

Behaviour for Learning Policy

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Behaviour for Learning Policy

Parent/Carers have chosen SET Ixworth School as their preferred School, and we trust they will support the School in its policies and practices.

SET Ixworth School believes that, in order to fulfil the School aims, all members of its community must be involved in the development and implementation of policies relating to keeping a disciplined, secure and happy learning environment. Discipline at SET Ixworth School is based upon the encouragement of good behaviour through praise and reward but is supported by clear and firm consequences for those whose effort or behaviour fails to meet our standards. Where students exceed our expectations, rewards are given.

1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Create a positive culture that promotes excellent behaviour, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to learn in a calm, safe and supportive environment
- Establish a whole-School approach to maintaining high standards of behaviour that reflect the values of the School
- Outline the expectations and consequences of behaviour
- Provide a consistent approach to behaviour management that is applied equally to all students
- Define what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying and discrimination

2. Legislation, statutory requirements and statutory guidance

This policy is based on legislation and advice from the Department for Education (DfE)

on:

- [Behaviour and discipline in Schools: advice for headteachers and School staff, 2016](#)
- [Behaviour in Schools: advice for headteachers and School staff 2022 Searching, screening and confiscation at School 2018](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for Schools 2022 The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)
- [Exclusion from maintained Schools, academies and student referral units in England 2017](#)
- [Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained Schools, academies and student referral units in England, including student movement - 2022](#)
- [Use of reasonable force in Schools](#)
- [Supporting students with medical conditions at School](#)

It is also based on the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#).

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Schedule 1 of the [Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014](#); paragraph 7 outlines a School's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, paragraph 9 requires the School to have a written behaviour policy and paragraph 10 requires the School to have an anti-bullying strategy
- [DfE guidance](#) explaining that academies should publish their behaviour policy and anti-bullying strategy.

3. Definitions

Misbehaviour is defined as:

- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes
- Non-completion of classwork or homework
- Poor attitude
- Incorrect uniform

Serious misbehaviour is defined as:

- Repeated breaches of the School rules
- Any form of bullying
- Sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration, or sexual assault (intentional sexual touching without consent)
- Sexual harassment, meaning unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, such as:
 - Sexual comments
 - Sexual jokes or taunting
 - Physical behaviour like interfering with clothes
 - Online sexual harassment, such as unwanted sexual comments and messages (including on social media), sharing of nude or semi-nude images and/or videos, or sharing of unwanted explicit content
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Fighting
- Smoking / vaping
- Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory behaviour ➤ Possession of any prohibited items.

These are:

- Knives or weapons
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Stolen items
- Tobacco and cigarette papers

- Vapes
- Fireworks
- Pornographic images
- Any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the student)

4. Bullying and Equality

SET Ixworth School is committed to ensuring that all students are able to learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment without the fear of being bullied or racism. Bullying and Racism is anti-social behaviour and affects everyone; it is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at the School. If bullying or racism does occur, any incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively.

SET Ixworth School has an open policy for reporting incidents of bullying and racism which are strengthened and highlighted within the Equality Policy. Incidents, when reported, will be recorded and action taken: parents/carers, students and colleagues will be informed/involved in due course.

We will continue to work with parents/carers and students to ensure we have a culture of tolerance and respect at School. We urge parents/carers to contact their child's Tutor or Pastoral Leader as soon as possible should they have a concern about bullying or racism.

Details of our School's approach to preventing and addressing bullying are set in our anti-bullying strategy (Appendix F).

5. Roles and responsibilities

5.1 The Trust Board

The Trust Board is responsible for monitoring this behaviour policy's effectiveness and holding the headteacher to account for its implementation.

