



# Revised Pupil Behaviour Policy September 2024

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## **MOON HALL SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**This policy applies to:**

**Moon Hall School, Reigate**

**Also referred to as the School or the Schools as the context requires**

This policy, which applies to the whole school, is publicly available on the school websites. Copies available in regular or large print or (other accessible formats available if required) may be obtained from the School Office at either School. All who work, volunteer or supply services to our schools have an equal responsibility to understand and implement this policy and its procedures both within and outside of normal school hours including activities away from school.

**This policy refers to the following legislation;**

Education and inspection Act 2006

School standards and framework Act 1998

Education Act 2002

### **1 Monitoring and review**

This policy is subject to continuous monitoring, refinement and audit by the Executive Head and the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). The Proprietor (Board of Governors) will undertake a full annual review of this policy and procedures, inclusive of its implementation and the efficiency with which the related duties have been discharged. All staff and governors are to be made aware of this policy as part of their induction and are to be reminded of it on an annual basis, when they informed of updates / reviews. The policy is made available to staff in either a hard copy or electronically.

### **2 Introduction**

This policy was last reviewed and agreed by the Chair of Governors in April 2021 and will next be reviewed no later than September 2023 or earlier if significant changes to the systems and arrangements take place, or if legislation, regulatory requirements or best practice guidelines so require.

Moon Hall School, Reigate is committed to supporting pupils' holistic development, self-esteem and resilience. We aim to teach all pupils to behave in socially positive ways, and to understand the rights and needs of others.

To support this, we provide:

- good adult role models of caring co-operative behaviour
- reinforcement of positive attitudes to expectations
- the celebration of a wide range of achievements
- the acceptance by all staff of a responsibility for maintaining good discipline

### **3 Purpose and Aims:**

To instil and foster a code of conduct throughout the Moon Hall Community which guides pupils of all ages and in different situations, both in school and beyond, and which can be summarised by the rule:

*'Treat others as you would like them to treat you.'*

Consideration –

- To be a school where pupils have respect for themselves and others, learn well and feel happy
- To think carefully before acting; is behaviour appropriate and effective
- To take pride in our appearance (see school website for full details of school uniform)

Compassion –

- To encourage pupils to be patient and care for one another
- To help newcomers feel welcome and accept differences
- To be patient and tolerant with others and their specific needs

Courtesy –

- To treat each other politely and fairly, being honest with ourselves and with each other
- To show respect for ourselves, others, and our environment at all times
- To value everyone in the school community regardless of culture, gender, ethnicity or ability

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Courage –

- To take responsibility for their behaviour and actions
- To be a school where effort, good work and behaviour is recognised and rewarded
- To encourage pupils to develop resilience and take pride in their behaviour and actions, effort and achievements

### **4 Scope of Policy:**

This policy is designed to encourage positive behaviour throughout Moon Hall School Reigate, in all areas of school life.

### **5 Rewards:**

Staff take every opportunity to notice and reward effort and / or achievement of individuals or groups both publicly and privately, at every level.

**Our aim is to encourage a positive approach by:**

- pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for and pride in their actions

- positive class strategies are employed to encourage cooperation and build on every pupil's aptitude and ability
- rewards for good work are given through verbal and / or written feedback, specifically noting positive aspects
- prizes and certificates for achievements earned in or out of school are awarded and celebrated during our Moon Hall school assemblies.

The following list of 'rewards' is therefore by no means exhaustive, but does give an indication of some of the many ways in which pupils are rewarded:

- The Form Tutor discusses the school rules with each class. In this way, every pupil in the school knows the expected standard of behaviour at the start of the academic year.
- Congratulations for good behaviour may be shared with other members of staff, including the Head Teacher. Exemplary work is shown to the Head Teacher by the pupil for specific Head Teacher commendation.
- Celebration Assembly each half term to formally recognise those who have "gone above and beyond"
- Praise Postcards sent home to recognise achievement
- Formal Annual Prizegiving ceremony

#### 5.1 **Encourage good behaviour:**

- Teachers award pupils on a regular basis with house points for particularly good behaviour, good role model or high standards in academic work & effort applied to their studies
- Exemplary behaviour fully supporting school aims & ethos (ie over and above the expected) in the school will be recognised by being awarded 'a commendation in our half termly celebration assembly to recognise exemplary behaviour, attitude and generally supporting school aims and ethos.
- Praise postcards are sent home to recognise achievements.

