

GORSE 3- 11 (Primary) Behaviour & Positive Discipline Policy

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Positive Discipline Policy is Little London Academy's behaviour policy and outlines the framework of our approach to encouraging good behaviour known as 'Positive Discipline'.
- 1.2. This policy details the systems which will be in operation to support pupils in making positive behaviour choices, in line with the law and guidance issued by the government.
- 1.3. This policy should be read alongside the additional guidance issued on the academy website and the other policies, including:

- The academy's Safeguarding and Child Protection policy
- The GORSE Academies Trust's:
 - Equality Statement
 - Attendance and Punctuality Policy
 - E-Safety and Online Policy
 - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy
 - Anti-bullying Policy
 - Hate Incident and Crime Policy
 - Permanent Exclusions and Suspensions Policy
 - Dealing with Concerns and Allegations Against Adults in School Policy
 - Children Looked After/ Previously Looked After Policy,
 - Care and Control Policy
 - Complaints Policy

Copies of these documents can be found on the academy's website in the policies section.

- 1.4. The Positive Discipline Policy upholds the values which underpin The GORSE Academies Trust (GORSE). These are the values of Diligence, Integrity, Rectitude and Kindness (DIRK). It is an expectation that members of staff within GORSE exemplify these values and support pupils and the wider community in demonstrating these values too.
- 1.5. The Positive Discipline Policy is reviewed annually by the Positive Discipline Monitoring Group.
- 1.6. The Positive Discipline framework should be successful in:
- Providing parents/carers, pupils, staff and governors with clarity in respect of the behaviour policy in place.
 - Ensuring that all pupils are treated fairly and consistently, and are involved, whenever possible, in the process of praise, recognition and rewards.
 - Supporting staff in the classroom, ensuring that the classroom environment is one in which teachers are able to teach because pupils are behaving in an appropriate manner.
 - Reassuring the school community that we take everyone's health and safety exceptionally seriously and have ensured our procedures and systems are fit for purpose.
- 1.7. Without doubt, the essential pre-requisite for the approaches' success is a consistent commitment from all staff to operate within the agreed framework.
- 1.8. During pupil's prolonged absence from school in 2019-20 and 2020-21, children and young people experienced significant changes to their learned routines, daily structure, social

and behavioural norms. Leaders and governors remain aware that Covid-19 has potentially impacted upon the mental health of pupils and their family members which may in turn affect a pupil's behaviour. Where appropriate, members of staff may enlist the support of counsellors or other external agencies, for example, to assess the needs of pupils who display continuous disruptive behaviour.

- 1.9. A positive, safe and purposeful culture is created in our academy by establishing behavioural norms and ensuring that these are taught explicitly to ensure that the academy is a calm, orderly and disciplined environment where rules are followed to enable excellent teaching and learning to take place for the benefit of the school community.
- 1.10. Where needed, Individual Pupil Risk Assessments (IPRAs) will be completed in partnership with parents/carers and pupils. These will be reviewed at regular intervals and must be adhered to.
- 1.11. Throughout this policy EYFS will be used to mean Early Years and Foundation Stage, namely nursery and reception, KS1 will be used to mean Key Stage One, namely years 1 and 2 and KS2 will be used to mean Key Stage Two, namely years 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- 1.12. Positive Discipline Pyramids ('Individual Rewards' and 'Sanctions') support the consistent implementation of the Positive Discipline Policy. The Positive Discipline Pyramids are included in the appendices at the end of this policy. There is one 'Individual Rewards' pyramid for KS2 and EYFS/KS1 (Appendix 1) and separate 'Individual Sanctions' pyramids for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 (Appendices 2, 3 and 4 respectively). The examples given within the 'Sanctions' Pyramids are not exhaustive and the academy reserves the right to sanction pupils in line with the general principles of the Positive Discipline Policy. The arrows on a pyramid depict that sanctions can be applied at any level from that point upwards. The Principal has the right, however, to move to any stage of the pyramid at any time, should there be a circumstance where this is needed.
- 1.13. Copies of the Positive Discipline Rewards Pyramid can be found in the Pupil Planner and are displayed around the academy.
- 1.14. Consistency and flexibility should operate in a harmonious and complementary manner. It is hoped that the organised and widespread use of praise and rewards will influence the working practices of all pupils for the better.
- 1.15. All members of staff must look to recognise, praise and reward all pupils as a matter of agreed policy.
- 1.16. Members of staff must understand the importance of operating within the recognised framework for sanctions. If the system is to be successful, the following must be understood by all concerned: when a particular misdemeanour takes place an identified sanction or range of sanctions must follow. These are detailed within the Positive Discipline Policy and accompanying documentation. Pupils' individual circumstances must be considered when identifying the appropriate sanction (e.g. SEND and children who are defined as looked after or previously looked after) and reasonable adjustments made where necessary.
- 1.17. Where appropriate, statements will be collected to support the decision making of leaders in respect of any sanctions that may need to be awarded. Statements, interviews or any documents relating to an investigation of the incident(s) will not be shared with any other parties beyond members of GORSE staff, other than if required to do so by law.
- 1.18. Once the sanction has taken place it is up to appropriate member(s) of staff to decide upon a suitable 'follow-up' strategy to support the young person in making positive choices moving forward. Each child's case will be viewed in an individual sense.

