



# Brakenhale School

# **Behaviour Policy**

# **and Procedures**

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# Behaviour Policy and Procedures

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## Part A

### A.1 Application

Our school is part of the Greenshaw Learning Trust (GLT), therefore it is subject to the policies and procedures of the Trust, as approved by the GLT Board of Trustees.

Parts A, B and C of this Behaviour Policy and Procedure apply to the Greenshaw Learning Trust as a whole and to all the schools in the Trust in accordance with and pursuant to the Student Welfare Policy of the Greenshaw Learning Trust. Part D of this Behaviour Policy and Procedure applies specifically to our school.

The Policy and Procedure is subject to the Trust's Scheme of Delegation for Governance Functions. If there is any ambiguity or conflict, then the Scheme of Delegation takes precedence. If there is any ambiguity or conflict between Parts A to C and Part D, Parts A to C take precedence.

In implementing this Policy and Procedure the Governing Body, Headteacher and school and Trust Shared Service staff, must take account of any advice or instruction given to them by the GLT CEO, GLT Education Directors or Board of Trustees.

If there is any question or doubt about the interpretation or implementation of the Procedure, the GLT CEO, or GLT Education Directors should be consulted.

### A.2 Approval and review

Maintenance of the Policy and Procedure is the responsibility of the GLT Directors of Education (Part A, B & C) and the Headteacher (Part D).

- The Policy and Procedure (Parts A, B & C) was approved by the Board of Trustees in April 2025
- The School Specific Procedures (Part D) were approved by the Governing Body on April 2025
- The Policy and Procedure is kept under review and updated where necessary by the Education Directors in line with statutory guidance.
- The Policy and Procedure is due for review by (Parts A, B & C) 31 March 2028 (Part D) 31 May 2026.

### A.3 Responsibilities

The following persons and bodies have a role in ensuring compliance with this Behaviour Policy and associated Procedures and providing and maintaining the Trust's expectations for behaviour in its schools:

The GLT **Board of Trustees** is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of this Behaviour Policy and associated Procedures, and holding each Governing Body to account for their implementation.

It is the responsibility of the **Governing Body** and **Headteacher** of each school to ensure that their school and its staff adhere to this Behaviour Policy and Procedures.

### A.4 Associated policies and procedures

This Behaviour Policy and Procedure are constituent part of the:

- GLT Student Welfare Statement.

The following Trust and School policies and procedures are directly related to and complement this Policy and Procedure:

- GLT Safeguarding Policy.
- GLT Suspensions and Exclusions Procedure.
- School Safeguarding Policy.

## Part B

### B.1 Policy Statement

The Board of Trustees of the Greenshaw Learning Trust believes that its schools have a responsibility to promote a culture that promotes excellent behaviour, ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to learn in a calm, safe and supportive environment.

This is achieved by establishing a Trust wide approach to maintaining high standards of behaviour that reflect the values of Greenshaw Learning Trust as set out in the Procedure.

This School Behaviour Policy and Procedure and any associated school rules and approaches will ensure that:

In all GLT schools:

- Schools have a consistent approach to behaviour management that is applied consistently and fairly to all pupils.
- Every pupil understands they have the right to feel safe, valued and respected, and to be able to learn free from the disruption of others.
- All pupils, staff and visitors are free from any form of discrimination.
- Staff and volunteers set an excellent example to pupils at all times.
- Rewards, sanctions and reasonable force, where appropriate, are used consistently by staff, in line with the Behaviour Policy.
- The school will work to create an environment where removal from class and exclusion from school is not necessary because pupil behaviour does not require it.
- Removal from class, suspensions and permanent exclusions will only be used in response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy.
- Exclusions will only be used as a last resort.
- The Behaviour Policy and Procedure are understood by pupils and staff.
- Pupils are helped to take responsibility for their actions.
- When pupils are involved in behaviour incidents, their families are engaged to foster good relationships between the school and pupils' home life.

## Part C - Procedures

### C.1 Legislation, statutory requirements and statutory guidance

These procedures are based on legislation and advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- [Behaviour and discipline in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff](#)
- [Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)
- [Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units](#)
- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)
- [Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school](#)
- [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice.](#)

### C.2 Definitions

Misbehaviour is defined as, but is not limited to:

- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes.
- Poor attitude.

