

The Wren School

Behaviour (Rewards and Sanctions) Policy

Purpose and Background

The Wren School's behaviour expectations are centred around the concept of Respect (see Appendix A, which will be displayed in every classroom and included within the Code of Conduct in the student planners). This policy is based on the premise that every student should have the best opportunity to learn and should ultimately take responsibility for their learning.

At The Wren School, our aim is to nurture, challenge and inspire students to aim high and therefore we believe that a focus on recognising and rewarding positive behaviour, progress and achievement is an essential balance to the need for sanctions. Therefore, this policy identifies the strategies and procedures that will be implemented to recognise positive behaviour as well as to address poor behaviour both within and beyond the classroom. We are committed to working with students and their parents/carers to ensure outstanding behaviour; therefore, an additional purpose of this document is to inform parents, carers and staff of our expectations.

Outstanding student behaviour, in a positive learning environment, optimises the potential for students to aim high and achieve success. High academic progress and attainment, as well as social skills, are closely linked to good behaviour in lessons. As a 'local school for the local community', we expect our students to play their part in contributing to the world in which they live and we intend to praise and reward students appropriately for their participation.

Poor behaviour has an undoubtedly negative effect on learning and a student's long-term social development. An organised, structured and orderly classroom, supported by outstanding learning and teaching is a key pre-requisite of the respectful behaviour that is expected at The Wren School. For those students whose behaviour prevents themselves or others from learning, we must have a structured and consistent set of sanctions and procedures. In addition, the expectations and sanctions described in this policy relate to the behaviour of students on the school premises at any time, or while representing the school on visits or other activities. Furthermore, it also relates to student behaviour whilst on the way to or from school. The school therefore expects parents/carers to take note of this policy and to support its application.

This policy takes account of all relevant legislation.

Policy objectives

- To make sure that all stakeholders are aware of procedures and expectations.
- To outline procedures used in school to:
 - Recognise and reward positive behaviour, attitudes, progress and achievement;
 - Manage behaviour deemed to be disruptive to learning, anti-social or dangerous to others, including the exclusions procedure.

- To ensure that all students understand, and are aware of, appropriate behaviour in lessons, during unstructured school time and whilst representing The Wren School in the community.
- To offer support to all students and parents/carers where poor behaviour is of concern.

Management of the policy

School: This policy is managed by the Headteacher and the Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral leader).

Governing Body: The governing body has delegated management of this policy to the Headteacher.

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Associated policies

- SEN/D Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Learning and teaching Policy
- Health and safety Policy
- Home School agreement

Practice and procedures

Shared expectations

The Wren School seeks the co-operation, involvement and support of parents, carers and all stakeholders in its efforts to encourage, recognise and reward outstanding behaviour within the school and the community and, where necessary, to implement appropriate sanctions.

1. All students, parents, carers and teachers are aware of the policy, which will be well promoted throughout the school to encourage a positive attitude to learning and the community.
2. Parents, carers and students will receive a home school agreement before the students start to attend the school. This document explicitly outlines behavioural expectations. Therefore, by accepting a place at the school, parents, carers and students also sign up to the behaviour policy of the school.
3. Each student will work with a designated form leader supported by the pastoral leader who will reinforce and support behavioural expectations. The form leader is the initial point of contact for any issues; however, more serious concerns may involve other members of the pastoral team, e.g. year leader or key stage leader.

4. The use of a common 'Wren language for learning' helps students and staff to have a clear understanding of the expected behaviour in the classroom.
5. The analysis of recorded data will be used to support the monitoring of student behaviour and the impact of the behaviour policy and reported back to the appropriate stakeholders.
6. Standards of student behaviour and whole school practice will be reviewed annually. Feedback from school council, staff, parents, carers and other stakeholders will be considered and recommendations for change may be implemented into future policies.

