

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND EXCLUSIONS POLICY

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Please note: 'School' refers to Chatsworth Schools; 'parents' refers to parents, guardians and carers.

This is a whole school policy, which also applies to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following School policies

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Anti-Bullying Policy

Physical Restraint and Use of Reasonable Force Policy

E-Safety Policy

PSHEE Policy

Searching, Screening and Confiscating Policy

The school recognises its duties under the Equality Act 2010 to make reasonable adjustments for pupils with disabilities.

This policy has been drawn up using advice from Behaviour and Discipline in Schools: Advice for Headteachers and School Staff DfE 2014. This is a whole-school policy and includes EYFS.

The Aims throughout the whole school are:

- To promote good behaviour, self-discipline and respect;
- To promote an environment where everyone feels safe, valued and secure;
- To prevent bullying

Promoting Good Behaviour

As well as staff acting as positive role models, the school will endeavour to promote and teach good behaviour by having the following expectations of the pupils:

- Courtesy and Politeness;
- Respect;
- Dress (uniform, cleanliness, any adornments, including make-up, hair);
- Lessons and punctuality;
- Property;
- Privacy;
- Safety;
- Technology.

EYFS / Years 1-2

In our discipline we should be positive, encouraging and caring and to set an example through our own behaviour, appearance, punctuality and courtesy. We aim to cultivate responsibility and self-discipline in each pupil.

The fundamental relationship between staff and pupils should be a constructive partnership in learning; one which allows for mutual respect. Appropriate attitudes will be encouraged.

Good behaviour will be reinforced with the following rewards:

- Verbal praise to the individual
- Drawing attention among the group or class to the work or behaviour
- Positive comments written on child's work and/or in Home/School contact book
- Award of a star or sticker for work or behaviour
- Award of a certificate in a weekly celebration assembly
- Nomination for Rights Respecting Schools Award golden ticket
- Golden time (Years 1 & 2)

Discipline must be tempered by sensitivity and tact and take account of a child's personal circumstances. Rules, orders and instructions should be clear.

Positive guidance techniques should be used, including:

- Re-directing children
- Early intervention
- Anticipation and elimination of potential problems

A collective staff vision is important in achieving these goals.

In the event that misbehaviour occurs, one of the following actions would be taken:

- A reprimand
- A warning of the consequences if the misbehaviour is repeated
- Temporary separation of a child from main group
- Missing part of playtime
- The loss of a privilege, e.g. doing a free-choice activity
- Persistent misbehaviour would require liaison with the child's parent or guardian
- In extreme cases, e.g. violence against another pupil or member of staff, the advice and support of the Principal/ Head of the relevant section of the school may be sought.

Years 3-6

Aims

- To cultivate in pupils an acceptance and recognition of responsibility for their own decisions and actions; and for their consequences. This will be done primarily through PSHEE but where appropriate will be incorporated into any lesson.
- To create a school where children are happy and secure in an orderly framework of rules; thus allowing effective learning and the opportunity for each pupil to fulfil their potential, while encouraging mutual respect between all members of the community. Staff should set a good example to pupils in matters of dress, punctuality and commitment; regarding themselves responsible for the behaviour of pupils within the school.

- To teach the pupils respect for their environment.

Methods

Our policy at Hall School Wimbledon is to use a positive attitude to discipline rather than simply issue punishments for bad behaviour. Praise and encouragement is seen as very important from an encouraging smile to a quiet word, a public word in assembly, written comments on work, or a visit to other staff, including the Principal/Head of Primary/Head of the relevant section of the school, to show special achievements.

Incentives

We use a system of house points. These are awarded for good work and behaviour. They are totalled every week for each house team, with the weekly and running totals announced in the celebration assembly. The house team with the highest total at the end of the term has a special treat chosen by them in liaison with the Head of Juniors. The pupils are thus encouraged to work not only for themselves but for the 'good of the House'.

