



BIRKENHEAD HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Background

'Schools where people's achievements are celebrated however small, encourage pupils to be self-motivated and disciplined.' Rogers & Hallam (Institute of Education MEN 2008).

In research by Liverpool Chief Educational Psychologist Jeremy Swinson, it was found that where praise immediately reinforced what the students were doing well, the number of those concentrating and conforming rose significantly.

Principles

As part of the wider community, BHSA is responsible for educating the young citizens of tomorrow in a way which will ensure that they take a positive and proactive role within their community in the future. It is therefore important that students have high self-esteem and confidence reflected through the best education. BHSA provides stimulating, exciting learning in a calm, orderly environment and therefore students are expected to act in a responsible and respectful manner at all times.

Students learn about social responsibility, justice and their own importance in creating the positive climate that we all desire. We utilise SEAL, Learner Qualities and PLTS strategies to emphasise this with our students.

We expect 100% attendance at BHSA and set ourselves a target for all students to reach at least 97% or above.

Aims

The aims of this policy are:

- To create an environment which encourages and reinforces the highest standards of behaviour
- To promote self-discipline and positive relationships
- To ensure that the expectations and strategies of the school are widely known and understood
- To ensure all responses to positive and negative behaviour are fair, consistent and proportionate
- To ensure early intervention to remove barriers to learning
- To encourage the involvement of both the home and the school in the implementation of this policy
- To use restorative justice procedures so students understand how to move forward
- To ensure that classroom management techniques and the use of sanctions and rewards are monitored and used effectively
- To provide a safe environment free from disruption, violence, bullying and any form of harassment or intimidation

We do this through our pastoral and house systems, and through the ethos which runs through lessons, creating a strong team and community identity within the Academy. These reflect and deliver our commitment to respect, know, value and support every student to achieve.

Behaviour Practice

The practice and procedures that manage student behaviour at the Academy are underpinned by the following:

- The Academy recognises and rewards good behaviour and responsible citizenship
- The Academy promotes good behaviour, manners, courtesy and respect from all members of the community
- Staff act in loco parentis and are role models for appropriate behaviour
- The Academy encourages positive relationships between all members of the community
- All members of the school community have the right to be free from harassment, abuse or bullying
- All members of the community have the right to be shown respect
- All students have the right to learn, free from the disruption of others
- All teachers have the right to teach, free from the disruption of others
- All students are given appropriate advice, support and counselling to help them change their underlying behaviour or develop strategies to deal with specific problems
- The Student Council is consulted on ways to maintain and improve good behaviour and positive relationships

Creating our Environment: Expectations

The Academy aims to maintain discipline in accordance with Department for Education guidelines:

- Teachers have statutory authority to discipline students whose behaviour is unacceptable, who break the school rules or who fail to follow a reasonable instruction (section 91 of the Education and Inspections act 2006)
- This also applies to all paid staff with responsibility for students
- Staff can discipline students at any time the student is in school or elsewhere under the charge of a teacher, including on school visits.
- Staff can also discipline students for misbehaviour outside of the school premises
- Staff have a specific legal power to impose detentions outside of school hours

BHSA also expects that:

- Teachers insist on simple routines such as punctual arrival, entry to and movement within the classroom, seating arrangements, basic equipment, listening to others and so on, that are clearly understood by students
- Teachers display high expectations for student effort and behaviour, attendance and punctuality and appearance
- Lessons have clear objectives and the work expected from students is well suited to their skills and abilities but also challenges them

- Students understand what they are expected to do and want to do their best
- Good behaviour is publicly recognised and rewarded
- Emerging misbehaviour is dealt with swiftly, calmly and confidently to minimise class disruption, and students understand why sanctions are being applied

Roles and responsibilities

Classroom Teacher

- To ensure high standards of student behaviour and appearance in lessons and within the wider school community are maintained
- To provide a role model for students to encourage respect and consideration for other people and pride in their appearance
- To encourage behaviour for learning in the classroom
- To encourage 100% attendance
- To intervene promptly to challenge unexplained absence and misbehaviour
- To liaise with Form Tutors regarding student behaviour in lesson time
- To log behaviour on SIMS as necessary
- To reward effort, personal achievement and good behaviour via reward stickers and the rewards system
- To be consistent in their expectations and responses to misbehaviour
- To monitor the attendance, work and behaviour of students and pass comments to Parents/carers form tutors
- To take responsibility for developing their skills in managing behaviour so as to deal with incidents with increasing confidence and success
- To demonstrate ownership of this policy and apply it consistently, feeding back ideas for improvement to their line managers, when appropriate

