# **CWMBRAN** HIGH SCHOOL



Relationship and Behaviour Policy – July 2024 NEXT REVIEW: July 2025 Approved by Governors: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## "Strive. Believe. Achieve."

### **Cwmbran High School Relationship and Behaviour Policy**

#### Aims and objectives of the School

The aim of Cwmbran High School is to provide an excellent education for children from the local community in a safe, supportive learning environment underpinning our core values: *positivity, kindness, resilience, respect and creativity*.

Pupils should feel valued and make positive contributions to the school and their communities and develop to become ethical, confident and capable members of society within a caring, calm and secure environment in which tolerance, understanding and respect for others is fostered.

Our school is invested in supporting the very best possible relational health between;

- Parent and child
- Child and child
- Child and school staff
- Parent and school staff
- School staff
- School staff and senior leaders
- School staff and external agencies.

This Relationships and Behaviour Policy seeks to inform, guide and support staff, parents/carers, and pupils to achieve these aims through actively promoting positive behaviour by reflecting on **eight** key aspects of school practice:

<ol> <li>Consistent trauma-informed approach to behaviour management</li> <li>Strong school leadership</li> <li>Classroom management</li> <li>Rewards and sanctions (consequences) /behaviour strategies &amp; the teaching of good behaviour</li> </ol>	Page 2 Page 4 Page 4 Page 4
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#### 1. Trauma Informed Approach

Trauma-informed practice ensures that schools put the emotional and psychological needs of their pupils first. This holistic approach addresses trauma's underlying cause instead of punishing challenging behaviour to provide a safe and supportive environment for pupils.

Our school values, underpin the educational practices that help children to feel emotionally safe, experience warm and trusting relationships with adults and learn to calm themselves down and manage their feelings. Where it is needed, and when they are ready a few pupils will be provided with the opportunities to undertake activities that help them address the needs and feelings underlying their behaviours, in order to make more positive behaviour choices.

To this end we will endeavour to Protect, Relate, Regulate and Reflect:

#### Protect

- Increased 'safety cues' to make children feel safe; smiling at them, 'meet and greet' at the classroom door, school gate and an open-door policy for informal discussions with parents/ carers.
- Staff trained to be warm empathic, creative and curious, to ensure pupils do not feel threatened or defensive as they cannot learn when they feel like this and to shift children out of flight/fright/freeze positions.
- Staff ensure that interactions with children are socially engaging and not socially defensive, to decrease likelihood of children relating defensively (flight/fright/freeze).
- A whole school commitment to cease or reduce use of harsh voices, shouting, put downs, criticism and shaming.
- Staff 'interactively repair' occasions when they themselves move into defensiveness.
- Pedagogic interventions that help staff to get to know children better on an individual basis e.g. 'I wish my teacher knew'. (What matters to pupils, who matters to them, their dreams, hopes).
- Vulnerable children have easy and daily access to at least one named (FT, HOY, HOP etc), emotionally available adult, and know when and where to find that adult. If the child does not wish to connect with the allocated adult, an alternative adult is available.
- School staff adjust expectations around vulnerable children to correspond with their developmental capabilities and experience of traumatic stress. This includes removing vulnerable and traumatised children in a kind and non-judgmental way from situations they are not managing well. Some pupils are considered to be 'working towards' a behavioural expectation, while the majority will be having no problems in achieving it.
- As a school we are proud to respond to pupils' needs as individuals, within an overall framework which is fair.
- Provision of a clear, confidential and non-shaming system of self-referral for children's help/talk time.
- The nurturing of staff in such a way that they feel truly valued and emotionally-regulated and in doing so to support them to interact throughout the school day with positive social engagement rather than potential defensiveness.

#### Relate

- A whole-school commitment to enabling children to see themselves, their relationships and the world positively, rather than through a lens of threat, danger or self-blame.
- Staff being friendly to pupils and to provide an emotionally-available adult/s to make the shift from 'blocked trust' to trust, and time to build on that trust and feel safe.