- 1.19. Members of staff must follow the agreed framework. The Principal is responsible for ensuring all members of staff receive training in relation to the implementation of this policy. The system must not be allowed to fail; it is imperative for health and safety.
- 1.20. All parents/carers and pupils must agree to abide by this policy. It is only when we work in partnership that risks can be mitigated. Pupils must follow instructions from every member of staff; pupils are expected to do as they are asked – first time, every time.
- 1.21. Where needed and appropriate, the Principal may use their discretion in respect of this policy to make a reasonable adjustment for a pupil.
- 1.22. With enthusiasm, commitment and team-work in its truest sense there is no doubt that we will make this system work and pupils and staff will feel safe and valued as a consequence.
- 1.23. The Principal and other senior leaders will regularly review the academy's behaviour data and the behaviour data will also be routinely reported to Governors at the Local Governing Body meetings. The Executive Team also review each academy's behaviour data regularly and consider the trends and patterns across the trust. These reviews support decision making in respect of the behaviour policy.
- 1.24. The Positive Discipline Policy is reviewed regularly and will be published annually and updated as appropriate. The Executive Team and the Principal directly oversee the Positive Discipline Policy in addition to members of the Positive Discipline Monitoring Group.
- 1.25. Parents/carers have the right to complain. Complaints should be submitted in line with the academy's complaints policy which is available to view on the academy's website.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 2.1. Parents/carers must ensure they inform the academy of any changes to their contact details, or those of other emergency contacts. Parents/carers/additional contacts must be contactable for the duration that their child is present at the academy in case of emergency.
- 2.2. If, when on the academy premises, a pupil feels unwell, or they need to be collected for another reason parents/carers must ensure the pupil is collected promptly by a named contact or by a nominated responsible adult.
- 2.3. Parents/carers must ensure their child is prepared for learning at the academy; pupils must arrive punctually, correctly equipped, wearing appropriate clothing and be ready to learn.
- 2.4. Where parents/carers are aware that their child is in need of support e.g. for a pastoral reason, parents/carers must ensure they communicate with the appropriate member of staff in advance of their child arriving at the academy, so that members of staff can appropriately support the child.
- 2.5. At certain stages in a pupil's school life they may struggle to access, or manage within, the typical provision offered by the academy as a result of:
 - Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs (SEMH) and/or;
 - Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)
 - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Members of staff within the academy, with the support of the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO), will be mindful of pupils' individual needs when issuing praise or sanctions for behaviours. They will be guided by the Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) for those pupils who are in receipt of them, or individual education plans/support

plans for those with additional needs but without an EHCP.

- 2.6. Where a pupil is completing remote learning and displays behaviour that gives cause for concern, members of staff will follow the academy's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.
- 2.7. The Positive Discipline Policy supports the academy to uphold its statutory responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 and any form of abuse targeted towards those with protected characteristics will not be tolerated in any form.
- 2.8. Within GORSE we have a culture where we celebrate and embrace difference. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all pupils and staff. Any form of discrimination such as racist incidents, will not be tolerated under any circumstances. We recognise that everyone has a right to feel respected and valued, regardless of their race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or any other protected characteristic. Our commitment is to ensure a respectful environment where diversity is celebrated, and discrimination finds no place.
- 2.9. The academy does not tolerate bullying of any kind, including cyber bullying, prejudiced based and discriminatory bullying. If it is discovered that an act of bullying or intimidation has taken place, we will act immediately to stop any further occurrences of such behaviour. Whilst it is very difficult to entirely eradicate bullying, we always do everything in our power to ensure that all children are able to attend school free from fear.
- 2.10. Child-on-child sexual violence and harassment, which includes the use of sexually abusive language either occurring offline or online is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Inappropriate language and harmful sexualised behaviour between pupils will be challenged by staff. Pupils whose behaviour falls below expectations will be sanctioned. Equally where pupils exhibit any form of sexually inappropriate conduct towards a member of staff this will be robustly challenged, and an appropriate sanction will be issued. Inappropriate and potentially criminal pupil conduct will be reported to the police.
- 2.11. Responding assertively to sexually inappropriate behaviour is an important intervention that helps prevent challenging, abusive and/or violent behaviour in the future. The academy Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy, which is underpinned by part 5 of Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance outlines our approach to investigating reports of such behaviour and highlights the support for victims and for pupils exhibiting sexually inappropriate and/or harmful sexual behaviour.
- 2.12. Pupils are encouraged to report any incidents that have made them feel uncomfortable, no matter how significant or otherwise the pupil feels the incident to be. Equally if a pupil observes a behaviour that they do not feel is appropriate from another person towards another member of the school community they should report this to an appropriate adult. It is through a culture of openness that we are able to ensure everyone feels safe.

3. VALUABLES

- 3.1. Pupils should not bring any valuable personal belongings into the academy at any time. This includes electronic devices. We acknowledge that there may be circumstances such as when parents/carers require that their Year 5 or Year 6 child brings a mobile phone to school. This must be switched off by the pupil and handed in to the main office on arrival. It will be stored in a secure place until the end of the academy day when pupils make their own way to the office as they leave the top floor. Reasonable adjustments can be discussed with the Principal e.g. medical reasons. Any pupil who does not adhere to the rules will be sanctioned in line with this policy. Where a pupil has not followed the rules in respect of mobile phones they will be sanctioned with a period of withdrawal time and will be put on

Red Report. Furthermore, the mobile phone will be confiscated and handed to the Designated Safeguarding Leader for the parent/carer to collect and the Principal may determine that the pupil is no longer permitted to bring a mobile phone into school.

