



George Pindar School Behaviour Policy

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Statement of intent

George Pindar School believes that, in order to facilitate teaching and learning, acceptable behaviour must be demonstrated in all aspects of school life.

The school is committed to:

- Promoting desired behaviour.
- Promoting self-esteem, self-discipline, proper regard for authority, and positive relationships based on mutual respect.
- Ensuring equality and fair treatment for all.
- Praising and rewarding good behaviour.
- Challenging and disciplining bad behaviour.
- Providing a safe environment, free from disruption, violence, discrimination, bullying and any form of harassment.
- Encouraging positive relationships with parents/carers.
- Developing positive relationships with our students to enable early intervention.
- A shared approach which involves students in the implementation of the school's policy and associated procedures.
- Promoting a culture of praise and encouragement in which all students can achieve.

Signed by:

_____	Principal	Date: _____
_____	Chair of governors	Date: _____

1. Legal framework

- 1.1. This policy has due regard to statutory legislation, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - The Education Act 1996
 - The Education Act 2002
 - The Equality Act 2010
 - The Education and Inspections Act 2006
 - The Health Act 2006
 - The School Information (England) Regulations 2008
- 1.2. This policy also has regard to DfE guidance, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - DfE 'Behaviour and discipline in schools' 2016

2. Roles and responsibilities

- 2.1. The Principal has overall responsibility for the implementation of this Behavioural Policy and of the behaviour procedures at the school.
- 2.2. The Principal has overall responsibility for ensuring that this policy, as written, does not discriminate on any grounds, including, but not limited to, ethnicity/national origin, culture, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation.
- 2.3. The governing body is responsible for handling complaints regarding this policy, as outlined in the school's Complaints Policy.
- 2.4. The Principal is responsible for establishing the standard of behaviour expected by students at the school.
- 2.5. The Principal is responsible for determining the school rules and any disciplinary sanctions for breaking the rules.
- 2.6. The Vice Principal is responsible for the day-to-day implementation of this policy.
- 2.7. The Vice Principal is responsible for publishing this policy and making it available to staff, parents/carers and students at least once a year.
- 2.8. All members of staff, volunteers and support staff are responsible for adhering to this policy and ensuring that all students do too.
- 2.9. All members of staff, volunteers and support staff are responsible for promoting a supportive and high quality learning environment, and for modelling high levels of behaviour.
- 2.10. Members of staff, as authorised by the Principal, are responsible for sanctioning students who display poor levels of behaviour. This responsibility

includes the power to discipline students even when they are not in school or in the charge of a member of staff.

- 2.11. Students are responsible for their own behaviour both inside school and out in the wider community.
- 2.12. Students are responsible for reporting any unacceptable behaviour to a member of staff.
- 2.13. Parents/carers are responsible for the behaviour of their child(ren) inside and outside of school.

3. Definitions

3.1. For the purpose of this policy, the school defines “serious unacceptable behaviour” as any behaviour which may cause harm to oneself or others, damage the reputation of the school within the wider community, and/or any illegal behaviour, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Discrimination – not giving equal respect to an individual on the basis of disability, gender, race, religion, age, sexuality and/or marital status
- Harassment – behaviour towards others which is unwanted, offensive and affects the dignity of the individual or group of individuals
- Vexatious behaviour – deliberately acting in a manner so as to cause annoyance or irritation
- Bullying – a type of harassment which involves criticism, personal abuse or persistent actions which humiliate, intimidate, frighten or demean the individual
- Cyberbullying – the use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature
- Possession of legal or illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco
- Possession of banned items
- Truancy
- Refusing to comply with disciplinary sanctions
- Theft
- Swearing, racist remarks or threatening language
- Fighting or aggression

3.2. For the purpose of this policy, the school defines “low level unacceptable behaviour” as any behaviour which may disrupt the education of the perpetrator and/or other students, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Lateness
- Low level disruption and talking in class
- Failure to complete classwork
- Rudeness
- Lack of correct equipment
- Refusing to complete homework, not completing homework, or arriving at school without homework

- Use of mobile phones without permission
- Graffiti

3.3. “Unacceptable behaviour” may be escalated as “serious unacceptable behaviour” depending on the behaviour breach.