#### 5.2 **Celebrate good work:**

- Exemplary work is displayed throughout the MHR building.
- House points are earned for quality of work, individual effort and achievement.
- All house points contribute to the whole school total which is celebrated at the end of each half term. The House Cup will be awarded to the winning house on a half term basis.

#### 5.3 **Sanctions:**

The school employs a number of sanctions to enforce the school rules, and to ensure a safe and positive learning environment. We employ each sanction appropriately to each individual situation, the severity and frequency of the incident/s.

If there are incidents of anti-social behaviour, the Form tutor discusses these with the whole class during Form time or during a PSHE lesson as appropriate to the age of the pupils. The school **does not tolerate bullying of any kind**. If we discover that an act of bullying or intimidation has taken place, we act immediately to stop any further occurrences of such behaviour. As a school, we do everything in our power to ensure that all pupils attend school free from fear. (See Anti Bullying Policy). This has also been supported through pupil and parent surveys.

- We expect pupils to try their best in all activities. If they do not do so, we *may* ask them to re-do a

task. However, we are very aware of the specific learning needs of our pupils and this may not always be appropriate.

- If a pupil is disruptive in class, the teacher reprimands him or her. If a pupil misbehaves repeatedly, the pupil is sent to the appropriate Assistant Head. If deemed more serious this will then be referred on to the Deputy Head. If the behaviour is repeated or of a serious nature, the pupil will then be sent to the Head Teacher. When required in more serious cases of misbehaviour, a detention will be given by the Assistant Head.
- For SERIOUS breaches of discipline, (bullying, gross rudeness, disruptive behaviour etc.) the offender sees the Deputy Head and where necessary the Head Teacher and their parents are informed. A suitable punishment is devised which could include detention or internal exclusion with the pupil placed on report \*for an agreed number of days. In extreme cases eg physical harm to others, this will lead to external exclusion which will be agreed with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors.
- Report Cards\* are used for pupils who constantly misbehave or do not attempt to apply sufficient effort, after discussion with form/subject tutor, Assistant Head, Deputy Head and Head. The parents would be notified by the appropriate member of the pastoral team dealing with the incident; Assistant Head, Deputy Head or Head Teacher. Staff would then give the pupil a comment for effort and behaviour for each lesson and the Assistant Head would sign the report at the end of each day. Parents would also sign the report each evening. A meeting would then be arranged with the parents and pupil at the end of the report to confirm any further actions.
- “banter” is never accepted as an acceptable interaction especially if the comments are unkind, homophobic, constitute sexual harassments or misogynistic/ mysandry

## **6 Expected behaviour:**

6.1 Pupils are expected to behave in a manner which will maximise their learning opportunities - and those of their group members. Behaviour which does not enhance learning opportunities will not be tolerated and staff will apply appropriate sanctions. In such cases of unacceptable behaviour during lessons the line of referral for staff should be: - Form tutor, Assistant Head, Deputy Head then the Head Teacher.

6.2 If a teacher deems it necessary to remove a pupil from a lesson because of disruptive behaviour, the Senior Leadership Team will be contacted to speak to the pupil and agree the follow up sanction.

6.3 Pupils are responsible for their property and should avoid bringing valuables or cash to school. Pupils are also advised to hand in watches and other valuables to Staff during games sessions; no items of monetary or sentimental value should be left in the changing rooms at any time. Intentional damage to School or personal property will result in contact with parents to seek reimbursement of the cost of repairing the damage. Mobile phones are handed in at the start of the day and collected at the end of the school day. They should be clearly named. Expensive clothing items are left in the school at the pupils own risk and we encourage pupils not to bring expensive or high value items to school

6.4 Pupils are responsible for keeping items in lockers with locker doors remaining shut when not in use. Lockers should be cleared at the end of each Half Term or Term for cleaning.