- 3.2. Activity watches e.g. Smart watches/Fitbits are not allowed on the academy premises and will be sanctioned in line with this policy.
- 3.3. If a pupil brings a valuable personal belonging into the academy, they do so at their own risk. The academy is not liable for any damage or loss of property, except where the item has been confiscated by staff.

4. PUPIL DRESS

- 4.1. Pupils must wear academy uniform at all times unless explicitly instructed otherwise. Please refer to the uniform section of the academy website for further details. We recognise the importance of the role parents/carers have in supporting pupils to adhere to the academy's expectations in respect of uniform. At the beginning of each year, parents/carers are asked to agree to the academy's expectations through the completion of the 'Home-School Agreement'. Where it is felt a pupil is being deliberately defiant in respect of a uniform issue the pupil will be sanctioned in line with the academy's Positive Discipline Sanctions Pyramid.
- 4.2. Hairstyles should not reflect the extremes of 'youth culture', for example shaved lines and patterns on the side of the head; patterns must not be cut into the hair. Hair should be of a natural colour. Two tone colour patterns and/or dip dye is not permitted. If it is considered that a hairstyle worn, including when the colour is not 'natural' is because of cultural reasons and/or is part of a pupil's ethnic origin or religious beliefs, and which therefore falls under the protected characteristic of race or religion, this will be permitted. The only exception would be on health and safety grounds. Reasonable adjustments can be discussed with the Principal e.g. medical reasons.
- 4.3. Hair accessories must be appropriate in size and colour for sensible and safe working. Hair clips must not be attached to jumpers/shirts/ items of clothing.
- 4.4. Make up is unnecessary and should not be worn unless a reasonable adjustment has been authorised by the Principal. Nails must be of an appropriate length and natural in colour: coloured nail varnish and/or false nails are not permitted.
- 4.5. Mehndi/Henna: pupils are allowed to return to school with Henna after Eid (or for pre-notified family celebrations such as a wedding) but it cannot be added to and must be allowed to fade naturally.
- 4.6. Jewellery: pupils are only allowed one small stud earring per earlobe. Pupils can wear a watch though activity watches are not permitted. Earrings and watches must be removed for PE and sporting activities, including those that take place at break and lunch times where children have chosen to engage with planned physical activity. There are two exceptional circumstances where academies should be sensitive to the needs of children from different faiths; if unable to be removed during PE, a Hindu Rakhi should be taped to the arm and a Sikhism Kara should be pushed up the arm, taped and covered with a sweatband. In these circumstances, parents/carers must advise the academy and provide written assurance that safety measures will be complied with (parents/carers must also provide the required tape and/or sweatbands).
- 4.7. Where a pupil breaches the rules in relation to the wearing of jewelry, activity watches, make-up and/or the rules around nails, they will be sanctioned as below:
 - 1st occasion – the pupil will be asked to rectify the issue

- 2nd occasion – the pupil’s parents/carers will be called to discuss the issue
- 3rd occasion – the pupil will receive 5 minutes
- 4th occasion – the pupil will receive 10 minutes
- 5th occasion – the pupil will receive a period of withdrawal time and will be placed on Red Report

4.8. The Principal will use their discretion, if needed, in relation to a pupil’s dress. Where a pupil is unable to adhere to the above requirements in terms of ‘pupil dress’ parents/carers must request approval from the Principal.

5. ACADEMY RULES

5.1. There are seven main rules within our academy. The rules are displayed prominently around the academy. They will be revisited with the pupils at the beginning of each term and at other times when necessary.

The Academy Rules are as follows (Golden Rules):

- We always do our best
- We follow instructions straight away
- We are kind
- We keep hands feet and objects to ourselves
- We look after our academy, resources and environment
- We move sensibly around our academy
- We are truthful

6. PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

6.1. We recognise the importance of establishing a culture of positive behaviour and a complimentary rewards framework which supports a calm, orderly and purposeful teaching and learning environment for all.

6.2. The rewards framework encourages the active and direct involvement of as many teachers and as many pupils as possible. It is essential that all pupils are given the opportunity to operate within the rewards framework.

6.3. Central to the philosophy is an expectation of staff to praise pupils, including contacting parents/carers and pupils at home, following appropriate protocols, to issue verbal praise.

6.4. We praise and reward pupils for good behaviour in a variety of ways in line with the Positive Discipline Reward pyramid. The Rewards Pyramid details that all members of staff will:

- congratulate pupils and praise good efforts.
- give pupils stamps (Years 1-6) or Dojo points (Reception) to reward excellent contribution and/or effort in class where:
- 1 stamp will be given for good work/ good effort
- 2 stamps will be given for very good work/ very good effort

- 3 stamps will be given for excellent work/ excellent effort

In addition:

- 3 stamps will be awarded weekly for a clean slate
- 3 stamps will be awarded weekly for correct uniform
- 3 stamps will be awarded weekly for 100% attendance

- All staff will:

- Award stamps for positive contribution to academy life, care and concern for the environment
- Award stamps for positive image of the academy in the community, care and concern for other pupils
- Award stamps for following the academy rules
- Award stamps for positive playtime behaviour
- Award stamps for positive attitudes to home learning
- Award stamps for positive attitudes to Enrichment ++ (Extra-curricular)
- Award GORSE Gets Healthy (GGH) stamps to those pupils who make healthy choices and who complete GORSE Gets Healthy challenges.