Form Tutor

- To monitor student attendance and punctuality to registration through SIMS daily/weekly
- To monitor and challenge where necessary standards of dress as per BHSA's Uniform Policy
- To ensure the removal of make-up, nail varnish and banned jewellery
- To work with students regarding improvement in behaviour, attendance, punctuality and appearance
- To record and monitor behaviour in SIMS
- To attend meetings with Progress Leaders and parents/carers where necessary
- To develop good relationships with students to provide a role model and encourage excellent behaviour, care and consideration for other members of the school community
- To praise and encourage effort and achievement across all subjects and enrichment activities through the rewards system.
- To ensure students in their form attend at least two enrichment activities per week and to monitor attendance at these activities.

Progress Leader

- To meet regularly with the Vice Principal or lead SLT to discuss student behaviour, attendance, punctuality, appearance and health and well-being matters
- To liaise regularly with Form Tutors to ensure an overview of the year group and drive forward form time activities/assembly themes
- To liaise with the Student Welfare Lead Professional and Learning Mentor to ensure swift support for students as necessary
- To ensure an overview of the attainment progress of their year group, advising on pastoral support or intervention as necessary
- To meet with students referred by Form Tutors and put strategies in place for improvement in behaviour, attendance, punctuality or appearance such as a weekly report card
- To deal with “one off” incidents as they arise or refer to SLT for swift attention
- To liaise with parents/carers to ensure swift improvements in behaviour, attendance, punctuality and appearance
- To develop good relationships with students to provide a role model and encourage excellent behaviour and consideration for other members of the school community
- To praise and encourage individual effort and achievement through the rewards system, year assemblies, merit award ceremonies and the Prize Giving ceremony
- To issue 100% termly attendance certificates to individual students

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

- To liaise with Progress Leaders to gain an overview of each year group
- To liaise with Progress Leaders, subject staff and parents/carers to ensure excellent student behaviour, attendance, punctuality and appearance
- To liaise with outside agencies for support and intervention as necessary
- To praise and encourage individual effort and achievement

Parents/Carers must:

- ensure their daughter/ward attends regularly, punctually and in accordance with the Academy’s dress code
- offer support to the Academy in dealing with misbehaviour and preventing repetition
- monitor their daughter/ward’s work and behaviour, passing comments to their daughter/ward’s Form Tutor
- reward personal achievement and good behaviour
- take responsibility for overseeing their daughter/ward’s personal development and attend consultation meetings arranged by the Academy

Students must:

- put in maximum effort and push themselves to achieve their best in their learning
- behave well and treat others well

- follow staff instructions, without challenge or rudeness
- arrive in school and at lessons on time
- bring basic equipment to every lesson
- wear the full uniform in accordance with the Academy's uniform expectations, including when travelling to and from the Academy

Intervention and Support

The Academy will utilise a wide range of appropriate support and intervention plans to support the needs of the individual. These may be linked to behaviour or attendance. This support is offered through our pastoral system, curriculum areas and through specific intervention strategies. Parents/carers will be kept fully informed of any additional support provided to their children.

Examples of such interventions are:

- Support from the Progress Leader/SLT
- Support from the Health and Well-Being Mentor (Student Welfare Lead Professional)
- Sessions and support from the Learning Mentor
- Reports – Form Tutor/Classroom teacher, Progress Leader/KS Co-ordinator, subject teacher, Senior Leadership Team
- Personalised timetable
- Curriculum changes
- Work in the Support and Intervention base
- Work with Health Services in Schools
- Pupil Centred Plans and Educational Healthcare Plans
- Use of the CAF – Common Assessment Framework – following discussion with key staff
- Referral to Central Advice and Duty Team (Vice Principal, Head of Juniors, Student Welfare Lead Professional)
- External provision (eg. Hospitals' School, home tutoring)

This list provides examples of interventions used to support the progress of identified students. It is not exhaustive and all interventions will be designed to support the individual.