5.2 The headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for:

- › Reviewing and approving this behaviour policy
- › Ensuring that the School environment encourages positive behaviour › Ensuring that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour
- › Monitoring how staff implement this policy to ensure rewards and consequences are applied consistently to all groups of students
- › Ensuring that all staff understand the behavioural expectations and the importance of maintaining them
- › Providing new staff with a clear induction into the School's behavioural culture to ensure they understand its rules and routines, and how best to support all students to participate fully
- › Offering appropriate training in behaviour management, and the impact of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and mental health needs on behaviour, to any staff who require it, so they can fulfil their duties set out in this policy

- › Ensuring this policy works alongside the child protection policy to offer students both consequences and support when necessary
- › Ensuring that the data from the behaviour log is reviewed regularly, to make sure that no groups of students are being disproportionately impacted by this policy (see section 13.1)

5.3 Teachers and staff

Staff are responsible for:

- › Creating a calm and safe environment for students
- › Establishing and maintaining clear boundaries of acceptable student behaviour › Implementing the behaviour policy consistently
- › Communicating the School's expectations, routines, values and standards through teaching behaviour and in every interaction with students
- › Modelling expected behaviour and positive relationships
- › Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular students
- › Considering their own behaviour on the School culture and how they can uphold School rules and expectations
- › Recording behaviour incidents promptly
- › Challenging students to meet the School's expectations

The senior leadership team (SLT) will support staff in responding to behaviour incidents.

5.4 Parents and carers

Parents and carers, where possible, should:

- › Get to know the School's behaviour policy and reinforce it at home where appropriate › Support their child in adhering to the School's behaviour policy
- › Inform the School of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour › Discuss any behavioural concerns with the class teacher promptly
- › Take part in any pastoral work following misbehaviour (for example: attending reviews of specific behaviour interventions)
- › Raise any concerns about the management of behaviour with the School directly, whilst continuing to work in partnership with the School
- › Take part in the life of the School and its culture

The School will endeavour to build a positive relationship with parents and carers by keeping them informed about developments in their child's behaviour and the School's policy, and working in collaboration with them to tackle behavioural issues.

5.5 Students

Students will be made aware of the following during their induction into the behaviour culture:

- ›
 - › The expected standard of behaviour they should be displaying at School
 - › That they have a duty to follow the behaviour policy › The School's key rules and routines

- The rewards they can earn for meeting the behaviour standard, and the consequences they will face if they don't meet the standard
- The pastoral support that is available to them to help them meet the behavioural standards
- Students will be supported to meet the behaviour standards and will be provided with repeated induction sessions wherever appropriate.
- Students will be supported to develop an understanding of the School's behaviour policy and wider culture.
- Students will be asked to give feedback on their experience of the behaviour culture to support the evaluation, improvement and implementation of the behaviour policy.
- Extra support and induction will be provided for students who are mid-phase arrivals.

6. School behaviour expectations

The School works hard to ensure consistent standards of expectations are applied at all times. Our expectations of students are clearly explained in:

a) Code of Conduct

Our expectations of students in lessons, around the School, on trips and travelling to and from School and whenever in School uniform, have been outlined in the School Code of Conduct. All students and parents/carers are supplied with this code on entry to the School; all students are expected to abide by it. The Code of Conduct was developed on a whole School basis, has been discussed with staff, students and Trustees and has been approved (see Appendix A).

b) Classroom 'Non-Negotiables' - Learning Rules

These statements support the School Code of Conduct by being more specific about expectations in all classroom/learning environment situations. They have been drawn up jointly with staff and students, are regularly shared through group tutorial sessions and are posted in every classroom. The non-negotiables are designed to ensure that students are clear about what is expected, make the most of their opportunities and do not impinge negatively on the opportunities of others (see Appendix B).

c) Lesson entry/exit procedure

These procedures are used as a consistent approach for starting and finishing lessons and are linked to our non-negotiable of being ready to learn (see Appendix C).

Where appropriate and reasonable, adjustments may be made to routines within the curriculum to ensure all students can meet behavioural expectations in the curriculum.

6.1 Mobile 'phones and headphones

Mobile 'phones must be switched off and in the student's bag during the School day – 08.00-15.10. Mobile 'phones will be confiscated if seen at any time during the School day and held in the Front Office until the end of that day to be collected by students; when a second or subsequent confiscation occurs, parent/carers will be asked to collect the 'phone. Personal headphones are only allowed to be used in a lesson, with a computer only and directed by a teacher: they will be confiscated if seen at any other time.