Responsibilities

The **students** will be responsible for following the school's Respect expectation system and the expectations within the Home-School Agreement. These are also included within the student planners in the form of the Code of Conduct. A school council will be established by the pastoral leaders. Included within its role will be to:

- a. Ensure the student voice concerning behaviour is heard and represented;
- b. Propose whole school and age-appropriate student respect, rights and responsibilities, which will be displayed in all classrooms and made available to parents/carers through the Code of Conduct in the planners;
- c. Gather student feedback concerning appropriate rewards and sanctions as well as the effectiveness and consistency of implementation of the policy.

Parents/carers will be responsible for working with the school to promote high standards of behaviour throughout the school and the community, as set out in the Home-School Agreement and Code of Conduct.

Staff will be responsible for following the behaviour policy. They will:

- Record student praise and concerns using the school's management information system (MIS);
- Be responsible for early response to achievement as well as to behaviour concerns, for example during 'reflection time';
- Use the whole school behaviour policy to motivate students and encourage change where applicable;
- Work with parents/carers to ensure that their child follows the school's behaviour expectations and is motivated to aim high, for example through meetings, postcards, letters, phone calls or emails home.

The **headteacher (supported by members of the senior leadership team)** will be responsible for ensuring that the behaviour policy is implemented and for reporting to governors teaching and learning committee on its impact. S/he will:

- Ensure that a behaviour report is produced at least 3 times a year, which is shared with governors and other stakeholders and used to identify students who may benefit from intervention as well as those students who should be rewarded;

- Establish inter-form group and house competitions and reward the winning groups appropriately;
- Ensure that rewards presentation events are held, to which students, parents/carers, staff and other stakeholders may be invited;
- Lead praise assemblies and invite specific groups or individuals to celebration events;
- Monitor staff use of the behaviour system and ensure it is fair and consistent;
- Ensure there is a fair and reasonable praise budget for the school;
- Administer the school's exclusion process (see Appendix C).

The **governing body** will:

- Monitor and evaluate the impact of this policy in Teaching and Learning committee meetings by receiving behaviour data analysed by year group, subject, gender and other groups such as for those with SEN/D or for whom the pupil premium will apply;
- Attend awards presentation events.

Reward Procedures

At The Wren School, we place great emphasis on ensuring all students are praised and rewarded for doing well in and around the school site. It is our aim to:

- Praise and reward all students in a fair and consistent manner using a system of praise points;
- Nurture positive and enthusiastic students with a thirst for learning in all lessons;
- Consult with students via school council about the rewards that they would like to receive;
- Keep parents/carers informed of the progress that their child/ren are making and how many praise points they receive;
- Use the praise points' data and other data measures to reward students.

Examples of behaviour that will result in achievement points being awarded include, but are not restricted to:

- Outstanding achievement;
- Excellent progress;
- Helping others;
- Sustained effort and/or contribution to a lesson, project or topic;
- Fantastic effort and detail given to extended learning.

We will employ a variety of rewards to support outstanding student behaviour throughout the school community. Examples of the rewards that will be given include, but are not restricted to:

- Verbal praise;

- Note in student planner;
- Certificates, postcards and letters home;
- Prizes, which may be small and immediate such as an item of stationery or larger and worked towards over a longer period, for example the award of a mini tablet computer to the student who achieves the greatest number of praise points by the end of the year;
- Inter-form group and house competitions, with prizes such as a non-uniform day, for the winning tutor groups;
- Other rewards as identified by the school council.

Sanction Procedures

At The Wren School, we aim to employ a strategy of early intervention when a student's behaviour fails to meet the school's expectations. It is our aim to:

- Apply appropriate consequences in a fair and consistent manner using a system of sanction points;
- Employ effective consequences and to encourage students to re-engage positively with their learning and the community, e.g. through the use of restorative meetings;
- Consult with students via school council about appropriate consequences;
- Keep parents/carers informed of the progress that their children are making and how many sanction points they receive;
- Use the sanction points' data and other measures to identify students for whom intervention and/or consequences are appropriate.