4. Training of staff

4.1. The school recognises that early intervention can prevent bad behaviour. As such, teachers will receive training in identifying problems before they escalate; this can be behavioural problems in the classroom or during breaks/lunchtime.

4.2. Teachers and support staff will receive training on this policy as part of their new starter induction.

4.3. Teachers and support staff will receive regular and ongoing training as part of their development.

5. Student expectations

5.1. Students will be expected to follow the school Code of Conduct which requires students to:

- Conduct themselves around the school premises in a safe, sensible and respectful manner.
- Arrive to lessons on time and be fully prepared.
- Follow reasonable instructions given by the teacher.
- Behave in a reasonable and polite manner towards all staff and students.
- Show respect for the opinions and beliefs of others.
- Complete classwork as requested.
- Hand in homework at the time requested.
- Report unacceptable behaviour.
- Show respect for the school environment.

6. Smoking and drug policy

6.1. In accordance with part 1 of the Health Act 2006, our school is a smoke free environment. This includes all buildings, out-buildings, playgrounds, playing fields and sheltered areas.

6.2. Parents/carers, visitors and staff are instructed not to smoke on school grounds and should avoid smoking in front of students and/or encouraging students to smoke.

6.3. Students are not permitted to bring smoking materials or nicotine products to school. This includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, lighters, matches or pipes.

6.4. In the interest of health and hygiene, the school requests that people refrain from smoking outside the school gates.

6.5. Students and staff are required to follow the school's Drug and Alcohol policy.

7. Rewarding good behaviour

7.1. The school recognises that students should be rewarded for their display of good behaviour.

7.2. The school will use the following rewards for displaying good behaviour:

- Certificates
- Postcards home
- Principal awards
- Verbal praise
- Prizes
- Reward points
- End of term whole-class rewards

8. Consequences for poor behaviour

8.1. Teachers are able to discipline students whose behaviour falls below the established Code of Conduct at the school.

8.2. If a student misbehaves, breaks a school rule, or fails to follow instructions issued by a member of staff, the teacher is able to give consequences to the student for their poor behaviour.

8.3. In order for the consequence to be lawful, the school will ensure that:

- The decision to sanction a student is made by a paid member of school staff, or a member of staff authorised to do so by the Principal.
- The decision to sanction a student is made on the school premises or whilst the student is under the charge of a member of staff, such as during an educational trip/visit.
- The decision to sanction a student is reasonable and will not discriminate on any grounds, such as disability, race, special educational needs – as per the Equality Act 2010 in respect of safeguarding students with special educational needs, and any other equality rights.

8.4. The school will ensure that all consequences are reasonable in all circumstances, and will take into account the student's age, religious requirements and any special educational needs or disabilities.

8.5. The Principal may delegate the power to sanction poor behaviour to volunteers, such as parents/carers who assist during an educational visit/trip.

- 8.6. The Principal may limit the power to sanction poor behaviour from individual members of staff.

9. Behaviour off school premises

- 9.1. Teachers are able to sanction students for misbehaviour outside of the school premises.
- 9.2. Teachers may discipline students for misbehaviour off the school premises when the student is
- Wearing school uniform.
 - Travelling to or from school.
 - Taking part in any school-related activity.
 - In any way identifiable as being a student at the school.

However, the final decision about the consequence given will be from a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

- 9.3. Teachers may also discipline students for misbehaviour off the school premises that, irrespective of the above:
- Could negatively affect the reputation of the school.
 - Could pose a threat to another student, a member of staff at the school, or a member of the public.
 - Could disrupt the orderly running of the school.

The final decision for the level of consequence will be made by a member of the SLT.

- 9.4. Any bullying witnessed outside of the school premises and reported to a member of staff, will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Anti-bullying policy.
- 9.5. The school will impose the same behaviour sanctions for bullying incidents and non-criminal bad behaviour which is witnessed outside of the school premises, as would be imposed for the same behaviour conducted on school premises.
- 9.6. In all cases of misbehaviour outside of the school premises, teachers will only impose any behaviour sanctions once the student has returned to the school premises or when under the supervision of a member of staff.