#### Regulate

- We explicitly teach all pupils strategies for managing and understanding uncomfortable emotions, ways of calming down and self-regulating. (Form time/ PSE /Interventions)
- This means that when pupils do become stressed (and go into the state called 'fight or flight') we can support them by reminding them of what strategies they have learned.
- We avoid escalating situations where pupils are disregulated by remaining calm and using strategies that we know do not inflame anger.
- For some pupils who have particular difficulties with self-regulation, we provide interventions which we know calm them.
- The emotional well-being and regulating of staff is treated as a priority to prevent burnt- out, stress related absence, or leaving the profession through stress-related illness, feeling undervalued, blamed or shamed.

#### Reflect

- We will provide training and development to support staff in developing active listening skills, and empathy so that when interacting with pupils, the pupils will feel heard and valued.
- We aim not to interrogate or lecture pupils. Develop staff training in the art of good listening, dialogue, empathy and understanding instead of asking a series of questions/ giving lectures.
- For some pupils, opportunities will be provided with a trusted adult to explore their feelings further in a reflective way.
- A behaviour policy that recognises the importance of relationships and of repairing these relationships when they are ruptured (as they are during the school day!), not simply rewarding or punishing 'good' or 'bad' behaviour. Resolution and interactive repair.

#### 2. <u>Strong School Leadership – Consistency!</u>

Consistent yet flexible implementation of this policy by all is vital, to consider the varied and complex needs of many pupils who attend our school. This policy should also promote regular attendance, a good work ethic, self-discipline and respect for others.

To help us achieve our aims we will:

- provide a clear set of rules, rewards and consequences through consultation with staff, children, parents and governing body members; accepting the idea that some pupils will need additional support and provision to work towards these.
- publicise the above so that everyone is clear about what is expected and our approaches to behaviour management are consistent across the school;
- > ensure that there are consistent nurturing practices across the school;
- ensure a trauma-informed approach is embedded across the school so that the mental health and wellbeing of pupils and staff are a priority;
- ensure that children understand the meaning of inappropriate and unsafe behaviour and bullying and know how the school will deal with it.

#### 3. Classroom Management

We encourage good behaviour through communication of high expectations, clear policies and an ethos which fosters discipline and mutual respect between staff and pupils. Expectations and routines are explicitly taught to the children to ensure consistency of approach. In our school, all pupils are expected to and staff must model:

- Respect themselves and others;
- Listen to and follow instructions;
- Be **kind**, fair and polite
- > Ignore distractions and to become **resilient** learners
- Be **positive**, a 'can do' attitude.

These expectations are clearly displayed in every classroom and around the building in communal spaces. Staff reinforce these displays by drawing attention to them daily as part of their classroom management strategies. Everyone within our school has the right to feel safe and secure, and all incidents of violence will be dealt with bearing this in mind.

Physical and, verbal aggression, and bullying is unacceptable and will be challenged and managed. All reported incidents of bullying whether they are observed by staff or reported by a pupil or parent will be dealt with rapidly and from the premise that bullying is unacceptable.

Parents/carers will always be informed if their child has been physically aggressive towards other pupils or staff, or if they have been the perpetrator or victim of bullying behaviour, (see Anti-Bullying Policy).

#### 4. <u>Rewards and Sanctions /Behaviour Strategies & The Teaching of Good Behaviour</u>

#### Rewards

As part of positive behaviour, we regularly celebrate the success of all pupils in a variety of ways as we recognise that focussing on success and positive outcomes is essential in developing a positive culture and ethos. We celebrate these successes in many ways including and these rewards may need to be differentiated that acknowledge learner progress from different starting points;

- > Multiple opportunities during the day for a fresh start;
- Verbal praise/feedback;
- Certificates in celebration assemblies;
- Class Charts points/certificates/stickers awarded for good behaviours;

- Attendance awards;
- Headteacher's breakfast;
- Letters to parents;
- Presentation Evening at the end of the academic year;
- Recognition on our social media, letters and website;
- or simply, a "Well done!".

Although our school aims to focus on positives at all times, there are unfortunately occasions when a very few pupils may display unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour.

#### "Our policy aims to be kind on our children but tough on unwanted poor behaviours".

As a school we expect to teach high standards of behaviour which will allow learning to take place.

We aim to work proactively to create positive classrooms and good relationships with pupils.