Our discipline at Hall School Wimbledon aims to be firm and fair. While misbehaviour is checked immediately, the individual circumstances of each child are carefully monitored by tutors and pastoral staff so that staff are aware of any extenuating circumstances. The pastoral care system at Hall School Wimbledon is an integral part of every child's daily school life. Its aim is to develop the social, moral, personal and educational wellbeing of the child through discussion, interaction and awareness of issues appropriate to the age of the child. This is normally lead by the form teacher but all teachers have a responsibility through their lessons to encourage and support students to be better citizens. We believe that the better the rapport between pupil and staff, the less the students will 'step out of line'. An appropriate verbal rebuke or encouragement, together with an explanation the pupil clearly understands, is an important part of the discipline process.

However, there are occasions when it is necessary to correct bad behaviour or work. We aim for all staff to implement any sanctions consistently and to have the backing and co-operation of parents.

Sanctions

Poor work may be re-written at break so long as a pupil does not miss both breaks in a day and that missed breaks do not become the norm. Communication between staff and tutors is an important part of this process.

If pupils are found to have made malicious accusations against staff disciplinary action will be taken which may result in the pupil's exclusion.

Children who are causing concern academically, physically or socially are discussed with the relevant Head of Section and/or Head of Primary; actions could include:

1. Talking to the pupil to better understand the reasons behind the behaviour
2. A relevant task or written punishment

3. Monitoring behaviour
4. Inviting parents to discuss the concerns raised
5. Monitoring progress carefully by putting the student (or class) on report – comments written by staff after each lesson and checked by the tutor with the student at the end of each day.
6. The report may well be in the form of a 'comment book' where staff record where a child has made a special effort to co-operate or to produce good work rather than the more severe report slip.

Any concerns regarding serious verbal or physical behaviour must be reported immediately to the Head.

Parents will, of course, be advised and involved in any disciplinary matters at the appropriate stage in order to make them aware of their child's behaviour in school and to work together to resolve the problem before more serious measures become necessary.

There is **no** corporal punishment at any Chatsworth Schools.

Years 7 – 11

The basis of this code of conduct is mutual respect. Pupils at Hall School Wimbledon have a right to expect a well-ordered environment that is conducive to study. This right can only be provided in circumstances where all individuals accept their obligation to honour the Code of Conduct.

1. Hall School Wimbledon is the place you come to work. You should always try to do your best by listening to teachers and to other students. Do not prevent others from learning.
2. You should treat everyone with politeness, courtesy and respect. Do not use language that is abusive, offensive and rude. You should not shout, call out, interrupt or answer back.
3. You should care and look after the school, the people in it and all the equipment. Do not drop litter.
4. You should think about your safety and that of others. You should not run inside the buildings.
5. You should remember to bring all necessary equipment to each lesson.
6. You should be punctual to all lessons and settle quietly to the task in hand.
7. You should complete all work and homework on time.

Discipline Policy - Principles and Aims

Aims

- To cultivate in pupils an acceptance and recognition of responsibility for their own decisions and actions; and for their consequences.

- To create a school where children are happy and secure in an orderly framework of rules; thus allowing effective learning and the opportunity for each pupil to fulfil their potential, while encouraging mutual respect between all members of the community. Staff should set a good example to pupils in matters of dress, punctuality and commitment; regarding themselves responsible for the behaviour of pupils within the school.
- To teach the pupils respect for their environment.

We aim to provide:

- Good adult and peer role models of caring and co-operative behaviour.
- Reinforcement of positive attitudes to expectations.
- Recognition of a wide range of achievements.
- Acceptance by all students in school of a common responsibility for maintaining good discipline and promoting the school's basic guidelines.

Practice

Guidelines to pupils at School; we expect you to:

- Show respect for others and their property.
- Follow all instructions given by staff or other adults working with the pupils.
- Move quietly in and around school.
- Bring all the equipment and books that you need for each session.
- Be punctual.
- Be safe.
- Complete all assignments on time.
- Ask for help and support whenever you need it. It's OK to be proactive.