10. Behaviour and sanctions

- 10.1. At George Pindar School there is no corporal punishment.
- 10.2. Where students display aggressive and/or threatening behaviour, or illegal activity discovered, the school will not hesitate to contact the police.

- 10.3. Any student, staff member or visitor displaying aggressive and/or threatening behaviour will be removed from the premises.
- 10.4. Teachers have the freedom to impose sanctions as they see fit depending on the behaviour, and age, of the student. This sanction process will follow the school's Positive Discipline policy detailed in appendix A.
- 10.5. The school has a range of disciplinary measures which can be used, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Giving a verbal warning
 - Providing extra work or repeating unsatisfactory work until it meets the required standard
 - Setting additional work as a consequence, e.g. writing tasks
 - Taking away privileges, e.g. not being able to participate in non-uniform days, losing social time or losing extra, prized responsibility.
 - Missing break/lunchtime, or detentions during lunchtime, after school and at weekends
 - Engaging in school-based community service, e.g. picking up litter
 - Placing the student on report for constant monitoring or other consistent behaviour checks
 - Placing the student in seclusion
 - Excluding the student either temporarily or permanently, in extreme cases.
- 10.6. Teachers will use their judgement when issuing sanctions, taking into account whether they believe the student's behaviour was intentional, especially if it is the first time the student has displayed this behaviour. Teachers are expected to act reasonably and fairly. Senior leaders will make the final decision as to the sanction required where it is appropriate to do so.
- 10.7. At all times, teachers will discuss the behaviour with the student to ensure the student understands why it is inappropriate and to prevent any reoccurring behaviour.
- 10.8. Any member of staff who witnesses a display of unacceptable behaviour, or who issues any sanction to a student, must report this to the Head of Year and/or Vice Principal.
- 10.9. The Vice Principal will keep a record of all reported incidents – normally this will be via the George Pindar School CPOMS platform.
- 10.10. The school does not take serious unacceptable behaviour lightly, and will not hesitate to act in the best interest of the students within the school.
- 10.11. All bullying incidents will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures outlined in the school's Anti-bullying policy.
- 10.12. Any allegations made against a member of staff's behaviour and misconduct will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Allegations Against Staff Policy which can be found within the school's safeguarding policy.

- 10.13. The school will consider whether the behaviour displayed by the student gives reason to suspect that the student is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm. In these instances, the procedures outlined in the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy will be followed.
- 10.14. The school will also consider whether the displayed behaviour is an indicator that the student's educational, or other, needs are not being met. In this instance, the school will consider whether a multi-agency assessment of the student's behaviour would be beneficial.

11. Detentions

- 11.1. The school will make it clear to parents/carers and students that they are able to use detention as a sanction, both during and outside of school hours.
- 11.2. All teachers at the school are able to impose detention on a student, unless the Principal decides to withdraw this power from any teacher.
- 11.3. The Principal may decide to delegate the power to impose detention to volunteers, such as parents/carers who assist during educational visit/trips.
- 11.4. The following indicate the times during which detention can be issued outside of school hours:
- Any school day where the student is not authorised to be absent
 - During weekends, except for any weekend preceding or following a half-term
 - Any non-teaching day, e.g. INSET days
- 11.5. Parental consent is not required for detentions and therefore, the school is able to issue detention as a sanction without first notifying the parents/carers of the student.
- 11.6. When issuing detentions, members of staff will ensure that they do so reasonably within the given circumstances, and that they take into account any additional needs of the student.
- 11.7. Most detentions will take place after school, however, if the detention is during lunchtime, 15 minutes will be allocated to allow the student time to eat, drink and use the toilet.
- 11.8. Detentions run on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00pm until 3.30pm (unless alternative arrangements are communicated to parents). Failure to attend a PD detention will result in a Principal's detention on a Friday from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.
- 11.9. When issuing detentions which are set to be outside of school hours, the school will consider:
- Whether the detention is likely to put the student at risk.

- Whether the student is a young carer with identified caring responsibilities which would make the detention unreasonable. In these circumstances, detentions will be expected to be served during break-times and lunches.
- Whether suitable transport arrangements are in place between the parents/carers and the student.

NB. It does not matter whether these transport arrangements are inconvenient to the parents/carers.