When we fail with these we have a range of defusing strategies agreed between teachers and use the least intrusive strategy first. Reminders and sanctions fall into the following category:

## <u>Note:</u> all sanctions aim to avoid shaming pupils (and therefore names should never be written on the board to record poor behaviours, nor public reprimands given.)

#### Sanctions

#### Behaviour 1 – Low-level disruption to learning

Pupils who break a classroom rule will benefit from a low level strategy such as a private non-confrontational verbal reminder by the teacher. Before this is used, teachers might use 'the look' or move towards the pupil in a non-threatening way. These are appropriate classroom management techniques which every teacher should use to support the pupil making a right choice (please see Appendix A for strategies). It is important to note strategies should aim always to de-escalate unwanted behaviours, e.g. avoid a public warning instead quieter reminders as pupil embarrassment may lead to escalating behaviours.

#### Behaviour 2 – Repeated low-level disruption to learning

If all of our strategies fail to re-engage the pupil and re-establish learning a pupil may continue to disrupt, or break a rule we have asked them not to. A private word at this point will help the pupil recognise what the teachers concern is and be very clear how to improve their behaviour/s to move forward. Judgemental attitudes should be avoided, a matter of fact tone adopted. Further classroom management strategies to de-escalate behaviours may need to be employed at this stage. Teachers should log B2 as repeated low-level disruption on Class Charts. This will allow departments, form tutors and pastoral staff to monitor, support and track low level disruption. Ensure that you are not inviting a power struggle or inadvertently escalating a situation – if you ask a pupil to move seats publicly and watch them for example, the majority of pupils would not risk the peer judgment by complying. Always allow the pupil to save face, and where possible to control some aspect of the direction ('you could sit over there or next to x - which would help you to work best do you think?')

A second offence may result in a detention or suitable sanction with the class teacher or team member from the department, meeting with parents, or another appropriate action with the aim of improving relationships, progress and behaviours. It is the <u>teacher's decision at this key point</u> to 'subject park,' only if possible, to prevent any further disruption, provided no disruption occurs in the receiving room. This needs to be agreed across the curriculum and with colleagues.

#### Behaviour 3 - Removal from class or curriculum level to Ready to Learn room

If a pupil reaches the removal stage having had the opportunity to be heard and you have exhausted strategies to de-escalate unwanted behaviours, and if you judge that pupil behaviour is preventing the learning of others, the teacher must log this on Class Charts or if not available call the Ready to Learn Room on EXT 3999.

The teacher should call home or email if appropriate. Staff who are unable to immediately log a B3 should do so as soon as possible.

Pupils will make their own way to the Ready to Learn Room if they are judged to be calm enough and not in a heightened state. When arriving there, their behaviours will be assessed and 'triaged' by one of the Duty Team. Some pupils will be known to the Duty Team, and will have specific arrangements in place to calm down and return to learning – perhaps talking to their EAA (form tutor).

Duty staff are available across the school each lesson to support the smooth arrival of pupils. The aim is to get the pupil calm and back to learning as soon as possible.

The Ready to Learn Room Coordinator will ensure parents have been notified on Class Charts of the reason for removal and send a reminder of any sanction such as a detention that will take place after school or any resolution restorative approach that may be required.

Once in the Ready to Learn Room pupils will be 'triaged' whilst 'cooling off'. Pupils may be expected to remain in Ready to Learn for up to five lessons including break and lunch.

During this 'triage' period some pupils may need a quick chat and be ready to return to learning; others may need scaffolded support to calm and a chat about how to manage the rest of the day; some may need to access 'Ready to Learn' for a differentiated length of time (with the focus to agree simple sanction and or a restorative conversation, often only taking a couple of minutes). This important Ready to Learn time will need to be appropriately differentiated, for example regular attendees should have a box of both calming activities and work they can do unaided (and don't hate).

The Ready to Learn Room closes at 15.20. All pupils will remain until closing if appropriate.

If it has been decided that a restorative session is appropriate, the teacher should meet a removed pupil in the Ready to Learn Room (or an alternative place) to hold a restorative conversation and agree how to move forward. (Please see Appendix B for guidance).