Classroom Guidelines

We expect you to work hard and

- Enter the room quietly and sensibly.
- Prepare for your lesson on arrival by having books and equipment out.
- Limit eating and drinking to break and lunchtime. (students are encouraged to drink water and should bring a sealable bottle for this purpose)
- Listen carefully to others without interrupting. Put up your hand when you wish to speak or add to the discussion in class.
- Treat the room and furniture and other people's belongings with respect.
- Leave the room tidy.
- Leave in an orderly way when you are asked.
- Respect the views of others.
- Any mobile phones should be switched off and handed in whilst in school.
- Chewing gum, alcohol, drugs or solvents are banned at all times.

Serious Misconduct

Serious misconduct, e.g. physical violence, serious safety risk, total defiance will result in the pupil being sent home pending enquiries, after which the pupil may be returned to school on a behaviour and performance contract / report, internally suspended, externally temporary excluded, or permanently excluded or withdrawn by parents. The individual circumstances will determine the course of action by the school.

Senior School (Year 7 – 11) Discipline System

Positive Referrals (Gold Slips)

Gold slips are awarded for a variety of reasons, at the discretion of the teacher. For example, gold slips can be given for;

- A good single piece of work (or for work completed over a period of lessons/weeks).
- Evidence the pupil has put in a special effort.

Blue Slips

Blue slips are awarded for a variety of reasons, at the discretion of the teacher. For example, blue slips can be given for;

- Exemplary behaviour or helpfulness to the school community

Pupils will receive gold and blue slips from their teacher, when awarded. These are taken by the pupil to the Head, and each slip earns the recipient one House point.

School Monitoring Reports

The School uses a variety of strategies and reports to help support students in their learning. Some reports are disciplinary while others are intended to support a pupil with a particular issue i.e. 'organisation'. The aim is to ensure that all individuals continue to make good progress. Generally, where a pupil is on report they will present this daily to their Form Tutor.

Lateness

Pupils arriving late after registration must sign in at Reception. This will be recorded on the registration system for the teacher to see.

Uniform

Pupils coming in to school with incorrect uniform will be given the option to borrow an item of uniform from school. Parents will be contacted by the school. Inappropriate or offensive slogans and images are not permitted on any clothing.

Smoking

Smoking is banned **at all times**. If a pupil is caught smoking on or off the school premises the parents will be informed and the pupil will be sent home immediately. This extends to any time that the student is on a bus operated by the school, waiting in a car park or other pick-up and drop-off points. The school reserves the right to consider with parents a disciplinary sanction where a child is seen smoking whilst in our school uniform or are attending a school function or event away from the normal school sites.

Criminal Activity

If a pupil is caught or suspected of being involved in any criminal activity, he/she will be sent home, with their parent(s) or Guardian(s) whilst the case is investigated. Where the situation would require the intervention of the police the school will not conduct any interviews or investigation without the prior consent of the police. Activities of a criminal nature may result in the pupil being asked to leave the school.

Illegal Substance Abuse

If a pupil is suspected of using any illegal substance, within school time, the school reserves the right to give the pupil involved a drug test. If tested positive for any Class A and/or B drugs, then the pupil will be dismissed instantly. If the pupil tests positive for cannabis, then the school will monitor his/her punctuality and general behaviour until a second random drug test is given (typically within a month). If the pupil tests positive for a second time, then he/she will normally be asked to leave the school.

Possession of an Illegal Substance or Alcohol

If any pupil is caught in possession of any illegal substances, including cannabis or alcohol, they will be temporarily excluded from the school immediately, whilst an investigation is conducted. Proven possession will result in the temporary exclusion becoming permanent. The school reserves the right to inform and involve the police or other services either to comply with the law or to act in the best interests of the child's health and welfare.

Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones have to be handed into the form's 'valuables box' at the start of the day and collected at the end of school. Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones when being escorted between buildings or sporting events.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones, including taking pictures, videos or other recordings will result in the phone being confiscated and given to a member of SLT. The phone can be collected from the member of SLT at the end of school on the same day. Repeated use or misuse of the phone will result in the parents and the child being informed that the parents must not allow their child to bring a phone to school.