Serious misbehaviour is defined as, but not limited to:

- Repeated breaches of the school rules.
- Any form of bullying.
- Sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration, or sexual assault (intentional sexual touching without consent).
- Sexual harassment, meaning unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, such as:
  - 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, including vaping or related activity
- Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory behaviour.
- Possession of any prohibited items. These are:
  - Knives or weapons.
  - Alcohol.
  - Illegal drugs.
  - Stolen items.
  - Tobacco and cigarette papers, e-cigarettes and smoking related paraphernalia
  - 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 pupil).

### C.3 School Behaviour Curriculum

The school has a behaviour curriculum which teaches pupils to do what is expected of them, including to:

- Behave in a safe and respectful way.
- Show respect to members of staff and each other.
- In class, make it possible for all pupils to learn, support and promote a disruption free environment.
- Move quietly, and calmly around the school as directed.
- Care for the school buildings and school property.
- Wear the correct uniform at all times, including to and from school and home.
- Accept sanctions when given, seeing it as an opportunity to correct wrong choices.
- Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school or online, including travel to and from school.

Where appropriate and reasonable, adjustments will be considered to ensure all pupils can meet behavioural expectations.

The approach and rules used at our school are detailed in our school procedures, see Part D.3.

### C.4 Classroom management

The school's teaching and support staff are responsible for setting the tone and context for positive behaviour within the classroom. They:

- Will create and maintain a stimulating environment that encourages pupils to be engaged.
- May display the behaviour curriculum or their own classroom rules.
- Will develop a positive relationship with pupils, which may include:
  - Greeting pupils 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.
  - Following the school procedure for dealing with low-level disruption.
  - Using the rewards procedures to encourage positive behaviours.

### C.5 Mobile phones

- In schools where they are allowed, mobile phones and smart watches, and connected devices must be switched off and stored (out of sight) during the school day and whilst on site, in accordance with the school's procedures.
- Mobile phones and smart watches, and connected devices must be switched off and stored (out of sight) during the school day, and whilst on site.
- School procedures will follow DFE guidance on the confiscation of mobile phones.

### C.6 Safeguarding

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

The Headteacher will consider whether a pupil's behaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm. Where this may be the case, the school will follow the school's safeguarding policy and procedures, and consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

### **C.7 Responding to good behaviour**

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

The Headteacher will ensure that positive reinforcements and rewards will be applied clearly and fairly to reinforce the routines, expectations, and norms of the school's behaviour culture. These will be outlined in the school's rewards procedures.

The approach used at our school is detailed in our school procedures, see Part D.7.

### **C.8 Responding to unacceptable behaviour**

When a pupil's behaviour falls below the standard that can reasonably be expected of them, school staff will respond in order to restore a calm and safe learning environment, and to prevent recurrence of unacceptable behaviour.

Staff expect classrooms and learning environments to be disruption free.

Staff will endeavour to create a predictable environment by consistently challenging behaviour that falls short of the standards, and by responding in a consistent, fair and proportionate manner, so pupils know with certainty that unacceptable behaviour will always be addressed.

De-escalation techniques will be used to help prevent further behaviour issues from escalating.

All pupils will be treated equitably, 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 in the future to a pupil to help them to meet behaviour expectations in the future.

Suspension or permanent exclusions will only be used in the most serious of circumstances.

The approach used at our school is detailed in our school procedures, see Part D.8.

Personal circumstances of the pupil will be taken into account when deciding on consequences and alternative arrangements for sanctions can be considered on a case-by-case basis for any pupil where the school believes an alternative arrangement would be more effective for that particular pupil. The school will have regard to the impact on consistency and perceived fairness when considering any alternative arrangements.

### **C.9 Reasonable force**

Reasonable force covers a range of interventions that involve physical contact with pupils.

All members of school staff can use reasonable force, in the following circumstances, to prevent a pupil from:

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

Reasonable force must:

- Always be used as a last resort.
- Be applied using the minimum amount of force and for the minimum amount of time possible.