In addition external support will be sourced from a range of sources, again dependent on the need of the individual. Examples of external support are:

- CAMHS – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Career Connect
- Police
- Social Care
- Orrett's Meadow Support
- Pupil Referral Service
- Pressure Point
- Counselling Services
- GP

Rewards and Recognition

Rewards provide public recognition of student achievement and progress, and help to raise students' motivation and expectations. At BHSA we use the following rewards (also shown in Appendix 2):

- verbal praise
- written comment e.g. on work or in student planner
- reward stickers
- display of work
- telephone call, card or letter sent to parents/carers
- public commendation e.g. in assembly or at the annual Prize Giving ceremony
- awarding of certificate e.g. in a year assembly
- additional responsibility/authority
- merits

Bullying

We believe that all students at BHSA are entitled to receive their education free from humiliation, intimidation, oppression and abuse. It is the responsibility of all adults in the Academy to ensure that this takes place.

Bullying can include:

• Verbal	name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing, intimidating
• Emotional	being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting (e.g. hiding books, threatening gestures)
• Physical	pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any use of violence
• Racist	racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
• Sexual	unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments
• Homophobic	directed or undirected homophobic taunts or references
• Cyber	All areas of internet such as email and internet chat room misuse. Mobile threats by text messaging and calls. Misuse of associated technology, i.e. camera and video facilities

Students who are found to be bullying others will be dealt with in accordance with the severity of each individual case. All bullying incidents will be centrally recorded. Students

who persistently bully others will be dealt with as outlined within this policy (serious offences).

Sanctions and Consequences

To ensure students meet our expectations in classrooms staff use our consequence ladder which provides a consistent approach to dealing with unacceptable behaviour. This is shown as Appendix I.

Sanctions provide public recognition that certain behaviour is unacceptable, and help students to develop a sense of right and wrong. They should be applied consistently to reinforce our high expectations. Below are examples of sanctions used by the Academy:

- temporary reseating to a different location within the classroom
- repeating work of an unacceptable standard
- temporary removal from the classroom (be it for part, a whole or a number of lessons)
- loss of break or lunchtime through detention
- detention after school
- meeting between Form Tutor, Progress Leader, Head of Department, Head of Faculty or member of SLT and parents/carers
- Progress Leader or departmental report
- engaging parental sanctions through parental contact or meeting
- community service within the school eg. Supporting peers, assisting with lunchtime clearing up duties, assisting staff in departmental activities.

The Academy has a legal right to detain students after school. Although no longer legally required, we believe giving parents/carers at least a day's notice remains good practice.

Legally, parents/carers do not need to give their consent and do not have the right to withdraw their child from after school detentions. BHSA holds its after-school detentions on Thursdays from 3.35pm until 5pm. A member of the SLT conducts these detentions.

Behaviour outside of school

The Academy also has high expectations of student behaviour in other spaces outside the classroom for example: corridors, dining areas, PE areas and play areas. These expectations include the behaviour of students travelling to and from school. Staff have a statutory power to discipline students for misbehaving outside of the school premises.

We define outside of school as:

- Taking part in any school organised or school related activity
- Travelling to or from school
- When wearing school uniform
- In some other way identifiable as a student at the school
- Misbehaviour that could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- Misbehaviour that poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public
- Behaviour that could adversely affect the reputation of the school

Searching and Confiscation

Female staff, authorised by the Principal, have the power to search a student with a witness present, where there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a student is in possession of a prohibited item. If any item is confiscated then parents/carers will be contacted. In serious circumstances, the Police and/or Social Care will be informed.

Teachers have the right to confiscate a student's property if it is a prohibited item. Items which are prohibited in school and can be searched for and confiscated are:

- make-up, more jewellery than is allowed in the Uniform policy, items of clothing which are not school uniform
- knives or weapons (including items brought in to school to act as a weapon), alcohol, illegal drugs and/or associated paraphernalia and stolen items
- tobacco and cigarette papers, cigarettes, lighters and matches, fireworks and pornographic images; and
- any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to another person, or damage property.

Mobile phones are not allowed to be used by Y7-10. Phones must be handed in at morning registration; they will be locked away and returned at afternoon registration. They must remain switched off and not be used in the final lesson. For Y11 and sixth form phones must not be used in school unless with the express permission of a member of staff as part of a learning experience (see also BHSA E-Safety Policy). If a student is found using one (or charging it) without permission it will be confiscated and the following will apply:

- Parents will be contacted and the phone must be collected by a parent/carers at the end of the day. Until it's collected it will be held by a member of SLT.
- The student will be given an after school detention

Use of Reasonable Force

All Academy staff have the power to use reasonable force to prevent students committing an offence, injuring themselves or others or damaging property, and to maintain good order and discipline in the classroom.