12. Items banned from the school premises

12.1. Fire lighting equipment:

- Matches, lighters, etc.

12.2. Drugs and smoking equipment:

- Cigarettes
- Tobacco
- Cigarette papers
- Electronic cigarettes (e-cigs)
- Alcohol
- Solvents
- Any form of illegal drugs
- Any other drugs, except medicines covered by the prescribed medicines procedure

12.3. Weapons and other dangerous implements or substances:

- Knives
- Razors
- Catapults
- Guns (including replicas and BB guns)
- Laser pens
- Knuckle dusters and studded arm bands
- Whips or similar items
- Pepper sprays and gas canisters
- Fireworks
- Dangerous chemicals

12.4. Other items, though not exhaustive:

- Liquid correction fluid
- Chewing gum
- Caffeinated energy drinks
- Offensive materials (i.e. pornographic, homophobic, racist etc.)
- Aerosols including deodorant and hair spray

13. Confiscation of inappropriate items

- 13.1. All members of staff are able to use their power to search without consent for any of the items mentioned in section 12 of this policy.
- 13.2. Upon finding any of the items mentioned above, staff will confiscate it.
- 13.3. Failure on the student's part to allow a search to take place or to hand over contraband items will lead to the school's behaviour policy being fully enforced and may include involvement of the police.
- 13.4. If a phone is seen or heard in the school, it will be requested and removed from the student. Phones should then be passed to the main reception by a member of staff, along with name and form of student. Phones will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. If a student has had a phone removed 3 times, then a parent or carer will be required to collect it.
- 13.5. Searches will be conducted by a same-sex member of staff, with another same-sex staff member as a witness, unless there is a risk that serious harm will be caused to any person(s) if the search is not done immediately, and it is not practicable to summon another member of staff.
- 13.6. Staff members may instruct a student to remove outer clothing, including but not limited to hats, hoodies, scarves, boots and coats.
- 13.7. A student's possessions will only be searched in the presence of the student and another member of staff, unless there is a risk that serious harm will be caused to any person(s) if the search is not done immediately, and it is not practicable to summon another member of staff.
- 13.8. A staff member carrying out a search can confiscate anything upon which they have reasonable grounds to suspect is a prohibited item.
- 13.9. The school is not liable for any damage to, or loss of, any confiscated item.
- 13.10. The police will be contacted if any weapons, knives, illegal substances and extreme or child pornography are discovered by a member of staff.
- 13.11. For all other items, it is at the discretion of the member of staff to decide if, or when, an item will be returned to a student.
- 13.12. Parents/carers will be informed of any confiscated item and may be required to collect the item (unless the item relates to alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco; these will be disposed of by the school or submitted to the police in the case of drugs), from the school office.
- 13.13. The Principal will always be notified when any item is confiscated.

14. Use of reasonable force

- 14.1. Members of staff are able to use reasonable force to prevent students from committing an offence, injuring themselves or others, or damaging property.

- 14.2. Members of staff are also able to use reasonable force in order to maintain good order and discipline in the classroom.
- 14.3. The Principal and other authorised members of staff are able to use reasonable force when conducting a search without consent for certain prohibited items, including the following:
- Knives
 - Weapons
 - Illegal drugs
 - Stolen items
 - Tobacco and cigarette papers
 - Fireworks
 - Pornographic images
 - Any articles that have been used, or could be used, to commit an offence or harm
- 14.4. Though members of staff are able to search for all of the items listed in section 12 of this policy, reasonable force will only be used, if necessary, to search for the items listed above.

15. Controlled substances

- 15.1. George Pindar School has a zero tolerance policy on illegal drugs and New Psychoactive Substances (formerly known as 'legal highs').
- 15.2. Following the identification and confiscation of a controlled substance, the staff member will seal the sample in a plastic bag and include details of the date and time of the confiscation and any witness/witnesses present.
- 15.3. The staff member will store the sample securely.
- 15.4. The incident will be reported to the police immediately. The police will then collect the item and deal with it in line with their agreed protocols.
- 15.5. The school will not hesitate to name the student from whom the drugs were taken to the police, and a full incident report will be completed.
- 15.6. Any further measures will be undertaken in line with the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.
- 15.7. Where controlled substances are found on school trips away from the school premises, the parents/carers/guardians of the student, as well as local police, will be notified.