If a teacher finds that they are regularly asking a pupil to attend the RTL room, this should be further explored – what is causing the issue. It is likely to be helpful to let parents know about any difficulties in the relationship at this point. As part of building relationships and supporting the learner a staff member must call home and discuss behaviour with parents/carer if this is becoming a pattern. It is expected that FT/HOY/HOP would track any patterns in order to support and achieve an solution.

#### NB: 'Ready to Learn' is not to be used as 'Ready to Punish'. It is a de-escalation room!

If a pupil does not behave in the Ready to Learn Room the pupil will be given the chance to calm down and engagement strategies tried. If these are not successful, the pupil may need to be placed in a sanction provision – the Re-engagement room. This is called a Behaviour 4.

#### Behaviour 4 – Re-engagement Room

Pupils will be placed in the Re-engagement Room for:

- an incident that has taken place at the school that is deemed serious enough to warrant an exclusion from the normal school's curriculum for a fixed period of time (Serious Incident);
- not following the Ready to Learn Room rules and curriculum with staff having failed to engage the pupil, and, having exhausted all the schools resources.

Parents will receive a message or call if their child has been referred to our Re-engagement Room. Pupils working in the Re-engagement Room finish school at 15.50.

Staff and pupils are expected to write a detailed statement if a serious incident takes place, including who was involved in the incident, location and time, and actions of both pupils and staff. This will be requested when the pupils and staff are calm (back within their 'window of tolerance') and is not a punishment but a fact finding exercise.

If pupils are too dysregulated or choose not to behave in the Re-engagement Room then pupils may receive a fixed term exclusion as a last resort if all alternatives are exhausted (B5). Certain pupils with ALN (or known BESD/Trauma) will have their own plan/IPD which will list alternatives.

#### Behaviour 5 – Fixed Term Exclusion

Any of the below serious incidences may lead to a period in the Re-engagement Room or a fixed term exclusion dependent on circumstance.

- 1. Bullying and unkind behaviour.
- 2. Repeated non-compliance.
- 3. Drug and alcohol related behaviour.
- 4. Vaping.
- 5. Damage to personal or school property.
- 6. Physical assault against an adult.
- 7. Physical assault against a pupil.
- 8. Racist, homophobic or discriminatory language.
- 9. Sexual misconduct.
- 10. Theft.
- 11. Verbal abuse or threatening behaviour to an adult.
- 12. Verbal abuse or threatening behaviour to a pupil.
- 13. Carrying an offensive weapon.
- 14. Selling or gambling.
- 15. Bringing the school into disrepute.
- 16. Other.

Parents will receive a phone call from the school outlining the reasons for exclusion on the day of the incident. This will be from the Head of Phase or next appropriate leader. Work should be provided to avoid any lost learning and to avoid 'falling behind'.

A letter will then follow from the school that will be placed on the pupils' file.

Parents/carers, where appropriate, will be invited to a restorative "Return to School" meeting with an appropriate staff member at the end of the exclusion to support integration and restore any broken relationships.

All pupils returning from a fixed term exclusion will be monitored by an appropriate member of staff, usually the Wellbeing Team.

Pupils are strongly encouraged to engage in a restorative conversation with members of the school community if necessary to restore excellent learning relationships and friendships.

#### **Behaviour 6 – Permanent Exclusion**

Permanent exclusion will be applied if the behaviours described are persistent and all other reasonable steps have been taken to address the pupil's behaviour and attitude. Permanent exclusion will also be used as a response to extreme acts of violence, supplying drugs, and for persistent incidences of defying criminal law. (see Welsh Government Guidance; April 2024)