- 6.5. The Principal actively encourages staff members to inform them of good behaviour, improved attitudes to learning, and outstanding achievement. Additional stamps will be awarded.
- 6.6. Tokens may be used to reflect the awarding of stamps where praise around the academy's site is to be issued. Tokens will be exchanged for stamps in the classroom.
- 6.7. Certificates will be awarded for multiples of 100 stamps up to 400 stamps. At 500 stamps pupils will receive a certificate and a pin badge to celebrate this achievement. Thereafter, pupils will be awarded with certificates for every 250 stamps and at intervals of 500 stamps (so 1000 stamps, 1500 stamps, 2000 stamps and so on) will receive a pin badge with their certificate.
- 6.8. Each week, pupils from each class are nominated to receive a 'Star Award' in a celebration assembly to celebrate good behaviour, effort and attitudes alongside a separate certificate for achievement.
- 6.9. Postcards are sent home to parents/carers each half term to celebrate positive behaviour and achievements.
- 6.10. Regularly, members of the Senior Leadership Team will make phone calls home to recognise exceptional work, behaviour and attitudes.
- 6.11. The academy's Major Prize Presentation ceremony, to recognise and reward pupils' contributions, will take place annually.

7. SANCTIONS

- 7.1. It is expected that the great majority of pupils will simply choose to spend their time with us operating within the rewards framework.
- 7.2. It is also expected that, of the pupils whose performances are deemed to be unsatisfactory, only a small minority will move beyond the first 'Verbal Warning' (KS2) /

Reminder and Verbal Warning (EYFS and KS1).

- 7.3. It is essential that all pupils, parents/carers and staff understand this framework and its consequences. At all times the intention of the policy is to bring a halt to unacceptable behaviour/working performance and encourage each pupil to make appropriate choices.
- 7.4. For the structure to work it is essential that consistency and flexibility work in harmony.
- 7.5. When a misdemeanour occurs, an identified sanction must follow. The identified sanction is not open to negotiation or debate. Pupils' individual circumstances must be considered when identifying the appropriate sanction (e.g. SEND) and reasonable adjustments made where necessary.
- 7.6. Sanctions may be escalated or de-escalated depending on the context and/or severity of the behaviour displayed. Leaders will use their discretion where appropriate.
- 7.7. Once the sanction has taken place it is up to the member(s) of staff concerned to decide upon an appropriate 'follow-up' strategy with each child's case being viewed in an individual sense. This is the key area of flexibility.
- 7.8. For the sake of consistency (for staff and pupils) staff will follow the Primary Positive Discipline Policy and Sanctions Pyramids relating to misdemeanours. For example, **deliberately** tapping a pencil or speaking over the teacher will result in a clear verbal warning being issued. Reminders (EYFS and KS1 only) and Verbal warnings will be clearly communicated to the pupil and noted by a member of staff.
- 7.9. The Sanctions Pyramid will be used where the golden rules have been deliberately disobeyed or where the Home/School Agreement has not been adhered to.
- 7.10. The Sanctions Pyramid usually operates within a 'session' of time. At Little London Academy the session times are 8.45am – 10.30, 10.45 until 12.30 and 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Break times and lunch times also operate as separate sessions. If a pupil deliberately disobeys the Golden Rules during a session they will receive either a reminder (EYFS and KS1), or a Verbal Warning (KS2). If they correct their behaviour and have no further incidents they will not receive any additional sanctions. If the same pupil were to deliberately disobey the Golden Rules in the next session, however, they would again be reminded of the need to follow the Golden Rules and be issued with a Reminder (EYFS & KS1) / Verbal Warning (KS2). Repeated behaviour within a session will, however, result in progression up the Sanctions Pyramid. In cases of extreme poor behaviour, Senior Leaders may authorise a more serious sanction to be issued. In all cases, members of staff will take into account the individual needs of a pupil and, where needed, will apply a reasonable adjustment, for example, where the behaviour observed is as a direct result of a pupil's Special Educational Need.

Within EYFS

- 7.11. If a pupil does not improve their behaviour in a session following the Reminder they will move to the next sanction level and will be issued with a Verbal Warning. If they continue after this to deliberately break the golden rules/home school agreement they will then have a 5 minute period of withdrawal time at an appropriate point in the session. Following this, if the defiant behaviour were to continue they would have a 10 minute period of withdrawal time. The withdrawal time may take place in a different part of the classroom. These sanctions will be recorded.
- 7.12. If the deliberate disobeying of the golden rules/home school agreement were to continue or a pupil is caught fighting (equally to blame) or a pupil swears or uses offensive language towards another child, or they leave the classroom without permission, the pupil will spend 10 minutes with an Assistant Principal and the Leader will issue the pupil with an

orange report card. The pupil will also have their 10 minutes withdrawal time from the previous sanction level if they progressed up the pyramid in one session and have not already had the withdrawal time. Irrespective, all pupils will have their behaviour monitored through the orange report card for a minimum of 2 days (unless they progress to the next sanction level). The orange report card will provide more details regarding the administration of this sanction.

- 7.13. Should the behaviour continue, or a pupil displays behaviours such as assaulting another pupil, bullying/HATE incidents, vandalism, theft, defiance or persistent disruptive behaviour then the pupil will spend a period of time outside of the classroom with a Leader as detailed on the EYFS Individual Sanctions Pyramid (up to 30 minutes for pupils in Nursery/and up to 60 minutes for pupils in Reception) and they will be issued with a red report card.
- 7.14. Where a Reception pupil is issued with a red report card they will be monitored, via the red report card, for 3 days. The Principal can issue additional days where they feel this is needed. A pupil in Reception who is on red report card will spend two lunchtimes with a leader at Assistant Principal level or above. If a pupil's behaviour does not improve whilst on red report additional sanctions may be given in line with the EYFS Individual Sanctions pyramid. Where a suspension is issued the pupil would have a period of time outside of the classroom upon their return from suspension in order to support an effective reintegration back into the classroom.