Examples of behaviour that will result in sanction points being awarded and appropriate intervention and/or consequences include, but are not restricted to:

- Inappropriate physical contact, such as pushing and fighting, between students;
- Unacceptable use of personal electronic devices, such as mobile phones, iPods, etc. (All electronic devices belonging to students are brought to school at the child/family's own risk. They must remain turned off and out of sight during lessons unless a teacher explicitly allows for their use during a lesson for educational purposes);
- Preventing others from learning;
- Bullying (see Anti-Bullying policy);
- Lack of effort;
- Lack of respect;
- Refusal to follow staff instructions;
- Anti-social behaviour whilst at school or representing the school in the local community.

We will employ a variety of consequences and intervention strategies to support outstanding student behaviour throughout the school community. Specific interventions/consequences regarding poor or inappropriate student behaviour will initially be dealt with by the subject teacher (or member of staff on duty). If this intervention is not successful, the year leader, key stage leader or other members of the school leadership team will become involved. This level of involvement may result in withdrawal from lessons, curriculum areas, or internal/external exclusion (see Appendix C for details of the exclusion strategy). Examples of consequences that may be employed prior to exclusion (internal or external) include but are not restricted to:

- Informal reprimands;
- Formal reprimands where the information will be relayed to parents/carers via telephone conversation, student planner and/or meeting;
- Withdrawal of break or lunch time (through internal exclusions);
- Any member of staff may keep a student or a class after school for no more than 10 minutes without informing parents in advance;
- After school detentions and denial of opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities;
- Report card for subject(s) or all lessons, to be shown to form leader, member of the pastoral team or designated member of senior staff daily and signed by parents/carers;
- Community work detention to repay littering on site or damage to school property (overseen by a senior member of staff);
- Headteacher detention for incidents deemed to be of a more serious level than that which would result in break or lunchtime detention;
- Search of bags, lockers and personal belongings if the school deems it necessary. This can be carried out without the consent of a student and before speaking to a parent/carer if there are reasonable grounds to suspect they may have a prohibited item. Records of searches are not required to be kept by law. Some examples of prohibited items are:
 - Knives or weapons;
 - Alcohol;
 - Illegal drugs;
 - Stolen items;
 - Tobacco and cigarette papers;
 - Fireworks;
 - Pornographic images.
- The Headteacher and authorised staff also have the authority to search for items that are banned by the school rules. Such items are chewing gum & laser pens;
- Confiscation of prohibited items or items considered harmful or dangerous;

- Screening – the school reserves the right to refuse a student entry into school if they fail to comply with any screening process that is in place. Screening can be carried out by any staff member;
- The use of controlled and necessary physical intervention (as taught by Team Teach) in order to prevent or stop a potentially dangerous situation from escalating (see Appendix D for Touch Policy).

Trips, Visits & Residential

- The school will make clear in a letter to parents regarding any trips, visits or residential, that poor behaviour, both prior to and during a trip, will result in that student being removed from taking part;
- There is an additional code of conduct (included in student planners – see Appendix E) to cover behaviour on trips, visits and residential;
- The school will not be liable for any money lost by the parents due to their child's poor behaviour;
- The school reserves the right to refuse refunding payments of trips if a student is removed for poor behaviour (unless a replacement can be found within a convenient and suitable time period).

Associated documents

Behaviour and Discipline in Schools - Guide for Headteachers and School Staff – April 2012

Education Act 2011

Education and Inspection Act 2006

School Standards & Framework Act 2006

The Education Act 2002: Section 52

The Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2002: SI 2002.3178

The Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (England) Regulations: SI 2008/532

Exclusion from Maintained Schools, Academies and Pupil Referral Units in England, April 2012

Behaviour and Discipline in Schools: advice for Headteacher's and school staff, DfE, January 2016

The Wren School's Exclusion Procedures for Governors

Appendices

- A. The Wren School Respect 'Tick'
- B. Code of conduct as in student planner and Home School Agreement
- C. School exclusions procedure
- D. Touch policy
- E. Code of conduct for trips, visits and residentials

Appendix A
The Wren School Respect 'Tick'.