#### Positive Behaviour Strategy

	<u>.</u>	Staff response	Communication
pa	Stage B1 Classroom based low level disruption	<ul> <li>Lessons planned with known behaviours mitigated.</li> <li>Seating plans.</li> <li>Strong starter, appropriate pace of lesson</li> <li>Consistency of expectations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sanctions must be associated with the teacher, not the HOY or SLT if they are to work and have an impact in classrooms.</li> <li>Regular contact between home and classroom teachers is the</li> </ul>
Classroom based	<b>B2</b> Repeated low-level disruption	<ul> <li>upheld and reiterated.</li> <li>Private verbal reminders to change behaviour</li> <li>Range of classroom management strategies attempted to deescalate e.g. changing seats, quiet conversations, clear choices. (See Appendix 1)</li> <li>Possible subject parked</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>bedrock of a purposeful and respected classroom environment. Promote 3 positives to 1 negative.</li> <li>Communication to form tutors and provision staff is also appropriate at this stage.</li> </ul>
	B3	<ul> <li>The Ready to Learn Room is a purposeful and respectful learning environment.</li> </ul>	• The Ready to Learn Room coordinator will message home and inform parents that their
	Removal to Ready to Learn	<ul> <li>If pupils are removed from a lesson they will spend an appropriate length of time to regulate behaviours this may include break, a lunch and after</li> </ul>	child is in Ready to Learn and will be there for the duration of the sanction. Teachers will log the incident and communication on Class Charts and Provision Maps.
ol System		<ul> <li>school until 15.20 in the Ready to Learn Room following 'triage'.</li> <li>The Ready to Learn Room has a set curriculum where literacy, numeracy and subject based work will be provided and completed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The classroom teacher involved should call home to discuss the behaviour that led to the removal of the pupil.</li> <li>A restorative conversation should take place between the pupil and staff member to improve positive relationships</li> </ul>
Centralised School Sys		<ul> <li>Incidents of referrals of individuals and groups of learners will be monitored.</li> </ul>	and agree next steps.
Central	<b>B4</b> Re-engagement Room	<ul> <li>A pupil can be placed in the Re- engagement Room for a period of time if they been involved in a serious incident, for persistent disruption or failing to behave while in Ready to Learn.</li> <li>Re-engagement has its own</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Parents will be notified by message that their child has been placed in Re-engagement by the Re-engagement Coordinator or HOY. The message will include why they have been placed in Re-</li> </ul>
		curriculum offer and is a purposeful and focussed learning area. Re-engagement placements start at 08.35 and finish at 15.50.	<ul> <li>engagement, the duration and potential next steps. This will be logged on Class Charts and Provision Maps by the member of staff reporting the incident.</li> <li>Staff members may have a meeting with a parent relating to</li> </ul>

			<ul> <li>A restorative conversation should take place between the pupil and staff member to develop positive relationships and agree next steps.</li> </ul>
External Exclusion	<b>B5</b> Fixed Term Exclusion	<ul> <li>A pupil will receive a Fixed Term Exclusion if there has been a serious incident, been persistently disruptive or for failing to behave well in the Re- engagement Room.</li> <li>Work will be provided by the school for a Fixed Period Exclusion. This is the responsibility of the Head of Phase and Curriculum Leaders. (Work packs produced though subject leads)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If a child receives a Fixed Term Exclusion then parents will be notified by the Head of Phase and given a reason why the exclusion has taken place, how the incident was investigated, details of a return to school meeting if required, and next steps on our behaviour response. (See Appendix C)</li> <li>A letter to parents will be sent out the next working day stating the reason for exclusion and return to school arrangements.</li> <li>A restorative conversation should take place between the pupil and staff member to develop positive relationships and agree next steps.</li> </ul>
	<b>B6</b> Permanent Exclusion	<ul> <li>Cwmbran High School will follow the Welsh Government Guidance for Exclusions in all cases of Fixed Term or Permanent exclusions.</li> <li>All reasonable alternatives will be exhausted at this stage and this may include a PSP, IDP, a managed move, reasonable adjustments to provisions and full implementation of the schools graduated response.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The AHT or another member of SLT will call home and process any Permanent exclusions.</li> <li>A letter must be sent by the school within 24 hours of a decision being made</li> <li>A governor's panel meeting will be arranged by the LA following Welsh Government timeframes.</li> </ul>

#### Out of Lesson Behaviour – Break, Lunch and Travelling to School.

The highest standards of behaviour are explicitly taught, modelled and encouraged at all times. This includes movement around corridors, school grounds and other recreational areas within and around the school. Pupils who misbehave will be spoken to by a member of staff and asked to change their behaviour positively. If pupils ignore the instructions they are given and continue to display the same behaviour, they will be issued with an appropriate response to correct unwanted behaviours in line with school values. Serious incidences outside of the classroom must be logged on Class Charts.