At KS1

- 7.15. If a pupil does not improve their behaviour in a session following the Reminder they will move to the next sanction level and will be issued with a Verbal Warning. If they continue after this to deliberately break the golden rules they will lose 5 minutes of their break time or lunchtime. Following this, if the defiant behaviour were to continue they will lose 10 minutes of their break or lunchtime (rather than the 5 minutes at the previous sanction level). Children will spend this time in an allocated classroom, supervised by staff from that year group. The sanction will be noted in the pupil's planner.
- 7.16. In KS1, if a pupil continued to deliberately disobey the golden rules or a pupil is caught fighting (equally to blame) or a pupil swears or uses offensive language towards another child, the pupil will spend 10 minutes with a n Assistant Principal and the Leader will issue the pupil with an orange report card. The pupil will also serve their 10 minutes owing from the previous sanction level if they progressed up the pyramid in one session. Irrespective, all pupils will have their behaviour monitored through the orange report card for a minimum of 2 days (unless they progress to the next sanction level). The orange report card will provide more details regarding the administration of this sanction. Class teachers or the Leader managing the sanction will report this to parents/carers at the end of the day and the sanction will also be recorded in the pupil's planner.
- 7.17. Should the behaviour continue, or a pupil displays behaviours such as assaulting another pupil, bullying/hate incidents, vandalism, theft, defiance or persistent disruptive behaviour then the pupil will serve a period of withdrawal time with a Leader. In Year 1 this will be for up to 60 minutes and in Year 2 this will be for 120 minutes. They will also receive a red report card, meaning that their behaviour will be monitored for a minimum of 3 days. During the first 2 days on red report they will spend breaktimes and lunchtimes with a Leader. If the pupil displays appropriate behaviour during the first 2 days, they will be allowed outside at break and lunch on day three. The sanction will be recorded in the pupil's planner. The report card will provide more details regarding the administration of the red report card sanction. Where a pupil is on red report and they progress up the pyramid within a session, they will also continue to accumulate 5

or 10 minutes of lost time at break or lunchtime. This time will be served on day 3 of the red report. Repeated incidents of deliberately breaking the golden rules and/or home school agreement will be sanctioned which may include the loss of additional break/lunchtimes, additional withdrawal time and/or a suspension.

At KS2

- 7.18. In KS2 if a pupil does not improve their behaviour in a session following the Verbal Warning they will move to the next sanction level and will lose 5 minutes of their break time or lunchtime. Following this, if they continue to deliberately disobey the golden rules they will lose 10 minutes of their break or lunchtime (rather than the 5 minutes at the previous sanction level). Children will spend this time in an allocated classroom, supervised by staff. The sanction will be noted in the pupil's planner.
- 7.19. If a pupil continues to deliberately disobey the golden rules or a pupil is caught fighting (equally to blame) or a pupil swears or uses offensive language towards another child, the pupil will spend 10 minutes with an Assistant Principal and the Leader will issue the pupil with an orange report card. The pupil will also serve their 10 minutes owing from the previous sanction level if they progressed up the pyramid in one session. Irrespective, all pupils will have their behaviour monitored through the orange report card for a minimum of 3 days (unless they progress to the next sanction level). The orange report card will provide more details regarding the administration of this sanction. Class teachers or the Assistant Principal will report this sanction to parents/carers at the end of the day and the sanction will also be recorded in the pupil's planner.
- 7.20. Should the behaviour continue, or a pupil displays behaviours such as assaulting another pupil, bullying/HATE incidents, vandalism, theft, defiance or persistent disruptive behaviour then the pupil will serve a period of a half day withdrawal time with a Leader. They will also receive a red report card, meaning that their behaviour will be monitored for a minimum of 5 days. During the first 3 days on red report they will spend breaktimes and lunchtimes with a Leader. If the pupil displays appropriate behaviour during the first 3 days, they will be allowed outside at break and lunch times on days four and five. The sanction will be recorded in the pupil's planner. The report card will provide more details regarding the administration of the red report card sanction. Where a pupil is on red report and they progress up the pyramid within a session, they will not receive a 5 or 10 minute loss of break or lunch time. Instead, they will receive a sad face which will equate to the loss of a further break or lunchtime. If they receive a 5th sad face whilst on red report, the pupil will receive a period of withdrawal time (half a day), on the 6th sad face they will complete a full day of withdrawal time and on the 7th sad face the Principal will determine an appropriate sanction which may include a suspension.

The accumulation of 'minutes'

- 7.21. In EYFS, where a pupil accumulates 30 minutes or more of withdrawal time within a week they will be issued with an orange report card. If they accumulate 30 minutes or more of withdrawal time whilst on orange report they will be issued with a red report card.
- 7.22. In KS1, where a pupil accumulates 30 minutes or more of lost break or lunchtime within a week they will be issued with an orange report card. If they accumulate 30 minutes or more of lost break/lunchtime whilst on orange report they will be issued with a red report card.
- 7.23. In KS2, where a pupil accumulates 20 minutes or more of lost break/lunchtime within a week they will be issued with an orange report card. If they accumulate 20 or more of lost break/lunchtime whilst on orange report they will be issued with a red report card.