Use of CCTV footage

The Academy uses CCTV footage to protect against crime and to protect students, staff and members of the public when they are on school premises. If there are any incidences of misbehaviour by students such as vandalism or bullying behaviour, or if an investigation into any matter requires further clarity, the SLT may look at recordings from the CCTVs to ascertain what happened. Any evidence found on CCTV footage will be referred to when SLT are assessing whether or not a student should be excluded from school, internally or for a fixed period/permanent exclusion. In the case of a permanent exclusion, this footage will be made available to Governors, the LA and any Independent Review Panel. Please refer to the BHSA CCTV Policy for further information.

Serious Offences

The Academy acknowledges that young people do make mistakes. However the actions of the student can have a major impact on the learning of others and have an impact on the staff's commitment to maintaining good order within the Academy. Students may, therefore, face consequences in line with the nature of the offence.

Serious offences include:

- Theft
- Vandalism
- Premeditated or disproportionate violence towards another
- Behaviour that endangers the safety of others
- Persistent bullying
- Foul and abusive language directed at staff or fellow students
- Persistent repetition of minor misbehaviour over a concerted period of time and failure to respond to interventions
- Smoking on the school site, or to and from school
- Failure to attend SLT detention
- Persistently disrupting the learning of others
- Intimidating others
- Challenging the authority of the school
- Acting in a manner which causes damage to the Academy and its students' reputation
- Possession of a weapon (permanent exclusion)
- Possession, supply or use of a banned substance (permanent exclusion) or in possession of drugs paraphernalia (permanent exclusion)

The process following the reporting of a serious offence:

- Gathering of evidence: statements taken from those involved (staff, students and others as relevant. Statements are also collected from witnesses as appropriate)
- Evidence collected reviewed by Progress Leader or member of the SLT as appropriate.
- A course of action is recommended and discussed with the Principal.
- Final decision made by the Principal.

The penalties for committing a serious offence

Internal exclusion from lessons for a temporary period:

- Meet with Vice Principal at 8.30am
- Students will work away from other students and outside the Principal's/Vice Principal's office from 8.35am until 3.35pm
- Students are expected to work in silence, completing all work set
- Students will be escorted to break/lunch and brought back to eat in isolation
- Inappropriate behaviour whilst on internal exclusion may result in further time on internal exclusion or external fixed-term or permanent exclusion
- The length of time the student spends internally excluded will depend on the severity of the behaviour and their behavioural history.

Fixed-Term Exclusion

- The decision to exclude a student for a fixed period of time is taken by the Principal following a serious offence or persistent misbehaviour
- The length of the exclusion will depend on the severity of the offence and the student's behavioural history
- The Academy will provide appropriate work for the student during the period of exclusion. The work should be returned and will be marked by the relevant staff.
- All students excluded for a fixed term will be re-admitted only following a meeting between the parent/carer and the Principal/Vice Principal. The process for this is shown in the table below:

Exclusion Number	Member of Staff	Possible Interventions
1	Assistant Vice Principal/Vice Principal	Mentoring/Reports/Curriculum or out-of-lesson changes/Restorative Justice procedures
2	Vice Principal/Principal	As above plus Behaviour contract/Curriculum changes/ Restorative Justice procedures
3	Principal/Governor Behaviour Panel	As above plus alternative provision consideration/Governor Report/Behaviour contract/ Restorative Justice procedures
4	Board of Governors	As above plus Governor Report /Managed Move

Permanent Exclusion

Permanent Exclusion may be necessary as a means of maintaining high standards of behaviour and discipline within the Academy. We feel that it is important to uphold the principles of natural justice:

- i) the right to present a case (the defence)
- ii) the right to be represented
- iii) the right of appeal

- Parents/carers are phoned and informed of the decision
- Information provided to LA to enable early intervention with family
- Letter home within 24 hours giving parents/carers the opportunity to discuss
- Permanent Exclusion Report compiled. Copies to parents/carers, Chair of Disciplinary Hearing Committee, Local Authority (to support potential re-provision of education) and Governor representatives.
- Permanent exclusion hearing within 15 school days of decision with notification to Chair of Disciplinary Hearing Committee, Governor representatives, student, parents/carers (and parent representative if requested), and relevant Academy staff. The Local Authority may also be invited to attend.
- Governing Body make decision to uphold or reinstate the permanent exclusion.
- Parents/carers given 15 school days from the date of the Disciplinary Hearing Committee meeting in which to lodge an Independent Appeal
- The Hearing outcome and any appeal outcome must be copied to the Chair of Governors, the parents/carers and the Local Authority.