7. Responding to behaviour

7.1 Classroom management

Teaching and support staff are responsible for setting the tone and context for positive behaviour within the School.

They will:

- Create and maintain a stimulating environment that encourages students to be engaged
- Display the code of conduct and non-negotiables
- Develop a positive relationship with students, which will include:
 - Greeting students in the morning/at the start of lessons
 - Following the start and end of lesson protocols
 - Establishing clear routines
 - Highlighting and promoting good behaviour by using the reward system
 - Concluding the lesson positively and starting the next lesson afresh
 - Being consistent

- To follow the consequences as identified in 7.4.

7.2 Safeguarding

The School recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a student is in need of help or protection.

We will consider whether a student's misbehaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm.

Where this may be the case, we will follow our child protection and safeguarding policy, and consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information here: [Safeguarding-Policy-Winter-Term-2023.pdf \(ixworthschool.org.uk\)](https://ixworthschool.org.uk/Safeguarding-Policy-Winter-Term-2023.pdf)

7.3 Responding to good behaviour

Celebrating success is a priority and this includes good behaviour. When a student's behaviour meets or goes above and beyond the expected behaviour standard, staff will recognise it with positive recognition and reward. This provides an opportunity for all staff to reinforce the School's culture and ethos.

Positive reinforcements and rewards will be applied clearly and fairly to reinforce the routines, expectations and norms of the School's behaviour culture (see Appendix D).

7.4 Responding to misbehaviour

When a student's behaviour falls below the standard that can reasonably be expected of them, staff will respond in order to restore a calm and safe learning environment, and to prevent recurrence of misbehaviour (see Appendix E).

Staff will endeavour to create a predictable environment by always challenging behaviour that falls short of the standards, and by responding in a consistent, fair and proportionate manner, so students know with certainty that misbehaviour will always be addressed.

De-escalation techniques should be used to help prevent further behaviour issues arising, such as the use of pre-arranged scripts and phrases.

All students will be treated equitably under the policy, with any factors that contributed to the behavioural incident identified and taken into account.

When giving behaviour consequences, staff will also consider what support could be offered to a student to help them to meet behaviour standards in the future.

The School may use one or more of the following consequences in response to unacceptable behaviour:

- Sending the student out of the class before a restorative conversation
- A verbal reprimand and reminder of the expectations of behaviour
- Expecting work to be completed at home, or at break or lunchtime
- Detention at break or lunchtime, or after School
- Loss of privileges – for instance, the loss of a prized responsibility
- School-based community service, such as tidying a classroom
- Referring the student to a senior member of staff
- Letter or 'phone call home to parents
- Agreeing a behaviour contract
- Putting a student 'on report'
- Removal of the student from the classroom
- Off site Direction / Managed move
- Suspension
- Permanent exclusions, in the most serious of circumstances

This list is not exhaustive and other consequences may also be put in place.

Personal circumstances of the student will be taken into account when choosing consequences and decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, but with regard to the impact on perceived fairness.

7.5 Reasonable force

Reasonable force covers a range of interventions that involve physical contact with students. All members of staff have a duty to use reasonable force, in the following circumstances, to prevent a student from:

- Hurting themselves or others
 - Damaging property
 - Committing an offence
- Incidents of reasonable force must:
- Always be used as a last resort
 - Be applied using the minimum amount of force and for the minimum amount of time possible
 - Be used in a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned
 - Never be used as a form of punishment
 - Be recorded and reported to parents

When considering using reasonable force, staff should, in considering the risks, carefully recognise any specific vulnerabilities of the student, including SEND, mental health needs or medical conditions.

Any incident where reasonable force has been applied, should be reported to the headteacher immediately.

7.6 Confiscation, searches, screening

Searching, screening and confiscation is conducted in line with the DfE's [latest guidance on searching, screening and confiscation](#).

Confiscation

Any prohibited items (listed in section 3) found in a student's possession as a result of a search will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to the student.

We will also confiscate any item that is harmful or detrimental to School discipline. These items will be returned to students after discussion with senior leaders and parents, if appropriate.