- 7.24. Irrespective of the above, where a pupil is failing to improve their behaviour whilst being on orange report card a Leader may review their behaviour and make a decision to progress to the next sanction level. If a pupil is failing to improve their behaviour whilst on a red report and, for example, continues to demonstrate defiance, the Principal may make the decision to progress with a further sanction and a suspension may be issued. Pupils who display behaviour such as assaulting members of staff, abusing members of staff, assaulting other pupils, spitting or refusing to complete withdrawal time will complete a full day of withdrawal time and/or will be issued with a suspension by the Principal.
- 7.25. Where a pupil is suspended they will complete a period of withdrawal time - in Nursery for up to 30 minutes; in Reception for up to 60 minutes, in Year 1 for up to 60 minutes; in Year 2 for 120 minutes and for Years 3 - 6 for half a day (180 minutes) on their return to support their reintegration back into school. Furthermore, any pupil who has received a suspension will be required to have a conversation with a senior member of staff to discuss their behaviour to support their positive reintegration back into the academy. Where a suspension and/or full day of withdrawal time has been served the pupil will automatically be put onto red report.
- 7.26. Isolation booths are not used within Primary settings in GORSE. The term 'withdrawal time' refers to a period of supervised room removal/time in another part of the classroom (EYFS).
- 7.27. All sanctions (apart from Reminders (EYFS and KS1 only) / Verbal Warnings) will be logged and tracked on the academy's computer systems.
- 7.28. Sanctions need to be served irrespective of the timing of issue, e.g. if issued prior to a holiday period the remaining time owing will be served after the holiday period. Principal discretion will be used where required.
- 7.29. The Principal and governing body retains the right to suspend and or permanently exclude pupils on disciplinary grounds. All exclusions will be made in line with the government guidance and by following the Suspension and Permanent Exclusions policy.

8. **PROPERTY AND SEARCHES**

The general power to discipline, as set out in Section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, enables a member of staff to confiscate, retain or dispose of a pupil's property as a disciplinary penalty, where reasonable to do so.

- 8.1 The powers to search are detailed within the Education Act 1996, and are defined in the DFE Screening & Confiscation guidance (July 2022). Whilst staff have the power to search for any item, the staff member involved must ensure that the pupil understands the reason for the search and how it will be conducted so that their agreement is informed. If cooperation from a pupil is not forthcoming, the member of staff will consider why this is. If a pupil continues to refuse to cooperate, the pupil may be sanctioned in line with this policy and parents/carers contacted.
- 8.2 The academy holds the power to search without consent for prohibited and illegal items including but not limited to:
- Knives and all forms of weapons, including toy, replica, or imitation items that could be perceived as realistic
 - Alcohol
 - Illegal drugs
 - Stolen items

- Vapes, E-cigarettes, tobacco and cigarette papers
- Laser Pens
- Fireworks and smoke effect pyrotechnics
- Pornographic images
- Any article that has been or is likely to have been used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage property
- Any item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item for which a search can be undertaken and/or has been communicated to pupils during the academic year.

- 8.3 The Principal, Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) must be informed prior to any searching incidents where the member of staff had reasonable grounds to suspect a pupil was in possession of a prohibited item, and they believe that the search would reveal a safeguarding risk.
- 8.4 All searches will be carried out in line with the academy's health and safety requirements. Two members of staff will be present at the time of the search and wherever possible one of these members of staff will be a senior leader. The person making a search of a pupil's person should be of the same gender as the pupil, and will take into account the views of the pupil, where gender identity is a consideration.
- 8.5 It is important that all staff understand the implications of searches in the context of substance related incidents. Anyone who carries out or witnesses such a search may be required to give evidence should Police action follow: it is important that as few people are directly involved in the process as possible. Any findings of an illegal nature (if unsure contraband will be treated as illegal) will be handled as little as possible and will be passed on to the Police as soon as possible; the pupil's parent/carer will also be informed of the incident and the action that will be taken.
- 8.6 Where a substance is found which is not believed to be a controlled drug these can be confiscated where a member of staff believes this to be harmful or detrimental to good order or discipline. This would include New Psychoactive Substances (NPS).
- 8.7 Carrying a weapon is illegal, even if it is not being carried with intent; any pupil who brings a dangerous item/weapon into the academy will receive an appropriate sanction and the Police may be informed.
- 8.8 Incidents will be recorded, and witnesses may be required to give statements to the police.
- 8.9 Where there is a disclosure of a mobile device incident which relates to messages/texts/messenger/social media and is not nude and/or semi-nude images the pupil's device (in the presence of the pupil) will be viewed by a Safeguarding Officer or a Pastoral Officer. Health and safety requirements will be followed at all times. The information will be viewed by two members of staff, one of whom should be a member of the Senior Leadership Team. If the information on the device/s is of concern (not Child Protection), relates to bullying, or harassment, or needs further investigation, screenshots of all messages/posts will be taken on an academy device. These will be uploaded to the academy's secure CPOMS system and deleted from the device. If the information is deemed to breach the Positive Discipline system, further sanctions will apply as per the policy. The pupil will be offered additional support and intervention related to the incident and the pupil will be monitored by the year team, as will any other pupils affected by the incident.
- 8.10 Where there is a disclosure of a mobile device incident which is believed to relate to nude and/or semi-nude images the device will be confiscated and locked in the safe. The pupil and their parent/carer will be informed that the device will/has been

confiscated and parents reminded that it is illegal to hold copies on their device or to share the image. A Child Protection Officer will be informed and will deal with the incident in line with The GORSE Academies Trust's Safeguarding and Child Protection policy and guidance from the UK Council for Internet safety (UKCIS) *Sharing of nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people*. The police and children's social work services must be informed immediately in the following circumstances:

- The incident involves an adult.
- There is reason to believe that a pupil has been coerced, blackmailed or groomed, or there are concerns about capacity to consent.
- The images or videos depict sexual acts that are not consistent with the young person's developmental stage or are violent.
- The image involves sexual acts and ANY child/young person in the image or video is under 13.
- There is reason to believe a child/young person is at immediate risk of harm owing to the sharing of nudes and semi-nudes, for example they are presenting as suicidal or self-harming.
- Aggravating factors have been identified, and the intention to harm established.

Where appropriate, including for any instances involving an electronic device where the Principal deems it necessary, sanctions will apply in line with the academy's Positive Discipline Policy and associated documentation.

8.11 The designated safeguarding lead must liaise with the Principal to inform them of specific safeguarding issues - especially ongoing enquiries under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 and police investigations. This should include being aware of the requirement for children to have an 'appropriate adult' present should police request or be required to conduct a search of a child, which may involve the removal of more than outer clothing. Further information can be found in the Statutory guidance - [PACE Code C 2019](#).

8.12 Where a pupil purposefully damages academy property an appropriate sanction will be issued, and parents/carers will be contacted with details regarding the amount owing to the academy in respect of the damage.

9. USE OF REASONABLE FORCE: CARE AND CONTROL

9.1. The academy does not encourage a 'no contact' policy as there is a real risk that such a policy might place a member of its staff in breach of their duty of care towards a pupil, or prevent them taking the necessary action to prevent a pupil causing harm.

9.2. Members of staff have the power to use reasonable force to prevent pupils committing an offence, injuring themselves or others, or damaging property, and to maintain good order and discipline.

9.3.1.1 Principals and authorised school staff may also use such force as is reasonable given the circumstances when conducting a search without consent for:

- Knives and all forms of weapons, including toy, replica, or imitation items that could be perceived as realistic
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Stolen items
- Vapes, E-cigarettes, Tobacco and cigarette papers

- Laser pens
- Fireworks and smoke effect pyrotechnics
- Pornographic images
- Articles that have been or could be used to commit an offence or cause harm.

- 9.3. The decision on whether or not to physically intervene is subject to the professional judgement of the staff member concerned and should always depend on the individual circumstances. If an alternative method of control is possible, then this method will be used first. If physical contact is the only suitable method, then this is permitted during this period.
- 9.4. Should it be deemed reasonable, proportionate and necessary to physically intervene during an incident then members of staff have a duty of care to intervene. When doing so they will follow the health and safety procedures in place at the academy.
- 9.5. Following the physical intervention, the pupil may be isolated and parents/carers will be informed of the incident and, following consideration of risk and a discussion with staff, the pupil and their parent/carers, appropriate follow up action taken.

10 PUPILS' CONDUCT OUTSIDE THE ACADEMY

- 10.1 Parents/carers are, naturally, responsible for their child's behaviour outside of the school day. The academy does, however, reserve the right to discipline pupils for misbehaving outside of the academy premises "to such an extent as is reasonable", where necessary, and as permitted in law. This includes for inappropriate behaviour when pupils are:
- taking part in any academy-organised or academy-related activity or
 - travelling to or from the academy or
 - wearing academy uniform or
 - in some other way identifiable as a pupil at the academy
- or inappropriate behaviour at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, that:
- could have repercussions for the orderly running of the academy or
 - poses a threat to another pupil, member of staff or member of the public or
 - could adversely affect the reputation of the academy.
- 10.2 Where a pupil's conduct outside of the academy is inappropriate and affects pupils and/or members of staff within the academy (e.g. cyber bullying/inappropriate use of social media) the Principal has the right to implement a sanction in line with the Positive Discipline Policy.
- 10.3 In all cases of inappropriate behaviour, the pupil can only be disciplined on academy premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of the staff member.
- 10.4 Where the behaviour of a pupil compromises the safety and wellbeing of other members of the public, other pupils and/or members of staff, and/or adversely affects the reputation of the academy, pupils will be sanctioned in line with Section 7 of this policy. This may result in the Principal refusing entry to the academy.

11 USE OF TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL MEDIA AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- 11.1 The school is committed to maintaining a safe, respectful and professional environment

for pupils, staff and the wider community. The misuse of technology, including social media platforms, messaging services and Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, to create, share or comment on inappropriate content relating to members of staff or the school community is considered a serious breach of behaviour expectations.