- Be used in a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned.
- Never be used as a form of punishment.
- Be recorded and reported to parents.

When assessing risk and deciding whether to use reasonable force, staff will take into careful consideration any specific vulnerabilities of the pupils, including SEND, mental health needs or medical conditions.

When the use of reasonable force constitutes a restrictive intervention, the procedures set out in the school's Positive Handling and Restrictive Physical Intervention Procedure must be followed.

### **C.10 Searching, screening and confiscation**

Searching, screening and confiscation will only be conducted in line with [DfE Guidance on Searching, Screening and Confiscation - Advice for Schools](#) (July 2022).

### **C.11 Off-site unacceptable behaviour**

School staff may apply sanctions where a pupil has misbehaved off-site when representing the school. This means unacceptable behaviour when the pupil is:

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

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

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

The decision to sanction should only be made on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member.

### **C.12 Online misbehaviour**

School staff can issue behaviour sanctions to pupils for online misbehaviour when:

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

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

### **C.13 Suspected criminal behaviour**

If a pupil is suspected of criminal behaviour, the Headteacher will report the incident to the police.

When establishing the facts, school staff 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 Headteacher will make the decision for who makes the report.

If police attend the school site and question a pupil/pupils as part of their investigation, the Headteacher will ensure that the pupil(s) is supported by an appropriate adult.

School staff will not interfere with any police action taken. However, school staff may continue to follow their 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 the LADO if appropriate.

### **C.14 Zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment and sexual violence**

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

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

The school's response will be:

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

Individual schools have their own 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 and 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 the School Safeguarding Policy and procedure for more information.

### **C.15 Malicious allegations**

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

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

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

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

Please refer to the School Safeguarding Policy for more information.

### **C.16 Removal from classrooms**

In response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy, and to ensure disruption free learning for all pupils, school staff may remove the pupil from the classroom for a limited time. The approach used at the school is detailed in the school procedures, see Part D.16.

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

Removal is a serious sanction and will only be used in response to serious or persistent misbehaviour, including disruption of the learning of others. Staff will only remove pupils 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 pupil is being unreasonably disruptive.
- Maintain the safety of all pupils.
- Maintain the learning environment for all pupils.
- Allow the disruptive pupil to continue their learning in a managed environment.
- Allow the disruptive pupil to regain calm in a safe space.

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

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

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

The Headteacher will consider an alternative approach to behaviour management for pupils who are frequently removed from class.

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

### **C.17 Detention**

School staff can issue detentions to pupils during break, after school or on weekends during term time.

School staff will inform pupil's parents in accordance with school procedures.

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

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

The approach used at our school is detailed in the school procedures, see Part D.17.

### **C.18 Suspension and permanent exclusion**

The school will work to create an environment where exclusion from school is not necessary because pupil behaviour does not require it. However, suspensions and permanent exclusions are an appropriate, and essential, element of school behaviour management processes.

Suspension and permanent exclusion may be used in response to persistent poor behaviour which has not improved following in-school sanctions and interventions or in response to a serious incident; permanent exclusion will only be used as a last resort. When making the decision to suspend or exclude, due consideration will be given to the impact of allowing the pupil to remain in school and the impact that this would have on the education and welfare of the pupil or others, such as staff or pupils in the school.

The decision to suspend or permanently exclude will be made by the Headteacher, in accordance with the DfE Guidance (*Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement*).

The process of suspension and permanent exclusion will be carried out in accordance with the GLT Suspension & Exclusions Procedure and the accompanying GLT Guidance.

See Part C.26 for further information.

### C.19 Anti-Bullying

The school expects all children to be treated with respect and we respond decisively where bullying is found to be taking place.

There is no legal definition of bullying, however our definition of bullying is: the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

Bullying is, therefore, behaviour that is:

- Deliberately hurtful.
- Difficult to defend against.