RESPONSIBLE
EQUIPPED
SAFE
PUNCTUAL
ENTHUSIASTIC
CONSIDERATE
TRUSTWORTHY



Appendix B

Code of conduct as in student planner and home school agreement

I agree to:

- be reasonable, polite and courteous and behave in ways which bring credit to myself and to the school;
- show respect and kindness to other members of our school community, as well as school property and resources;
- come to school on time each day and be punctual to all my lessons;
- follow instructions first time and without complaint;
- ensure that I follow the expectations of the school in line with the school Behaviour Policy;
- wear the correct school uniform, including footwear, jewellery, etc., with pride, behaving appropriately at all times, including when traveling to and from school;
- aim high and work to the best of my ability and be proud of my achievements:
 - complete all classwork and extended learning activities, developing my skills as an independent learner;
 - be properly equipped and prepared to carry out each day's activities;
 - try to respond to all teacher feedback and suggestions for improvement;
- look after our environment: care for and maintain our classrooms, the buildings and the school grounds, keeping them free of litter;
- tell a member of staff at the school if something worries me;
- pay attention to safety, moving around quietly and sensibly and following all expectations that apply to the specialist teaching spaces;
- ensure that my mobile phone and other electronic devices are switched off and out of sight during the school day unless a member of staff agrees that they can be used for learning;
- behave responsibly and appropriately when using social networking sites, the internet and websites, reporting any concerns via the CEOPs button, as well as to a trusted adult at the school, or by email to admin@wrenschool.org ;
- pay attention to road safety on my way to and from school, ensuring that, if I ride a bicycle to school, I follow the school's advice to ride it safely, maintain it properly, wear a cycle helmet and use lights in the dark.

Signed: Student

Appendix C:

School exclusion procedures

At The Wren School, we place great emphasis on positive reinforcement of behaviour through encouragement, incentives and rewards. However, if individuals choose to adopt unacceptable behaviour, school staff will implement appropriate disciplinary measures. These will be proportionate to the offence, and applied fairly and in a non-discriminatory way. Exclusions are part of these disciplinary measures. Fixed term internal and external exclusions may be levied where behaviour is deemed to have been violent, abusive, dangerous, persistently disruptive or in contravention of the school's Anti-Bullying policy. The headteacher and governing body have the authority and capacity to permanently exclude students where behaviour has persistently exceeded reasonable and acceptable limits of tolerance. The headteacher and governing body also have the authority and capacity to permanently exclude students on the basis of a single incident if it is deemed to have been prejudicial to the safety and wellbeing of other students and staff (see Exclusion from Maintained Schools, Academies and Pupil Referral Units in England, DfE, 2012).

Roles and responsibilities of headteacher, other staff, governors

The pastoral leader, reporting to the headteacher, will be responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented and for reporting to governors on its impact. He (or another appropriate member of staff) will:

- Carry out a reasonable and proportionate investigation prior to making any decision about an exclusion;
 - Inform the student's parent or carer of serious indiscipline and the sanctions, including the period and type (internal and external) of any exclusion, and when permanent exclusion is judged to be necessary;
 - Carry out an investigation to identify the reasons for the exclusion;
 - Advise the parent/carers that they may make representations about the exclusion to the Governors' Disciplinary Panel;
 - Advise the parent/carers how representations may be made, that they are responsible to ensure their child is not found in a public place, and what alternative education will be provided.
- Notify the the governors and the local authority of the details of the exclusion, including the reasons for it, in the case of:
 - (a) A permanent exclusion or a fixed-period exclusion converted to a permanent one;
 - (b) A fixed-period exclusion of more than five days or which brings the days the student has been excluded in one term to more than five;
 - (c) An exclusion that would result in the student losing the opportunity to take a public exam.