- 11.2 Pupils must not use any digital technology, device, platform or AI tool to:
- Create, generate, edit or manipulate images, audio or video relating to members of the school community in a disrespectful, misleading or harmful way.
 - Produce or distribute altered, fabricated or AI-generated content impersonating members of the school community.
 - Share rumours, defamatory statements or inappropriate comments about members of the school community online.
 - Record members of the school community without permission.
 - Circulate memes, edited images, deepfakes or digital content designed to embarrass, intimidate or undermine members of the school community.
 - Like, repost, comment on, encourage or amplify harmful online content created by others.
 - These expectations apply:
 - In school,
 - Outside school hours,
 - On personal devices,
 - On private accounts or group chats,
 - Where behaviour impacts the safety, wellbeing or reputation of staff or the school community.
- 11.3 The school recognises the increasing use of AI technologies.
Pupils must not use AI tools to:
- Generate fake conversations, images or videos involving staff or members of the school community.
 - Create deepfake or synthetic media representing members of the school community.
 - Produce false allegations or misleading content using AI platforms.
 - Bypass safeguarding or behaviour expectations through anonymous or automated technology.
 - Misuse of AI technology will be treated in the same way as any other form of online abuse or harassment.
- 11.4 Unacceptable conduct includes, but is not limited to:
- Online harassment or cyberbullying of members of the school community.
 - Defamation or reputational harm.
 - Sharing offensive or discriminatory content.
 - Impersonation of staff members or members of the school community.
 - Encouraging others to participate in harmful online activity.
 - Failure to report harmful content when aware of it.
- 11.5 Where inappropriate online behaviour occurs, the school may implement one or more of the following:

- Behaviour sanctions in line with the Behaviour Policy.
- Removal of access to school technology or networks.
- Confiscation and investigation of devices, where appropriate.
- Parental/carers involvement.
- Suspension where behaviour constitutes serious misconduct.
- Referral to external agencies, including the police, where actions may breach the law (e.g. harassment, malicious communications, image-based abuse).
- The school reserves the right to apply sanctions where offsite conduct has an onsite impact on staff welfare, student welfare or school safety.

11.6 In an age appropriate manner, the school will actively teach pupils about:

- Responsible digital citizenship.
- Respectful online communication.
- Ethical and safe use of Artificial Intelligence.
- Legal consequences of online abuse.
- The impact of online behaviour on individuals and professional reputation.

11.7 Pupils must report any inappropriate online content involving staff or a member of the school community immediately to a trusted adult.

The school will:

- Investigate reports promptly.
- Support affected staff members / school community members.
- Take proportionate safeguarding action.
- Work with families to prevent recurrence.

11.8. The creation, distribution, endorsement or possession of inappropriate digital or AI-generated content relating to staff or members of the school community will be treated as a serious breach of school expectations. The school will take firm action to protect the dignity, personal/professional integrity and wellbeing of its community members.





INDIVIDUAL REWARDS

Year 1-6

The academy's Major Prize Presentation ceremony will take place **annually**, to recognise and reward pupils' contributions.

Prize Presentation Ceremony

Every half term each class will send home at least 3 postcards to parents/carers to celebrate positive behaviour and achievements.

SLT members will make phone calls home to 3 parents/carers from each class to recognise exceptional work, behaviour and attitudes.

Postcards and Praise Calls

Each week pupils from each class will be nominated to receive an award in the celebration assembly, to celebrate good behaviour, attitudes and achievement.

Recognition in Assembly

Certificates will be awarded to pupils for achieving 100, 200, 300, 400 and 500 stamps. Thereafter, pupils will receive certificates at intervals of 250 stamps.

From 500 stamps, multiples of 500 stamps will also be celebrated by rewarding pupils with a badge.

Certificates

All staff give pupils stamps to reward excellent contribution and/or effort in class.

1 stamp for good work/effort, **2 stamps** for very good work/effort, **3 stamps** for excellent work/effort

Class teachers will award 3 stamps weekly for each of the following: a clean slate; 100% attendance and correct uniform. Stamps will also be awarded for:
making a positive contribution to school life; showing care and concern for the environment and other pupils; demonstrating a positive image of the academy in the community; following the school rules; showing positive playtime behaviour; having a positive attitude to home learning and attending Enrichment ++. GORSE Gets Healthy Stamps will also be awarded as appropriate.

Star Stamps

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KS2 INDIVIDUAL SANCTIONS

Sanctions within these phases may be escalated or de-escalated depending on the context and/or severity of the behaviour displayed

Where a pupil on orange report accumulates 20 minutes or more of lost break/lunchtime whilst on orange report they will be issued with a red report

Where a pupil accumulates 20 minutes or more of lost break/lunchtime in a week they will be issued with an orange report

Persistent disruptive behaviour / defiance
Assault / abusive behaviour
Fighting
Bullying / HATE Incident
Intentional vandalism / theft / damage
Absconding / Attempting to abscond

**Suspension and/or 1 day
period of withdrawal time
Red report card Parents/Carers
informed**

Persistent disruptive behaviour / defiance
Assault / abusive behaviour
Fighting
Bullying / HATE Incident
Intentional vandalism / theft / damage
Absconding / Attempting to abscond

**½ day period of withdrawal
time
Red report card
Parents/Carers informed**

Persistent disruptive behaviour / defiance
Swearing/offensive language
Fighting – equally to blame
Continuation of **deliberately** disobeying the Golden Rules / Home-School
agreement
Leaving the classroom without permission
**NOTE: 10 minutes loss of break/lunchtime will also be served if owing from
the previous sanction level**

**10 minutes with a Leader
Orange report card
issued
Parents/carers informed**

Continuation of **deliberately** disobeying the Golden Rules / Home-school
Agreement
**NOTE: 10 minutes loss of break/lunchtime will replace the
sanction from the previous sanction level**

**10 minutes loss of
break/lunchtime**

Continuation of **deliberately** disobeying the Golden Rules / Home – school
Agreement

**5 minutes loss of
break/lunchtime**

Deliberately disobeying the Golden Rules / Home-School Agreement

**Verbal
Warning**

Emotion Coaching techniques are used to support the development of positive behaviour.
Reasonable Adjustments will be made, as appropriate, and overseen by the Principal.

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