Bullying can include:

| TYPE OF BULLYING  | DEFINITION  |
|---|---|
| Emotional   | Being deliberately and persistently 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"> <li>● Racial</li> <li>● Faith-based</li> <li>● Gendered (sexist)</li> <li>● Homophobic/biphobic</li> <li>● Transphobic</li> <li>● Disability-based</li> </ul> | 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   |

| TYPE OF BULLYING | DEFINITION  |
|------------------|---|
| Cyber-bullying   | Bullying that takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites |

We will always take bullying seriously, using a range of proactive and reactive strategies to:

- Combat and prevent bullying.
- Prevent, de-escalate and/or stop any continuation of harmful behaviour.
- React to bullying incidents in a reasonable, proportionate and consistent way.
- Safeguard the pupil who has experienced bullying and to trigger sources of support.
- Apply disciplinary sanctions to the pupil causing the bullying and ensure they learn from the experience, possibly through multi-agency support.

If bullying is suspected or reported, the incident will be taken seriously and dealt with as quickly as possible.

Staff will be alert to the fact some groups of pupils may be more vulnerable to bullying, such as pupils with a disability and/or special educational need and will respond decisively to safeguard pupils.

The approach used at our school is detailed in our school procedures, see Part D.19.

### C.20 Recognising the impact of SEND on behaviour

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

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

When dealing with misbehaviour from pupils with SEND, especially where their SEND affects their behaviour, Headteachers will balance their legal duties when making decisions about enforcing the behaviour policy.

The legal duties include:

- Taking reasonable steps to avoid putting a disabled pupil at any substantial disadvantage as a result of the school's policies or practices ([Equality Act 2010](#)).
- Using our best endeavours to meet the needs of pupils with SEND ([Children and Families Act 2014](#)).
- If a pupil has an education, health and care (EHC) plan, the provisions set out in that plan must be secured by the local authority and the school must cooperate with the local authority and other bodies.
- As a part of meeting these duties, the school will anticipate, as far as possible, behaviour expectations that a pupil may have difficulty meeting due to their SEND and/or all likely triggers of misbehaviour, and put in place support to prevent these from occurring. This may include approaches such as:
  - Short, planned movement breaks for a pupil whose SEND means they find it difficult to sit still for long.
  - Adjusting seating plans to ensure, for example, that accessibility arrangements are appropriate, that pupils have easy access to targeted support from the teacher, are removed from potential distractions, or are responsive to specific anxieties.
  - Adjusting uniform requirements for a pupil with sensory issues.
  - Training for staff in understanding conditions such as autism so that staff understand, for example, how to manage change of transitions for children who experience greater anxiety at these times.

- Use of appropriate spaces (sensory zones or nurture rooms) where pupils can regulate their emotions during a moment of sensory overload.

Any proactive support will take into account the specific circumstances and requirements of the pupil concerned.

Schools need to manage pupil behaviour effectively, whether or not the pupil has underlying needs. Where a pupil's special educational need or disability may impact their ability to meet the expectations set out in the behaviour policy, it is important to identify the specific barrier they experience and put in place appropriate reasonable adjustments to support the pupil to meet the expectations. The impact of the support must be regularly evaluated. Some pupils with SEND will also require targeted or specialist support and / or intervention to meet the expectations set out in the behaviour policy. Where this is the case, this should be implemented using a graduated approach to assess, plan, do and then review the impact of any support being provided.

### **C.20.a Adapting sanctions for pupils with SEND**

When considering a behavioural sanction for a pupil with SEND, school staff will take into account:

- Whether the pupil with a special educational need or disability was appropriately and/or reasonably supported to understand the rule or instruction, and meet the expectation(s) required of them?
- Where a pupil displays behaviours that present a risk of harm to themselves or others as a result of their special educational need or disability, were appropriate reasonable adjustments and support in place and consistently implemented for the pupils, including where this is required to achieve appropriate de-escalation?
- Whether the sanction is a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim

If the answer to any of these questions is no, it may be unlawful for the school to sanction the pupil for the behaviour.

Where a sanction is implemented, the headteacher will assess where appropriate reasonable adaptations will be made to the sanction. The headteacher will need to consider their duty to safeguard the pupil themselves, other pupils and staff when identifying how best to support the pupil following any incident where the education or welfare of others was placed at risk of serious harm. In these incidents, the Headteacher will consider whether a risk assessment will need to be undertaken in partnership with parents and, where appropriate, with the pupil themselves. Where appropriate, external partners, such as the local authority, could also be involved.