## **7 The role of the Form Tutor:**

7.1 It is the responsibility of the Form tutor to ensure that the school rules are enforced in their class, and that their class behaves in a responsible manner during lesson time.

7.2 The Form tutors in our school have high expectations of the pupils in terms of behaviour, and they strive to ensure that all pupils work to the best of their ability.

7.3 The Form tutor treats each pupil fairly and enforces the classroom code **consistently**. The teacher treats all pupils in their class with respect and understanding.

7.4 If a pupil misbehaves repeatedly in class, the Form tutor keeps a record of all such incidents on the behaviour monitoring system which is available to other teachers and leadership team. In the first instance, the Form tutor deals with incidents him/herself. However, if misbehaviour continues, the Form tutor seeks help and advice from the Assistant Head and discussed with the Deputy Head when necessary. Action agreed should be noted on the electronic pupil record, with a link sent to the Head Teacher.

7.5 The Form tutor liaises with colleagues, as necessary, to support and guide the progress of each pupil.

7.6 It is the specific responsibility of all staff to ensure that this policy is followed. Also, that information relating to behaviour is appropriately recorded on the pupil record, and disseminated to the Form tutor (when applicable), Assistant Head, Deputy Head and Head Teacher.

7.7 The Form tutor reports to parents about the progress of each pupil in their class, in line with the whole school assessment, recording & reporting policy. The Form tutor may also contact a parent if there are concerns about the behaviour or welfare of a pupil.

## **8 The role of the Head Teacher:**

8.1 The Head Teacher supports the staff by implementing the policy, by setting the standards of behaviour, and by supporting staff in the implementation of the policy.

8.2 The Head Teacher is informed, in accordance with this policy, of any major incidents and also keeps records of all reported serious incidents of misbehaviour including bullying.

8.3 The Head Teacher has the responsibility for giving fixed-term suspensions to individual pupils for serious acts of misbehaviour. For repeated or very serious acts of anti-social behaviour, the Head Teacher may permanently exclude a pupil. Both these actions are only taken after the school governors have been notified.

## **CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IS NEITHER USED NOR THREATENED IN THE SCHOOL.**

Any member of staff who fails to comply with this requirement will be considered to have committed an offence which would be viewed as gross misconduct and could result in the immediate termination of their employment.

The school will keep a record of any occasion where physical intervention is used, and parents and/or carers will be informed on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable. (See below: Use of *Reasonable Force*)

### **Reasonable Force**

Staff may need to use reasonable force in a situation, in line with the DFE *guidance (Use of Reasonable Force DFE-00295-2013)*. The term is defined below and examples of situations where it may be necessary to use reasonable force are set out.

The term reasonable force covers the broad range of actions used by most teachers at some point in their careers, to control or restrain. This could be guiding a pupil to safety by the arm or restraint to protect from, or prevent injury or violence. *Reasonable*, in the given circumstance, means not applying more force than is absolutely necessary.

## **9 Revision of behaviour steps for parent and pupil awareness from September 2023 for repeated behaviour misdemeanours**

If a pupil receives 3 x Head Teachers detentions in one term a letter will be sent home to parents.

In that letter it would explain the steps below:

If the pupil receives 1 more Head Teachers detention within the same term an after-school detention will be set. This detention will be supervised by a member of the SLT, and parents will be expected to collect the child at the end of this detention. If a pupil travels on school transport, they will not be permitted to do so on this occasion.

If the pupil, following the after-school detention receives another Head Teachers detention within that same term then parents and the pupil will be expected to attend a face-to-face meeting at school with the Assistant Head. In this meeting, expectations, strategies and next steps will be discussed. It will also be made clear to parents and pupil that this type of persistent negative behaviour will not be tolerated at the school and may ultimately result in the withdrawal of the place at the school.