We have a statutory power to discipline apply the behaviour policy to pupils for misbehaving outside of the school. The misbehaviour could be witnessed by a member of staff or reported to the school by a member of the public. It also includes pupils' conduct online. We therefore reserve the right to sanction a pupil who is:

- taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity;
- travelling to or from school;
- wearing the school's uniform;

- in some other way identifiable as a pupil of Cwmbran High School;
- following a community complaint where a child is recognised as a Cwmbran High School pupil;
- bringing the school into disrepute.

#### Truancy

Pupils who truant will firstly be engaged in safe and positive conversations to explore the reason behind the truancy. They may receive an appropriate sanction having gathered a clear understanding of reasons and behaviours leading to missing lessons. Truancy is a safeguarding risk to the pupil and staff. Staff will log any suspected truancy/missing child as a Serious Incident or call EXT 3999.

Truancy will be addressed by the HOY supported by the CL should the trigger be a subject matter. If children are found truanting they will be returned to their lessons. If truancy reoccurs after further exploration of the issue, a detention will take place if appropriate and if it is felt like this is the most effective method to address the pupils.

#### Lateness to Lessons

If pupils arrive late to lesson then they should be welcomed, spoken to privately and asked the reason for the lateness. If there is no reason that the pupil can share, they will be recorded as late on the register and asked if they would like any support to arrive on time. The lateness can usefully be monitored. Pupils have 5 minutes to move between lessons, any time past 5 minutes will be recorded as late. **This is not a B1.** 

Where persistent lateness, despite supportive measures happens, it may be appropriate for a pupil to complete a detention to make up lost time. Staff will contact parents so they are aware of lateness to lessons. This is the responsibility of the class teacher. Repeated instances in subject areas of lateness is the responsibility of the Curriculum Leader/Head of Department.

If patterns of behaviour emerge across the school the pastoral leader usually Head of Year or Form Tutor will intervene and look to support better timekeeping of the pupil. This may also lead to the child being on report but would be determined based on full understanding of the individual pupils' circumstances, e.g Young Carer, school avoider, support a home issue, dishonesty, bullying.

If a teacher is keeping a child a note must be provided to the pupil to present to their class teacher. Any child without a note is classed as late.

A Head of Year may hold a weekly session for any pupil who is late repeatedly in a week. This could usefully be used to listen actively to the pupils and discuss and agree ways forward.

#### Lateness to School

Lateness to school affects not only the smooth running of the school day but also accumulates as lost curriculum time that affects progress.

Pupils who enter the pupil entrance to school after 08.35 will be challenged to understand the issues of lateness on that day. Parents or Carers will be messaged to notify them. If lateness continues to be an issue across the curriculum, the Form Tutor and Head of Year should be notified to fully understand the individual pupils' circumstances, or root causes.

The pastoral team will aim to identify causes and may conduct surveys or interviews to understand why pupils are arriving late. Common reasons might include transportation issues, family responsibilities, lack of motivation, Young Carer, school avoider, support a home issue, bullying, to see how school can support.

The pastoral team will ensure data is analysed by reviewing attendance records to identify patterns and specific pupils who are frequently late.

#### Uniform and Equipment ie 'Ready to Learn'

Pupils will be expected to wear correct uniform every day. Any pupil not attending in correct uniform will be offered the opportunity to discuss any difficulties confidentially and uniform if it's available. If there does not seem to be any extenuating circumstances, and no reasonable adjustments or temporary measures agreed, parents will be asked to deliver uniform to support their child to adhere to the uniform policy. Pupils must ensure they are wearing correct uniform. Any pupil unable to correct their uniform may be isolated in the Ready to Learn Room until their uniform is corrected.

If pupils are not ready to learn and do not hold the correct equipment for the days learning they may also be asked to attend the Ready to Learn Room. In some circumstances it may be necessary for school to provide resources; due to disorganisation, rising costs for example.

#### Mobile Phones, Electronics and Expensive Items

If a pupil brings a mobile phone into school, it should be switched off before they enter the school gate and only switched back on at the end of the school day when they have exited the school building.

Unless specific arrangements are in place and planned and agreed by the school. If a pupil is seen with a mobile phone in the school day, it will be confiscated by the member of staff, placed in the pupil reception in a named envelope and can be collected by pupils at 15.00.