Searching a student

Searches will only be carried out by a member of staff who has been authorised to do so by the headteacher, or by the headteacher themselves.

Subject to the exception below, the authorised member of staff carrying out the search will be of the same sex as the student, and there will be another member of staff present as a witness to the search.

An authorised member of staff of a different sex to the student can carry out a search without another member of staff as a witness if:

- The authorised member of staff carrying out the search reasonably believes there is risk that serious harm will be caused to a person if the search is not carried out as a matter of urgency; **and**
- In the time available, it is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out by a member of staff who is the same sex as the student; **or**
- It is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out in the presence of another member of staff

When an authorised member of staff conducts a search without a witness they should immediately report this to another member of staff, and ensure a written record of the search is kept.

If the authorised member of staff considers a search to be necessary, but is not required urgently, they will seek the advice of the headteacher, designated safeguarding lead (or assistant) or pastoral member of staff who may have more information about the student. During this time the student will be supervised and kept away from other students.

A search can be carried out if the authorised member of staff has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the student is in possession of a prohibited item or any item identified in the School rules for which a search can be made, or if the student has agreed.

An appropriate location for the search will be found. Where possible, this will be away from other students. The search will only take place on the School premises or where the member of staff has lawful control or charge of the student, for example on a School trip.

Before carrying out a search the authorised member of staff will:

- Assess whether there is an urgent need for a search
- Assess whether not doing the search would put other students or staff at risk

- Consider whether the search would pose a safeguarding risk to the student
- Explain to the student why they are being searched
- Explain to the student what a search entails – e.g. I will ask you to turn out your pockets and remove your shoes
- Explain how and where the search will be carried out
- Give the student the opportunity to ask questions
- Seek the student's co-operation

If the student refuses to agree to a search, the member of staff can give an appropriate behaviour consequence.

If they still refuse to co-operate, the member of staff will contact the headteacher (or deputy), to try and determine why the student is refusing to comply.

The authorised member of staff will then decide whether to use reasonable force to search the student. This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration whether conducting the search will prevent the student harming themselves or others, damaging property or from causing disorder.

The authorised member of staff can use reasonable force to search for any prohibited items identified in section 3, but not to search for items that are only identified in the School rules.

The authorised member of staff may use a metal detector to assist with the search.

An authorised member of staff may search a student's outer clothing, pockets, possessions, desks or lockers. Outer clothing includes:

- Any item of clothing that is not worn immediately over a garment that is being worn wholly next to the skin or being worn as underwear (e.g. a jumper or jacket being worn over a t-shirt)
- Hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, boots

Searching students' possessions

Possessions means any items that the student has or appears to have control of, including: ➤ Bags

A student's possessions can be searched for any item if the student agrees to the search. If the student does not agree to the search, staff can still carry out a search for prohibited items (listed in section 3) and items identified in the School rules.

An authorised member of staff can search a student's possessions when the student and another member of staff are present.

If there is a serious risk of harm if the search is not conducted immediately, or it is not reasonably practicable to summon another member of staff, the search can be carried out by a single authorised member of staff.

Informing the designated safeguarding lead (DSL)

The staff member who carried out the search should inform the DSL without delay:

- Of any incidents where the member of staff had reasonable grounds to suspect a student was in possession of a prohibited item as listed in section 3
- If they believe that a search has revealed a safeguarding risk

All searches for prohibited items (listed in section 3), including incidents where no items were found, will be recorded in the School's safeguarding system.

Informing parents

Parents will always be informed of any search for a prohibited item (listed in section 3). A member of staff will tell the parents as soon as is reasonably practicable:

- What happened
- What was found, if anything
- What has been confiscated, if anything
- What action the School has taken, including any consequences that have been applied to their child

Support after a search

Irrespective of whether any items are found as the result of any search, the School will consider whether the student may be suffering or likely to suffer harm and whether any specific support is needed (due to the reasons for the search, the search itself, or the outcome of the search).