16. Outside school and the wider community

- 16.1. Students at the school must agree to represent the school in a positive manner.

- 16.2. The guidance laid out in the Code of Conduct applies both inside school and out in the wider community, particularly if the student is dressed in school uniform.
- 16.3. Complaints from members of the public about bad behaviour by students at the school are taken very seriously and will be dealt with in accordance with the Complaints Procedure Policy and the school's behaviour policy.

17. Monitoring and review

- 17.1. This policy will be reviewed by the Vice Principal on an annual basis, who will make any necessary changes and communicate this to all members of staff.
- 17.2. This policy will be made available for inspection and review by the chief inspector, upon request.

Appendix A: Positive Discipline

Rationale:

Our school believes in the development of each individual and is committed to providing the best opportunities for all in an atmosphere of mutual respect. We seek to provide an environment in which effective teaching and learning can occur, where the qualities of trust, honesty, fairness, tolerance, compassion, respect for self, others and property are valued and pursued.

The school's behaviour policy seeks to provide a clear framework of what is acceptable in terms of behaviour, attitude to learning, and conduct.

Students are introduced to 'Positive Discipline' upon transition to George Pindar School. They then take part in Positive Discipline lessons fortnightly to in order to refresh their understanding of the policy and review their positive and negative behaviour choices with their tutor, Head of Year and SLT-link.

Defining Terms:

In this document the term 'staff' refers to all who are employed by the Governing Body and the term 'community' refers to all who have direct or indirect connections with the school. The term 'School Community' refers to staff and students.

Student Code of Conduct:

At George Pindar School, students are expected to abide by a 'Code of Conduct', that whilst simple in its approach, ensures that the high expectations of the school are met. Students are expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct at all times whilst in school, thereby ensuring that the school remains well ordered and an ideal environment for learning.

The expectations of the Code of Conduct are as follows:

We are:

Proud
Independent
Neighbourly
Determined
Aspirational
Respectful

at all times.

Positive Discipline Comments

A Positive Discipline comment will be issued by staff when a student fails to meet one of the school expectations. These codes are listed below:

B – Behaviour
A/S – Around Site
P – Progress and Passivity
E – Equipment and Organisation
L – Late
U – Uniform
H – Homework

However, the administering of these codes will fall into two different areas; behavioural codes and organisational codes.

Organisational codes

As a school that aims to prepare students for later life, we feel that it is important to teach students the importance of being organised. Therefore, there are several codes set aside where consequences will follow for acting in a disorganised manner. These codes are:

E – Equipment and Organisation
L – Late
U – Uniform
H – Homework

At every breach of the expected standards, the appropriate code will be issued to students. If there are three examples of any single code within a half term, a detention will be issued.

After the detention has been completed, there will be a further detention to serve every time there are three further codes received for that particular type.

Behavioural codes

We feel that it is important that the school is able to operate in a calm and ordered manner and therefore, there are certain codes available to staff to issue when the student fails to meet the high standards required by the school. These codes are known as the behaviour codes and are as follows:

B – Behaviour
A/S – Around Site
P – Progress and Passivity

If three of these codes are issued within one half term, a detention will be issued.

These codes can also lead to the child being part of the Positive Discipline process, which is outlined below.

The Positive Discipline Process within the classroom

PHASE 1: VERBAL WARNING

It is anticipated that many students will receive the occasional verbal warning in their time with us. Hopefully, as students mature and become more self-disciplined the great majority of student/teacher contact will be positive and enthusiastic. Students should become accustomed to operating within the confines of our learning framework. This will include settling to work quickly, listening properly to the ideas of others and participating constructively in discussion.

The verbal warning, although not recorded, has two clear purposes:

- a) To indicate to students that they have done or are doing something which is unacceptable;
- b) To form a link to the more serious **PHASE TWO** sanction if it is required.

The words 'VERBAL WARNING' will be used by the member of staff, at which point the member of staff will take the student's planner and place it on the teacher's desk.

PHASE 2: FIRST WRITTEN COMMENT

A student who continues to behave unacceptably despite being given a verbal warning will move into phase two and receive their first written comment which is verbally reinforced by the member of staff.