Failure to hand over a mobile device will be managed as with any other misbehaviour, with the adult using the least intrusive strategy to gain compliance, and never shaming the pupil. If these strategies fail, a sanction might be applied such as a detention or removal to RTL for the pupil to calm down and have their situation triaged. There may be exceptions to the rule may be granted such as Young Carers. Parents and carers and pupils need to understand that the school does not accept any liability for any expensive items lost or stolen.

#### **Support and Provision**

Where it seems that pupils are not able to or are choosing not to follow the school's behaviour policy, we will follow our graduated behaviour response which offers pupils bespoke support to improve their progress and wellbeing. (See Appendix C)

All provisions and interventions are reviewed on a six- or twelve-week cycle unless superseded by repeated behaviour incidences.

#### 5. <u>Staff Development and Support</u>

The induction of new staff includes an introduction to our Relationships and Behaviour Policy. Monday Staff Briefings and Tuesday morning targeted briefings enables relevant information about children to be shared. Staff have opportunities to discuss difficulties within an open and non-judgemental framework. This may include informal and private conversations with colleagues, staff debriefing, formal mentoring, supervision, annual appraisal and staff meetings.

Regular and on-going training is provided to ensure all staff are skilled professionals and are able to manage challenging behaviour in a consistent and professional manner. The delivery of professional learning and school approach should be delivered concurrently with the IBIS approach (and those of other behaviour experts such as Paul Dix).

Our aim is for all staff to complete training to:

- > understand key foundations and beliefs of a relationship policy;
- > using active listening skills and participating in a process of debriefing, repair and reflection;
- recognise the importance of and using de-escalation techniques and working as a team when managing challenging behaviours;
- > using a gradual and graded response to managing challenging behaviours;
- > may utilise IRIS connect as a tool for self-reflection.
- > applying an understanding of the legal implications of say, positively handling;
- by applying an increased awareness of the need for documentation for the recording and reporting of incidents;

We may need to use supply staff to support the school delivery, it is important that Curriculum Leaders provide the best level of support to ensure consistency is achieved. Our Cover Supervisor will provide a brief introduction and guidance, however support needs to be generated from within the faculty area.

#### 6. Pupil Support Systems

Pupils are expected, and where appropriate be supported to adhere to the agreed school expectations and strive to meet and reflect on their personalised behaviour targets (see One Page Profile). They are always able to request a meeting with a member of staff that they feel comfortable with usually the Form Tutor (emotionally available adult) and more general concerns or suggestions can be voiced through, Head of Year, Wellbeing Team, pupil voice and pupil council.

#### 7. Liaison with Parents/Carers and Other Agencies

Parental support for our Relationships and Behaviour Policy, and the encouragement of their child to adhere to it, is an important part of making positive changes in their child's attitudes and behaviour. Parents/carers are encouraged to contact our school whenever they need to with any concerns they may have, and are encouraged to be proactive in sharing and solving problems as they arise.

We will always try to convey positive news and build positive relationships with parents so that if and when challenges arise we are more likely to be able to jointly approach them as partners in a process in which both partners recognise the expertise and experience of the other and all feel valued and empowered.

#### 8. Other Policies Related to this Policy

- Attendance policy
- Uniform Policy
- > ALN Policy
- > Antibullying Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- WG Exclusion Guidance

This policy will be reviewed annually at the Wellbeing Sub Committee.

#### Appendix A

#### **Classroom Management Strategies**

- See Trauma Informed Approach
- Moving pupils to a different seat.
- A quiet conversation.
- Moving pupil towards the front.
- Reminding pupil of your expectation.
- Choice conversation "You can do this OR you can do this. Now think about it, and I will come back".
- Catch them being good.
- Calm and firm tone of voice keep it low but firm.
- Extra support with the task.
- Phone calls home.
- Task, time, target do they know what they need to do, how they do it well and how long they have to do it?
- Positive framing highlighting the behaviour of others that you want to see in all.
- Pasteur's Perch Let them see you watching from afar and observing their learning.

#### Appendix B

#### **Restorative Conversations**

A restorative conversation should be held when a relationship has broken down between two parties (i.e. staff and pupil) or a removal has taken place across school.