If the pupil, following the after-school detention receives another (second) Head Teachers detention within that same term then parents and the pupil will be expected to attend a face-to-face meeting at school with the Headteacher. This is the most serious meeting that will take place and the discussion will once more focus on strategies and expectations. If there is no improvement or willingness from the pupil to improve, then discussions may then focus on finding a more suitable school for the pupil. In conjunction with the Schools Terms and Conditions of contract it is at the Head Teachers discretion to remove the place if they deem it suitable. It is also imperative that parents are fully supportive of the process to improve behaviour and work with the school and staff for the benefit of the pupil.

## **Contraband Items**

At Moon Hall, we are committed to maintaining a safe and conducive learning environment for all students. To achieve this, we have a strict policy regarding contraband items. The following section outlines the types of items that are not allowed on site, the reasons behind these restrictions, and the possible sanctions for violations.

### **Prohibited Items**

The following items are strictly prohibited on school premises:

1. **Weapons:** Including but not limited to knives, firearms, and any other objects that could be used to inflict harm.
2. **Drugs and Alcohol:** Any form of illegal substances, prescription medications without proper documentation, and alcoholic beverages.
3. **Tobacco Products:** Including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vaping devices.
4. **Gum:** Chewing gum is not allowed as it can cause damage to school property and create a mess.
5. **Energy Drinks:** These are banned due to their high caffeine content, which can negatively affect

students' health and concentration.

6. **Other Non-Conductive Items:** Any items that are deemed disruptive to the learning environment, such as laser pointers, fireworks, and inappropriate literature.

### Reasons for Restrictions

The prohibition of these items is based on several important reasons:

- **Safety:** Ensuring the physical safety of all students and staff is our top priority. Weapons and dangerous items pose a significant risk.
- **Health:** Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and energy drinks can have detrimental effects on students' health and well-being.
- **Learning Environment:** Items like gum and energy drinks can disrupt the learning environment and distract students from their studies.
- **Property Protection:** Prohibiting certain items helps maintain the cleanliness and integrity of school property.

### Sanctions

Students found in possession of contraband items will face disciplinary actions, which may include:

- **Confiscation:** The item will be confiscated and not returned.
- **Detention:** The student may be required to attend detention sessions.
- **Parental Notification:** Parents or guardians will be informed of the violation.
- **Suspension:** In some cases, the student may be suspended from school.
- **Expulsion:** For repeated or particularly serious offenses, expulsion may be considered.

### Random Bag Searches

To ensure compliance with this policy and keep the topic at the forefront of students' minds, random bag searches will be conducted throughout the year. These searches are not conducted out of suspicion but as a preventive measure to maintain a safe and focused learning environment. We aim to remind students of the importance of adhering to school rules and to deter the possession of prohibited items.

By adhering to this policy, we can work together to create a safe, healthy, and productive environment for all members of the Moon Hall community.

### Reference:

Associated resources

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/use-of-reasonable-force-in-schools>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/searching-screening-and-confiscation>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25>



## **Legislative links**

Education Act 1996

School Standards and Framework Act 1998

Education Act 2002

Education and Inspections Act 2006

School Information (England) Regulations 2008

Equality Act 2010

The Education (Independent School Standards) (Amended) (England) Regulations 2014 Education Act 2011

Schools (Specification and Disposal of Articles) Regulations 2012

The School Behaviour (Determination and Publicising of Measures in Academies) Regulations 2012

Independent School Standards Regulations 2014

[Keeping children safe in education: information for all school and college staff \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

[HMCI commentary: managing behaviour research - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Promoting the conditions for positive behaviour to help every child succeed \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Please also refer to MHR related Policies for 2024

[Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy \(moonhallschoolreigate.co.uk\)](https://moonhallschoolreigate.co.uk)

[Anti-Bullying Policy 2024-25.pdf \(moonhallschoolreigate.co.uk\)](https://moonhallschoolreigate.co.uk)