This is then recorded in the appropriate page of the Student Planner with a code and a brief comment followed by staff initials. Students will move straight into phase two for lateness, homework, coursework and equipment misdemeanours.

Students could move into phase two as a result of continuing the behaviour which led to the initial verbal warning or for behaving in a way which is considered too serious to receive only a verbal warning. If a student reaches the maximum number of written comments allowed each week they will move into phase 5 - seclusion. If they complete phase 5 and return to their mainstream education in the same week, but then reach half the maximum written comments in the remainder of that week they will return to seclusion.

PHASE 3: SECOND WRITTEN COMMENT

Occasionally, students will continue to behave in an unsatisfactory manner despite receiving both a verbal warning and a first written comment. Such behaviour will result in the student moving into phase 3.

Students are given a second written comment in their planner and will then be moved to another seat for the remainder of the lesson.

PHASE 4: THIRD WRITTEN COMMENT

At this point the classroom teacher would come to the decision that a child is persisting in undermining the work of everyone in the room. This is despite receiving a verbal warning, and two written comments at this stage.

Students are now given a third and final written comment in their planner (no more than 3 comments can be issued in any single lesson). The student will now be removed from the classroom and placed in a 'safety net' relocation.

George Pindar School has a whole school safety net timetable in place. This is comprised of a range of KS3 and KS4 teaching rooms that have been identified as being able to 'receive' students who have been removed from lessons as a result of phase 4. ON CALL will bring the phase 4 student to an appropriate safety net.

The removed student must now complete a school detention. This will be at the earliest opportunity. The detention will be written into the next available day in the student's planner at this time; providing both the student and their parent/carers with notification of this detention.

When a student is given a fifth detention, parents will be informed of the seriousness of the situation and the consequence of any further school detentions being received. When a sixth school detention is given to any child, that child will automatically move into phase 5 - Seclusion.

PHASE 5: SECLUSION

Seclusion is an extremely serious sanction. The seclusion room is a functional and purposeful environment with a bank of work which covers every curriculum area. The seclusion room is staffed by our Seclusion Manager supported by the Vice Principal and others.

A video camera will be in operation at all times; supervision at lunchtime will be staffed by the duty rota.

Mobile phones will need to be handed in at the start of the seclusion day and will be returned when it is time for students to leave at 15:30.

Students will be 'secluded' in the fullest sense of the word. Lunch-break will be taken in the seclusion room and at no time will the secluded student be allowed to socialise with other students.

The duration of the day in Seclusion will be from 08:50 until 15.30. All students who are placed in seclusion must bring their planner and equipment for that day. Any student who reaches phase 5 during the school day will go directly to seclusion and remain there until they have completed five full periods successfully; both good quality work produced and good behaviour observed. The work will be administered by the Seclusion Manager. Parents will be notified of this through the student planner. Students placed in seclusion arriving late

without good reason will still have to complete the full number of good quality, complete lessons that remain.

A student who is absent during the course of a seclusion session and does not produce a formal medical note will still need to complete the required 5 good lessons of behaviour and work. The period of seclusion should begin at the earliest convenient time.

A record of the period of seclusion will be kept on file. It may also be worth noting once again that this sanction, as with any sanction can be reached through a gradual process of continued unacceptable behaviour or through the committing of a misdemeanour which is considered sufficiently serious to warrant such an immediate sanction.

A student who fails to behave appropriately in seclusion is at risk of a fixed term exclusion. Students in seclusion will follow the same PD process as in lessons. Once a student receives their second written comment, a member of staff will attempt to make contact with their parent/carer to allow them to discuss the poor behaviour with the student. If a student receives a third written comment, they will be given a fixed term exclusion, irrespective of whether parental contact was possible or not.

Students will enter seclusion when they receive their 6th detention; reach 8 comments in a single week; receive an additional 4 comments in the same week after completing seclusion; failing to attend the Principal's detention; or for behaviour incidents deemed to be of a serious nature – identified by the Vice Principal.