Complaints and Appeals

If a parent/carer is unhappy with the way a behaviour management or disciplinary situation has been dealt with they may address their concerns to the Principal.

Parents/carers whose concerns are unresolved have recourse to the Academy's formal complaints procedure (see website). Parents/carers who wish to appeal a fixed term or permanent exclusion should do so in writing to the Chair of Governors.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

This policy will be promoted and published throughout the Academy. It will be reviewed annually to reflect student/staff/parental voice and to evaluate the effectiveness of the system by the Local Governing Body and the SLT.

Key Performance Indicators will be used to monitor the effectiveness of the policy. Example indicators are as follows, these will be published at relevant meetings of the Local Governing Body:

- Number of Permanent Exclusions
- Number of Fixed-Term Exclusions
- Number of Internal Exclusions
- Number of After School Detentions issued
- Number of removals from lessons
- Results of staff, parent and student questionnaires

Policy date: December 2017

Policy Review date: December 2018

Appendix I: Behaviour Consequences

Sanctions @ BHSA

If you DO NOT meet the Academy's expectations then the following consequences will apply:

	EXAMPLE OF OFFENCE		POSSIBLE INTERVENTION
LEVEL 4	Persistent defiance; serious forms of bullying; endangering others; vandalism; graffiti; fighting; bringing banned items into school; other serious offence. * See behaviour policy for a list of banned items and serious offences.		SLT involvement Internal/external exclusion – behaviour mark recorded on SIMS.
LEVEL 3	Poor behaviour continues; persistent failure to meet the deadline; persistent failure to hand in home learning task; persistent failure to wear the correct uniform; not handing in or use of phone; bullying –		After school SLT detention – behaviour mark recorded on SIMS. Parents informed by HoD/HoF/PL *MoS to complete RED DT card Subject specific: HoD/HoF involved. Student placed on a subject report. Across several subjects: PL involved – student placed on a PL report.
LEVEL 2	Ignoring previous warning; failure to bring the correct equipment on more than 1 occasion; failure to meet the deadline on more than 1 occasion; failure to complete home learning task on more than 1 occasion; failure to wear correct uniform a warning; rudeness.		Detention at break/lunch with member of staff to discuss the impact of your behaviour; phone confiscated; behaviour mark recorded on SIMS. Teacher may also choose to move student.
LEVEL 1	First minor offence eg chatting, not having the correct equipment, shouting out, wearing incorrect uniform, home learning not completed/deadline not met.		Verbal warning/name on board.

**** This is NOT an exhaustive list; staff at BHSA will use their professional judgement at all times in defining the severity of the offence.**

Appendix 2: Rewards System



AT BHS we expect students to display excellent Behaviour **For** Learning by:

- ✓ **Respecting** others
- ✓ Being ready to learn – bringing the **correct equipment** and **dressing in the correct uniform**
- ✓ **Following instructions** given by all members of staff
- ✓ **Trying their best** and **taking pride in their work and our environment**

In addition to this we encourage them to show particular learner qualities:

- ✓ **Curiosity**
- ✓ **Collaboration**
- ✓ **Reflection**
- ✓ **Determination**
- ✓ **Resilience**
- ✓ **Risk taking**
- ✓ **Outstanding Behaviour for Learning**
- ✓ **Outstanding Independent Learning**

If they have displayed any of the above qualities then they will be awarded a **merit**.

Each half term the number of merits they have collected will be counted – parents/carers of students who have achieved an agreed number will be notified.

End of Year Awards:

Behaviour for Learning certificates will be awarded at the end of the academic year to students who have shown excellent **Behaviour for Learning** throughout the year. There will be Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates.

Learner Quality Certificates – there will be a certificate awarded to students who have achieved the highest number of merits throughout the year.

1 student per year group will be awarded a Learner Quality certificate for displaying a particular Learner Quality.

Academic Achievement Award – 1 student per form per year will be awarded this certificate for showing outstanding academic progress.