### **C.20.b Considering whether a pupil displaying challenging behaviours may have unidentified SEND**

The special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO), in partnership with other leaders (e.g. pastoral lead, attendance lead etc.), will evaluate a pupil 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 pupil, school staff will liaise with external agencies and plan support programmes for that child. School staff will work with parents to create the plan and review it on a regular basis.

### **C.20.c Pupils with SEN but without an EHC plan displaying challenging behaviours**

For pupils with SEN but without an EHC plan, the school will review, with external specialists where appropriate, whether the current support arrangements are appropriate and what changes may be required. This review may result in schools requesting an EHC needs assessment or a review of the pupil's current package of support.

### **C.20.d Pupils with an education, health and care (EHC) plan**

The special educational provision set out in the EHC plan must be secured by the local authority. The school will use its best endeavours, working with the local authority and other bodies, to secure the provision that a pupil's special educational needs call for.

If school staff have a concern about the behaviour of a pupil with an EHCP, the Headteacher will make contact with the local authority to discuss the concerns and if any additional support that might be required. Where it is identified that the provisions set out in the EHCP are no longer appropriate to meeting the needs of the pupil or where an alternative placement is being sought, the headteacher may request an early annual review. Requesting an early annual review should be considered prior to making the decision to suspend or permanently exclude.

The approach used at our school is detailed in the school procedures, see Part D.20.

### **C.21 Supporting pupils following a sanction**

School staff will employ strategies for successfully reintegrating pupils following removal from the classroom, time spent in a pupil support unit, in another setting under off-site direction or following suspension, including measures such as reintegration meetings, daily contact with identified staff and personalised behaviour goals.

The approach used at our school is detailed in the school procedures, see Part D.21.

### **C.22 Inducting incoming pupils**

School staff will support incoming pupils to meet behaviour standards by offering an induction process to familiarise them with the behaviour policy and procedures and the wider school culture.

### **C.23 Preparing outgoing pupils for transition**

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

### **C.24 Training**

As part of their induction process, school staff are provided with regular training on managing behaviour, including training on the needs of the pupils at the school and how SEND and mental health needs can impact behaviour. Behaviour management also forms part of continuing professional development.

### **C.25 Monitoring and evaluating school behaviour**

Data will be collected on the following:

- Attendance, permanent exclusion and suspension.
- Incidents of searching, screening and confiscation.
- Behavioural incidents, including removal from the classroom.
- Use of pupil support units, off-site directions and managed moves.

- Incidents of bullying and discriminatory behaviour.
- Anonymous surveys for staff, pupils and other stakeholders on their perceptions and experiences of the behaviour culture.

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

- At Trust level.
- At school level.
- By age group.
- By vulnerable group.
- By protected characteristic.

Data will be collected, analysed and reported to the School's Governing Body.

The school will work with the Greenshaw Learning Trust Shared Service to interpret this data, and identify whether there are patterns across the Trust, recognising that numbers in any one school are often too low to allow for meaningful statistical analysis.

The Headteacher will use data analysis to decide whether investigation is required to ensure that the school is meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Data will be collected, analysed and reported to The Greenshaw Learning Trust Board of Trustees.

## C.26 Suspensions and Exclusions

### Definitions:

- A **suspension** removes a pupil from school for a specific period of time. A pupil may be suspended for one or more fixed period, up to a maximum of 45 school days in a single academic year. Lunchtime suspensions are counted as half a school day. (Suspension is described in legislation as an exclusion for a fixed period.)
- A **permanent exclusion** involves a pupil being removed from the school roll. The decision to exclude a pupil permanently should only be taken:
  - in response to a serious breach or persistent breaches of the school's behaviour policy; and
  - where allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the pupil or others such as staff or pupils in the school.

### The decision:

- Suspension and permanent exclusion may be used in response to persistent poor behaviour which has not improved following in-school sanctions and interventions or in response to a serious incident; permanent exclusion will only be used as a last resort.
- The decision to suspend or permanently exclude will be made by the Headteacher, in accordance with the DfE Guidance, the GLT Suspension & Exclusions Procedure and the accompanying GLT Guidance.