The governing body will:

- Establish a Governors' Disciplinary Panel (GDP) of 3-5 members and ensure that they receive training to fulfil their role. The headteacher will not be a member of this panel;
- The panel will have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State;
- For permanent exclusions and fixed-period exclusions of more than 15 school days in any one term, the panel will meet no earlier than the 6th school day and no later than the 15th school day after receiving notice of the exclusion;
- For fixed-period exclusions of more than five school days in any one term up to and including 15 school days, the panel will meet no earlier than the 6th school day and no later than the 50th school day, if requested to do so by parents/carers;
- The minimum time limit will not apply to any exclusion which would result in a student losing an opportunity to take a public examination. In such cases, the panel will try to meet before the date of the examination;
- If the GDP decide that a student should be reinstated, they will give the appropriate direction to the headteacher (who is under a duty to comply with it) and inform the parent of their decision;
- If they decide that a student should not be reinstated, they will inform the parent and the headteacher of their decision as well as the student's home local authority. In the case of a permanent exclusion, they will notify the parent in writing of their decision and the reasons for it within one day. The letter will advise the parent of his or her right to appeal against their decision, whom they should contact to lodge an appeal, the final date for this, and that the notice of appeal should set out the grounds of appeal.

Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation

The governors' teaching and learning committee will evaluate the impact of this policy by receiving data from the headteacher analysed by year group, gender, ethnicity, FSM, SEN, pupil premium and looked after children on:

- Internal, fixed-term and permanent exclusions – number of and analysis of behaviour;
- Number of SLT call-outs;
- Instances of bullying and action taken;
- Support provided for the victims.

Prior to any review of the school's exclusion procedures, feedback will be sought from the school council, staff and parents/carers on its effectiveness.

Appendix D:

Touch Policy

- All members of staff have been trained on the correct and safe way in which to handle a student when a situation calls for such actions;
- Team Teach, a nationally recognised provider, carried out the training for all staff members;
- Staff will use reasonable and necessary physical interventions in order to de-escalate a situation;
- Physical intervention will only be used when deemed necessary and a written record/account of this event will be made immediately after;
- Parents will always be informed when their child has been subject to an intervention procedure;
- Where a child presents a danger to themselves or others, it will be at times necessary for a member of staff to use physical intervention for safety reasons. All such actions should be in accordance with Team Teach values and training;
- Physical actions may also be carried out in order to console or comfort a student but such physical interaction should never be carried out to arouse any sexual expectations or feelings;
- Clarity is vital and a student should never be in any doubt about a member of staff's intentions when physical contact occurs.

Appendix E:

Code of Conduct for Trips, Visits and Residentials

The code of conduct applies at all times. In addition, when I am on any off-site activity, I agree to:

- accept that my behaviour in school may affect whether or not I am allowed to participate in an off-site activity;
- behave at all times in a manner that reflects credit on myself, the group and to the school;
- cooperate fully with any trip leader at all times and follow all requests and requirements made by staff and accompanying adults;
- fulfil any tasks or duties set prior to and during the visit;
- participate fully in all activities and sessions during the visit;
- be punctual at all times and not leave group sessions or accommodation without permission;
- not enter the rooms or accommodation of students of the opposite sex;
- always return to the meeting point or accommodation at agreed times;
- bring the things I need for the activity that I am taking part in;
- treat all members of staff, students, property and resources with respect;
- abide by the laws, rules and regulations of the countries and places visited;
- comply with customs and duty-free regulations;
- not purchase or consume alcohol or tobacco products;
- follow all safety advice given;
- accept that any poor behaviour may result in my participation in the trip being withdrawn with immediate effect; my parent(s)/carer(s) may be required to collect me. A full written report of any misconduct will be sent to the Headteacher and the Assistant headteacher (pastoral leader) who will agree appropriate sanctions.