PHASE 6 - BEHAVIOUR CONTRACT

Students will be placed on behaviour contract **when it is deemed that they have a history of poor behaviour. This will be at the schools discretion, however, a pupil will not be placed on contract until they have at least accrued 5 days in seclusion within a half term, or they have received 5 Fixed Term Exclusions.** Each time the contract is broken the student will serve one day's seclusion. Once the contract has been broken on five occasions the student will be excluded from the school for a fixed term period. These will be: 1,1,1,2,2,2,3,3,3,4,4,4,5,5,5 day exclusions dependent on the student's exclusion record. The exclusion tariff increases for each non-conformity in this set escalation manner, though will be administered at the discretion of the Principal.

Students will remain on contract for a period of five weeks. Each time the contract is broken the five-week period begins again.

Students on contract will have a red contract stamp placed in the weekly section of their planner. This will be done by the appropriate member of the pastoral staff. Though some generic comments will remain, contracts will be more individually tailored to the needs of the students concerned. An up-to-date contract list will be emailed to staff weekly.

At the end of the academic year students who are on contract will complete the full five-week period in the next academic year. They will be offered the opportunity of a 'clean slate' only after a full five-week period without any breaks of contract has been achieved.

All other students will be given a 'clean slate' at the beginning of each academic year.

PHASE 7 – FIXED TERM AND PERMANENT EXCLUSION

Students who persistently break the contract or who commit a particularly serious misdemeanour can expect to find themselves in phase 7. Fixed term exclusions are issued as a final resort to highlight the severity of an incident or a student's cumulative behaviour. Fixed term exclusions are issued for a range of serious behaviour incidences including, but not being limited to, defiance, unprovoked assault, being abusive towards staff, and use of racist, homophobic or disablist language towards a student or a member of staff. If it is felt that a student's behaviour has been dangerous, threatening or persistent bullying then fixed term exclusion could be issued. A decision to exclude is made entirely by the Principal and the Governor Board.

Fixed term exclusions operate on an increasing tariff within categories. The exclusion tariff will increase in the following manner: 1,1,1,2,2,2,3,3,3,4,4,4,5,5,5 days. Categories that fixed term exclusions operate within are:

Verbal and physical abuse towards other members of the school community

Persistent disruptive behaviour - This includes, amongst other things, refusal to follow instructions and general defiance.

Bullying

Presenting a risk to others – This includes things such as damaging other people's property, theft, sexual misconduct, the involvement of drugs and / or alcohol, etc.

Other

The Principal reserves the right to vary any exclusion tariff dependent on the severity of the offence committed.

Once a student has triggered the 10-day exclusion mark, discussions with partner schools in Scarborough will take place to discuss if a managed move may be appropriate. Alternatively consideration of whether Alternative Provision is necessary will be discussed.

A student returning to the school after being excluded for failing or refusing seclusion, will be reintegrated by a Behaviour Support Officer, Head of Year, Senior Leader, or in some cases the Principal. The student will automatically be placed in seclusion until five hours of good behaviour and work have been completed, and until 3:30pm.

Please see the exclusions policy for further details.

The school also reserves the right to, where it sees appropriate, vary the consequence for failure to adhere to the high standards required by the school. This may take the form of, though is not exclusive to, spending time with senior school leaders, being sent to other schools within our trust to complete the sanction or being sent to an alternative provision for a period of time. These sanctions will be administered at the discretion of the Principal.

Positive Discipline Detentions

Detentions issued to students for three comments are held on weekdays. These detentions are for half an hour from 3.00pm until 3:30pm and are held in the main hall or dining room (unless alternative arrangements have been made).

The classroom teacher detention may be issued to a student for accruing 3 comments within a single lesson (phase 4), or it may be as a result of the accumulation of a combination of any 3 B, H, or P comments within that subject over a half term. Tutors will issue detentions for the accumulation of 3 AS, L, U, and E comments. All students are given a 'fresh start' at the beginning of each half term, in relation to the accumulation of comments for detentions.

The number of comments remains on the central database for monitoring purposes. Parents are given 24 hours spoken or written notification of a detention through the student planner.

If a student fails to attend a detention, they will be entered automatically for a Principal's 1.5 hour detention on a Friday. Failure to attend the Principal's detention will result in the student completing a full day in seclusion. If a student accrues more than 5 detentions in a half term, this will also result in a day in seclusion.