### The process:

- When a Headteacher decides to suspend or permanently exclude a pupil they will inform the pupil's parents/carers immediately, usually by telephone, to allow them to ask any questions or raise concerns directly with the Headteacher.
- The Headteacher will then formally notify the pupil's parents/carers in writing, giving the reasons and how to make representations against the suspension or exclusion; and for a suspension describing the arrangements for the pupil to return to school. (*This may be by email if they have given written consent for notice to be sent this way*).

- Representations should be made in writing to the Clerk to the Governing Body - details of how to do this will be provided in the notification letter.

#### **Review by a governors' Exclusions Committee:**

- For:
  - i. a **permanent exclusion**;
  - ii. a **suspension** that would bring the pupil's total number of days out of school to **more than 15 days in one term**; or
  - iii. a suspension that would result in a **pupil missing a public examination or national curriculum test**:

Then an Exclusions Committee will meet within 15 school days of the notification from the Headteacher of the suspension/exclusion, to consider whether the pupil should be reinstated.

The parents/carers may make representations to the Committee, and the parents /carers and the pupil may attend the Committee.

The Committee may decide to uphold the suspension/permanent exclusion, or may direct that the pupil is reinstated immediately or from a specific date.

- For a **suspension** that would bring the pupil's total number of days out of school to **more than 5 but no more than 15 school days** in one term AND the parents/carers **have** made representations:

Then an Exclusions Committee will meet within 50 school days of the notification from the Headteacher of the suspension/exclusion, to consider whether the pupil should be reinstated.

The parents/carers may make representations to the Committee, and the parents /carers and the pupil may attend the Committee.

The Committee may decide to uphold the suspension, or may direct the pupil is reinstated immediately or from a specific date.

For a suspension or permanent exclusion that would result in a pupil missing a public examination or national curriculum test, the Exclusion Committee must, as far as is reasonably practical, meet to review the suspension or permanent exclusion before the date of the examination or test.

- For a **suspension** that would **not** bring the pupil's total number of days out of school to **more than 5 school days** in one term **or** would not bring the pupil's total number of days out of school to **more than 15 school days in one term**:

Then an Exclusions Committee will consider any representations from the parents/carers, but will not meet with the parents/carers, and cannot direct reinstatement.

The meeting of the Exclusions Committee will be arranged by the Clerk to the Governing Body, who will communicate with relevant parties including the pupil's parents/carers.

Whether or not the parents/carers make representations or attend the meeting, they will be notified in writing of the decision of the Committee.

If a permanent exclusion is upheld, the parents/carers have the right to ask for a review by an Independent Review Panel - details of how to do this will be provided in the decision letter.

Reasonable endeavours must be made to arrange the meeting within the time limits stated and at a time that suits all relevant parties; but the Committee's decision will not be invalid simply on the grounds that it

was not made within these time limits.

The process of suspension and permanent exclusion will be carried out in accordance with the GLT Suspension & Exclusions Procedure and the accompanying GLT Guidance.

**Following a suspension or permanent exclusion:**

- During the first 5 school days of a suspension or exclusion, the school will set and mark work for the pupil that is accessible and achievable by pupils outside of school; or the school may arrange alternative provision for the pupil.
- From the 6th day of a suspension, the school must arrange suitable full-time education for the pupil.
- From the 6th day of a permanent exclusion, the pupil's Local Authority must arrange suitable full-time education for the pupil.

## Part D - School Specific Procedures

### D.3 School Behaviour Curriculum and School Rules

At Brakenhale School we recognise that behaviour is a curriculum. We have high expectations of all of our students and as a result, we ensure that positive behaviour is explicitly taught every day. We recognise that it is unfair to merely expect students to meet our high standards and expectations and therefore carefully map our behaviour curriculum. We deliver our behaviour curriculum in a variety of ways;

- Every interaction with staff. Staff are trained to model the politeness and courtesy we expect from our students in all interactions.
- Over-communication of positive messaging at line-ups.
- Assemblies detailing our culture, expectations and the 'why' behind them.
- Signage across the school.
- Behaviour Curriculum sessions. Delivered through PSHE, tutor time and assemblies.
- Consistent implementation of the behaviour system in every classroom with clarity of expectations in all areas of the school.
- A consistent and clear sanctions process.
- A positive rewards system to promote and reward good behaviour.

