema suites to inflatable assault courses, Golden Ticket events are our way of saying thank you and congratulations to students who meet the criteria for the reward.

Specific criteria and points thresholds are set at the beginning of each term. These are monitored closely each week and students are kept informed of their progress towards meeting the required number of points through regular updates in Tutor Period and assemblies.

APPENDIX 5 – BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

HOW SANCTIONS WORK IN THE CLASSROOM

Students who are late to lesson will receive a 30 minute detention, to be attended on the subsequent school day. Student behaviour at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy is excellent. Disruption to learning is rare as a result of our clear and well-established processes.

C1

A student is allocated a C1, the first step in our sanction process, as a result of disruption, defiance or inadequate classwork. This will incur one behaviour point.

C2

A student is allocated a C2, the second step in our sanction process, as a result of disruption, defiance, or inadequate classwork. This will incur an additional behaviour point and a 30 minute detention on the subsequent day.

C3

A student is allocated a C3, the third step in our sanction process, as a result of disruption, defiance, inadequate classwork, as a result of severe defiance. This will incur an additional behaviour point and a 60 minute detention on the subsequent Academy day. The student will be removed from lesson and placed in a central room staffed by the leadership and pastoral team.

DETENTION PROCESS

A C2 detention lasts for 30 minutes. Students will complete a written task in silence. Talking during detention will result in the detention being upscaled to a C3 detention on the subsequent evening. Detentions are completed in a central room and are staffed by the leadership and pastoral team.

A C3 detention lasts for 60 minutes. Students will complete a written task in silence. Talking during detention will result in the detention being upscaled to an SLT detention on the subsequent evening. Detentions are completed in a central room and are staffed by the leadership and pastoral team.

SLT detentions last for two hours. Students will complete a written task in silence. Talking during detention will result in the detention being upscaled to a full day in Isolation.

INTERNAL SUSPENSION


Students will be allocated a workspace and classwork task to complete in internal suspension when they: fail to attend an SLT detention, attain 10 negative behaviour points in a week or fail to comply to our uniform standards. Students have a set number of internal suspension periods that they can access. When these periods are exhausted the student will be allocated an off-site internal suspension provision at another Trust or local school.

APPENDIX 6 – ACADEMY REINTEGRATION AND SUPPORT FOLLOWING SANCTIONS

Following a suspension, the Student Achievement Leader or member of the senior leadership team will conduct the re-integration meeting.

In keeping with our philosophy of inclusion, students will be reintegrated into the Academy for all, or part of their timetable as soon as appropriate following the reintegration meeting.

These will have a clear timescale and date for the timetable to be reviewed. Any devised Pastoral Support Programmes will be reviewed every six weeks by the Year Team/SEND Department as necessary.

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