The aim of the conversation should always be to listen to how the other party feels and sees the situation, accept your differences and agree a way forward.

Some key questions to discuss in a restorative conversation may be:

- what happened?
- what were your thoughts at the time?
- what have been your thoughts since?
- who has been affected by what happened?
- how have they been affected?
- what do you need to happen now?

Both parties are equal in a restorative conversation, and all parties should be listened to carefully without interruption.

In some cases, it may be necessary for a third party to participate in the conversation in the role of mediator. This could be a department lead, pastoral lead or a suitable impartial member of staff. It is the staff teacher involved with the incident to organise a restorative conversation.

A need to avoid a scripted 'don't do it again' and 'forced' apologies.

#### **Graduated Response for Behaviour Provision**

The number and frequency of behaviours across a department should be monitored, tracked and intervened with by Heads of Department. They should discuss this regularly in Line Management and in Curriculum Meetings.

Across the school, repeated failure to follow the school rules will not be tolerated, however some pupils will require reasonable adjustments.

The Head of Phase and the Head of Year are responsible for ensuring the graduated response below is followed to support pupils in their phase.

Days exclusion so far	Action to be Taken	Appropriate Support
1 - 4 days	One Page Profile with targets completed or updated by Head of Year, added to Class Charts and shared with classroom	STAR testing results checked if literacy concern.
	teachers.	Round robin of feedback gathered from teachers
	ALNCO informed so added to monitoring list.	on progress, behaviour and effort.
	Head of Year to discuss with pupil and parents warning them of the consequences.	Reasonable adjustments to classroom practise agreed with parents– seating plans, sentence
	Head of Year to identify and agree any support to be put in	starters, visual aids.
	place with pupils.	Timetable review and RAG rating.
	Pupil on report to Head of Year for two weeks.	Check ins agreed with a point of contact in
	Letter to be sent home by Head of Year to inform parents of	school.
	actions agreed in meeting and placed in the pupils file.	Break and lunch provisions amended.
		Extracurricular activities for engagement.
5 - 10 days	Head of Phase to hold formal meeting with pupil and parents.	Review of above and referral to appropriate services
	PSP (Pastoral Support Plan) completed with pupils and parents.	<ul> <li>Mist</li> <li>InReach</li> <li>OutReach</li> </ul>
	One Page Profile with Targets updated.	<ul> <li>Space Wellbeing</li> <li>Unicorn</li> <li>EOTAS Provisions</li> <li>I2A</li> <li>CAMHS</li> </ul>

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	ALNCo to be notified to update monitoring list – IDP and referrals completed if required. Non-statutory governors panel completed after day 10. Pupil on report to HOP for two weeks Letter to be sent home to	<ul> <li>Counselling</li> <li>Ashley House</li> <li>Peaks</li> <li>EWO</li> <li>ALNCO referrals as appropriate e.g Outreach, Space ND and/or HUB interventions.</li> </ul>
	inform parents of actions agreed in meeting and placed on file.	
11 - 15 days	AHT to hold formal meeting with pupil and parents.	All of the above and consideration of the following:
	Review of previous support.	<ul> <li>YOS referral is appropriate;</li> </ul>
	Review of current provision and external support.	<ul> <li>Multi agency meeting arranged.</li> </ul>
	Formal referral to ALNCO for identified assessments (WRAT) and IDP process.	<ul> <li>ALNCO to attend meeting.</li> </ul>
	Possible placement in suitable provision as appropriate.	
	Pupil on report to AHT for two weeks.	
	Letter to be sent home to inform parents of actions agreed in meeting and placed on file	
15+ days	Pupil re-admission interview with parents held by Assistant Headteacher.	IDP / PSP completed.
	Review of previous support.	Managed move considered.
	Agreed strategies to be shared by AHT to implement.	PRU placement.
	Review meeting date agreed.	Modified timetable with external provision.
	Possible placement and referred to ALNCo for IDP process.	College for Yr. 11.

Letter to be sent home to inform parents of actions agreed in meeting and placed on file.	
Statutory meeting with governors within 20 days of 15 <sup>th</sup> day exclusion in a term.	
Information given about potential PEX.	