### D.7 Responding to good behaviour

The School makes regular use of rewards and praise to promote and reinforce good behaviour and marginalise poor behaviour.

The school will endeavour to share and celebrate positive news as much as possible between staff, students and parents.

There are a variety of systems used across the school to recognise and reward positive behaviour on a regular basis. These include (but are not limited to):

- Positive praise in lessons and outside of lessons
- Positive signature on Culture Card (outside of lessons, equivalent to one house point)
- House points (rewarded on Bromcom)
- Positive phone calls home
- Golden Ticket (five points per ticket) awarded to one student every lesson.
- Prom Points (Year 11 only)
- Celebration breakfasts weekly with the Headteacher
- Half termly Rewards Assemblies
- Participation in Fun Friday events
- Invited on trips and visits
- Gold / Silver / Bronze "Fun Factor" Reward Scheme (every term)

## Gold / Silver / Bronze “Fun Factor” Reward Scheme

All students have the opportunity to achieve a Gold, Silver or Bronze award at the end of the next term. This will also be the case at the end of every full term. The criteria for these awards will be based on **net conduct points (positive house points minus negative house points)**. The criteria and award details are listed below:

|   | <b>Gold Award</b>                                   | <b>Silver Award</b>                                     | <b>Bronze Award</b>   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Who?</b>                               | Top 10% net conduct points of every year group      | Next 20% net conduct points of every year group         | Next 30% net conduct points of every year group   |
| <b>What?</b><br><i>*Subject to change</i> | A trip out of school<br><br><i>Gold Certificate</i> | Reward event in school<br><br><i>Silver Certificate</i> | Brakenhale Cinema Experience in Main Hall With Popcorn<br><br><i>Bronze Certificate</i> |
| <b>When?</b>                              | Last week of term, date tbc                         | Last week of term, date tbc                             | Last week of term, date tbc   |

This criteria means that the top 60% of every year group will achieve either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award. Any suspensions in the half term will disqualify students from any of these awards. Instances of Reflection Room will deduct five points from students.

Students are able to track their progress towards these awards via electronic boards around the school; these are updated weekly to show who is currently on track to receive each award. Students' Achievement Points (positive and negative) are reset after every end of term break to give a fresh slate for all.

## D.8 Responding to unacceptable behaviour

A range of sanctions will be used to demonstrate that poor behaviour is not acceptable and that it results in consequences for the individual. Sanctions are also used with the intention of deterring other students from similar behaviour.

Sanctions issued to students will be communicated to parents, where appropriate, although the school does not need their consent for sanctions. A range of sanctions will be used where it is deemed that a student has fallen below the standard that is reasonably expected ie: verbal reprimand, sanctions such as a detention, or for more serious behaviours internal suspension (reflection room) and fixed term suspensions

It is recognised that the application of rewards and sanctions must have regard to the individual situation and the individual student and the Headteacher and school staff are expected to exercise discretion in

their use. Some students, depending upon their circumstances, may require reasonable adjustments to discipline and sanctions.

Governors expect the School to establish and clearly communicate measures to ensure good order, respect and discipline. They also expect students' and parents' co-operation in maintaining a well-ordered climate for learning.

Governors will not tolerate violence, threatening behaviour or abuse by students or parents. Governors will take firm action against students or parents who denigrate any school staff on or off School premises, engaging external support services, including the police, as appropriate. This can be through a threat to the orderly running of the school, if there is a threat to another student or if behaviour threatens the good reputation of the school.

### **D.16 Removal from classrooms**

As a school we strive every day, every lesson for '*disruption-free learning*' environments. Students will receive a warning (with their name recorded on the whiteboard) - students must amend their behaviour at this point; if they fail to do so they will be sent to the Ready For Learning Room.

A warning in a lesson does not hold a 20 minute after school detention; it is simply a warning for a student to amend their behaviour.

There will be some circumstances in which a behaviour warrants being removed from lesson immediately, with no warning being received. Staff will use their professional judgement in these cases.