Exclusions Policy

Pupils guilty of serious misconduct may be liable to either fixed-term or permanent exclusion. In circumstances where a pupil's behaviour, while he/she is not at School (as defined below), damages or threatens, actually or potentially, the wellbeing of any member of the School community or the reputation of the School, the School may investigate the pupil's conduct. As a result of this investigation, if it is considered appropriate to protect the wellbeing of other pupils and the School's reputation, sanctions may be imposed proportionate to the seriousness of the misconduct.

When judging whether to exclude a pupil permanently or for a fixed-term, the School will take into account all the circumstances: these will include the age of the pupil, the seriousness of the offence, its impact upon the School and any member of the Hall School Wimbledon community (pupils and staff), and any extenuating circumstances raised by the pupil in his/her defence.

For the purposes of this policy "at the School" means each of the following:

- On School premises;
- anywhere where a pupil is engaged in an activity organised by School staff or anyone acting on behalf of the School; and
- whenever and wherever the pupil is wearing school uniform or other clothing which identifies him / her as a Hall School Wimbledon pupil, including when travelling to and from the school.

"serious misconduct" means :

- violent or threatening behaviour
- indecent, offensive, abusive, bullying or harassing behaviour
- theft
- possession or consumption of illegal drugs at the school
- possession of offensive weapons or any dangerous, poisonous, flammable or explosive items
- cheating in examinations
- deliberate or reckless damage to property
- rudeness to a member of staff or other adult involved in or encountered in the course of an event organised by the School, or acting on behalf of the School
- serious misuse of School ICT facilities (see the ICT Acceptable Use Policy)
- repeated breaches of the School Code of Conduct
- breach of the Code of Conduct after a pupil has signed a behavioural or academic contract that is criminal; and/or illegal
- has or could have had a serious adverse effect on: (i) any part of the physical environment of the School; (ii) any aspect of the wellbeing of any member of the School community (pupils and staff); and/or (iii) the learning of the pupil himself or that of any other pupil; and/or harms the public image of the School.

To support a pupil receiving a fixed-term exclusion and who would thereby be at risk of permanent exclusion (in the event that he / she were to commit another breach of the Code of Conduct), the pupil will be required to sign a Pupil Contract in which he / she will agree to a number of targets for behaviour improvement and/or academic performance. This will be monitored by a member of the SMT. Failure to comply could result in permanent exclusion.

Parents may appeal against the exclusion of their child through the school's Complaints Policy.

Liaison with Parents and other Agencies

- The school actively encourages parents to keep in contact and to keep the lines of communication open. Parents will be kept informed of any serious behavioural issues regarding their child. If a Pupil Contract needs to be put into place, parents will be actively encouraged to be involved in the process. Occasionally, the school may need to liaise with outside agencies (e.g. Child Protection Officer, Educational Psychologist, local authority MASH team case worker) to gain advice or to work in tandem to provide the best support for a pupil.
- The policy is available at all times on the school website.
- The policy will be reviewed annually. If any amendments are made at other times parents will be informed via the school's newsletter.

Staff Training

- Staff will receive annual training on this policy, so that they have a clear understanding of the systems and procedures, and their legal responsibilities.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Ellie Partington.

Malicious Accusations against Staff

Sanctions may be imposed on any pupils who are proven to have made malicious allegations against a member of staff, but that the decision on how to proceed should be dealt with sensitively.

In order not to deter pupils from making genuine allegations, the pupil found to have made a malicious accusation should be offered confidentiality.

According to the circumstances, he/she may:

- Receive counselling to help identify why he/she made the allegation
- Be excluded
- Possibly face criminal proceedings

Register of Sanctions

The school uses a central register of sanctions imposed for serious misbehaviour.

This is a whole school policy and relates to EYFS through to Year 11

Interpretation

In this policy, the term “senior manager” means a School Head and their designated deputies.

This policy applies to all employees in all Schools (save for Schools with their own procedure which shall prevail) and other work environments within Chatsworth Schools

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