Positive Discipline Rewards

On entry to the school students are allocated a form. Year group achievement is celebrated through rewards assemblies every term. During this attendance, achievement and points are collated, and successes rewarded. The system is designed in order to embed a sense of belonging and promote a collective responsibility for the year group's outcome.

All members of staff have a reward stamp and they are encouraged to reward good progress, active engagement in lesson and meeting both the classroom and around-site expectations of George Pindar School.

Students are given clear guidance on how they can achieve reward points/stamps and how the system works:

- ✓ Reward points/stamps are given for a variety of reasons including arriving on time; being fully equipped; having excellent attendance; being in correct uniform; producing good work; demonstrating positive behaviour; and helping others.
- ✓ During the fortnightly Positive Discipline lesson, the reward points/stamps are collated and entered into the school database.
- ✓ Students are able to trade in their rewards points throughout the year for smaller rewards, or save them up for more expensive rewards such as trips; prom; leaver's hoodies etc.
- ✓ Each term, there is a rewards assembly where team and individual rewards can be won.

Positive Discipline Planners

Student Self-Monitoring:

Central to PD is the need to provide students with the opportunity to reflect upon their own performance; in other words, to ensure that student self-monitoring is central to the weekly operation of the planner. With this in mind we devote a reasonable amount of time to allowing students to reflect upon their performance in the school. This is done by the fortnightly Positive Discipline session. This is a structured opportunity for reflection, and subsequent private reading.

Parental Monitoring:

Parents and guardians will also have a key role in monitoring their child's planner. In the communication to parents at the front of the planner, the need for parental involvement is outlined in some detail. Most importantly, it is expected that parents will inspect and sign the planner each week, encourage their child to keep the planner clean and up to date, support the habit of completing homework in an organised and efficient manner, and use the appropriate Parents' Section to communicate with us as a school.

Form Tutor Monitoring:

Within the school student planners will be monitored each week by the Form Tutor. When monitoring student planners, form tutors are looking to identify or confirm a number of points:

1. That the planner is free from graffiti and is being kept in a tidy manner;
2. That homework details are being recorded in sufficient detail;
3. That, whenever they occur, comments made in the planner in relation to equipment (E); uniform (U); late (L); and around site (AS) by any member of staff are responded to;
4. That, whenever they occur, comments made in the planner by parents are responded to in an appropriate way;
5. In order to communicate as form tutor to parents upon any school based issue which they feel would be best communicated through the planner;
6. In order to monitor the awarding of house points.

Using the Planner:

Planners are a crucial piece of equipment in the school and support the students in being organised and responsible for their own learning. It is also the main form of communication between home and the school - informing parents and carers about rewards, sanctions and other school events. Students are given new planners at the start of the academic year and if they are subsequently lost or defaced the students are expected to buy a replacement (currently priced at £5).

Students are given the following guidance on planners by Form Tutors and Heads of Year:

- Planners must be shown upon entry at the school gate.
- Planners must be in the school every day. If a student arrives to registration or a lesson without a planner, the member of staff should immediately alert ONCALL staff via the online browser.
- On the first occasion each term, the behaviour manager will issue the student with a planner sheet – any comments or stamps will be transferred into the student's planner the following day by a member of the pastoral team.
- If the student then forgets their planner for a second time within the same academic term, they will be placed in seclusion for the day or until the missing planner is brought in.
- Planners must be signed every week by someone at home, the student, and the tutor. If planners are not signed, then an E comment will be issued for each day that it is not signed.
- If pages are torn out of planners or there are attempts to cover up comments, staff will alert ONCALL staff and a member of the pastoral team will sanction the student accordingly. Parents are not permitted to cross out comments that they do not agree with.
- If a student refuses to hand over a planner, staff will alert ONCALL staff and the behaviour manager will issue an appropriate sanction, possibly seclusion.
- No personalising of the planner will be allowed. The planner should be carried in the student's bag not in a jacket pocket.
- At the beginning of each lesson, students will take out their planners. Students who have not brought their planner should be immediately referred to the behaviour manager via an ONCALL alert via the staff portal browser.

Appendix B: Managing in-class incidents flowchart