Students can also be sent to the RFL room for reasons beyond the classroom, which includes but is not limited to:

- Refusal to follow staff instructions
- Rudeness and/or aggressive behaviour to staff / other students
- Incorrect uniform and refusing to amend uniform infringements
- Not attending a detention
- Truancy from lesson
- Returning from a suspension (all students who return from suspension are reintegrated through the Ready for Learning room).

### **Ready For Learning Room (RFL)**

- Students remain in RFL for "12 points" before they are permitted to return to lesson. Students have a points based system which enables students to "work their way out" of the reflection room by completing work and positive behaviour.

- In some, escalated circumstances, students may be expected to complete “30 points” of Reflection Room before returning to lessons. This will often be as a result of persistent breaches or in exceptional circumstances, where a suspension would not be appropriate.
- Ready For Learning room is a classroom, where students are able to access online learning
- Students are given at least two breaks a day and attend the canteen to eat/but food and drink
- If students fail to meet expectations in RFL, they are given a warning and if this persists they attend the focus room, where a member of staff contacts home to support students in being successful.
- In the event that this is not successful students will be suspended.

### **D.17 Detention**

**Centralised Detentions - 20 minutes after school**, notifications being sent to parents via Bromcom.

Can be issued for: late to school/lesson, lack of tools for learning, poor uniform/appearance, defiance, rudeness, lack of homework, etc.

Failing to attend or failing to complete this detention will result in an escalation to the Reflection Room.

### **D.19 Anti Bullying Strategies**

We are committed to eradicating bullying and take a zero tolerance approach to this. Our school has clear and well publicised systems to report bullying for the whole school community (including staff, parents/carers, children and young people) this includes those who are the victims of bullying or have witnessed bullying behaviour (bystanders).

**Everyone has a role in combating bullying:**

#### **Children and young people in school**

Students who are being bullied or who have witnessed bullying should report it as soon as possible to an adult. At school this could be a class teacher, tutor, Head of Year, support staff, Safeguarding team or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

#### **Parents/carers**

Parents should report any instances of bullying within the school community they are aware of to an adult within the school. This could be a class teacher, tutor, Head of Year, support staff, Safeguarding team or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

#### **All staff and visitors**

Staff should report any instances of bullying to the relevant Head of Year, Anti-Bullying lead, Safeguarding team or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Visitors should report any instances of bullying to the member of staff they are working with or directly to the school receptionist.

### **Strategies for Preventing Bullying**

As part of our on-going commitment to the safety and welfare of our students we at Brakenhale have developed the following strategies to promote positive behaviour and discourage bullying behaviour. However, if these are unsuccessful bullying may result in suspension or permanent exclusion.

- We adopt a restorative approach
- Involvement in Healthy Schools
- PSHE/citizenship
- Tutor time activities
- Specific curriculum input on areas of concern such as Cyberbullying and internet safety
- Student voice
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors / Drop-In at break and lunch
- Parent information events/information
- Staff training and development for all staff
- Counselling and/or Mediation schemes

### **D.20 Recognising the impact of SEND on behaviour**

Students who have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) or an identified additional need(s) are expected to follow the behaviour policy. However, reasonable adjustments will be made for some individuals. Advice from the schools Special Educational Needs department and from external agencies when appropriate will be taken and communicated to all staff. Alternative strategies will be employed as agreed with all stakeholders at regular SEND review meetings of the pupil passports. Staff can refer to the SEND register and pupil passports for further information.

### **D.21 Supporting pupils following a sanction**

We will endeavour to ensure that any student understands the impact of their behaviour on themselves, others and the school. Students are reminded that they are a part of our school community and are supported to make better and consistent choices with their behaviour and learning.

The school may offer further support, possible examples listed below, not exhaustive:

- Mentoring by a trusted adult or through an external agency / provider
- Identification of a key person for the student
- Restorative conversations
- Regular reviews with the pupil and parents to praise progress being made and raise and address any concerns at an early stage
- Informing the student, parents and staff of potential external support
- Early Intervention (internal) referral to discuss additional support routes
- Behaviour Support Plan
- Pastoral Support Plan