If this is the case, staff will follow the School's safeguarding policy and speak to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The DSL will consider if pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

7.7 Off-site misbehaviour

Consequences may be applied where a student has misbehaved off-site when representing the School. This means misbehaviour when the student is:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity (e.g. School trips)
- Travelling to or from school
- Wearing school uniform
- In any other way identifiable as a student of our School

Consequences may also be applied where a student has misbehaved off-site, at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, if the misbehaviour:

- Could have repercussions on the running of the School
- Poses a threat to another student
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the School

Consequences will only be given out on School premises or elsewhere when the student is under the lawful control of a staff member (e.g. on a school-organised trip).

7.8 Online misbehaviour

The School can issue behaviour consequences to students for online misbehaviour when:

- It poses a threat or causes harm to another student
- It could have repercussions for the orderly running of the School

- It adversely affects the reputation of the School
- ➤ The student is identifiable as a member of the School

Consequences will only be given out on School premises or elsewhere when the student is under the lawful control of a staff member.

7.9 Suspected criminal behaviour

If a student is suspected of criminal behaviour, the School will make an initial assessment of whether to report the incident to the police.

When establishing the facts, the School will endeavour to preserve any relevant evidence to hand over to the police. If a decision is made to report the matter to the police, the headteacher or deputy will make the report.

The School will not interfere with any police action taken. However, the School may continue to follow its own investigation procedure and enforce consequences, as long as it does not conflict with police action.

If a report to the police is made, the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) will make a tandem report to children's social care, if appropriate.

7.10 Zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment and sexual violence

The School will ensure that all incidents of sexual harassment and/or violence are met with a suitable response, and never ignored.

Students are encouraged to report anything that makes them uncomfortable, no matter how 'small' they feel it might be. The School's response will be:

- Proportionate
- Considered
- Supportive
- Decided on a case-by-case basis

The School has procedures in place to respond to any allegations or concerns regarding a child's safety or wellbeing. These include clear processes for:

- Responding to a report
- Carrying out risk assessments, where appropriate, to help determine whether to:
 - Manage the incident internally
 - Refer to early help
 - Refer to children's social care
 - Report to the police

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information: [Safeguarding-Policy-Winter-Term-2023.pdf \(ixworthschool.org.uk\)](https://ixworthschool.org.uk/Safeguarding-Policy-Winter-Term-2023.pdf).

7.11 Malicious allegations

Where a student makes an allegation against a member of staff and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the School will discipline the student in accordance with this policy.

Where a student makes an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment against another student and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the School will discipline the student in accordance with this policy.

In all cases where an allegation is determined to be unsubstantiated, unfounded, false or malicious, the School (in collaboration with the local authority designated officer (LADO), where relevant) will consider whether the student who made the allegation is in need of help, or the allegation may have been a cry for help. If so, a referral to children's social care may be appropriate.

The School will also consider the pastoral needs of staff and students accused of misconduct.

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information on responding to allegations of abuse against staff or other students.

8. Consequences

8.1 Detention

Students can be issued with detentions during break or after School.

The School will decide whether it is necessary to inform the student's parents.

When imposing a detention, the School will consider whether doing so would:

- Compromise the student's safety
- Conflict with a medical appointment
- Prevent the student from getting home safely
- Interrupt the student's caring responsibilities

8.2 Removal from classrooms

In response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy, the School may remove the student from the classroom for a limited time.

Students who have been removed will continue to receive education under the supervision of a member of staff that is meaningful, and linked as closely as possible to the mainstream curriculum.

Removal is a serious consequence and will only be used in response to serious misbehaviour. Staff will only remove students from the classroom once other behavioural strategies have been attempted, unless the behaviour is so extreme as to warrant immediate removal.

Removal can be used to:

- Restore order if the student is being unreasonably disruptive
- Maintain the safety of all students
- Allow the disruptive student to continue their learning in a managed environment
- Allow the disruptive student to regain calm in a safe space

Students who have been removed from the classroom are supervised by a member of staff in another classroom or office, and will be removed for the shortest length of time appropriate.

Students will not be removed from classrooms for prolonged periods of time without the explicit agreement of the headteacher (for example, internal exclusion).

Students should be reintegrated into the classroom as soon as appropriate and safe to do so. The School will consider what support is needed to help a student successfully reintegrate into the classroom and meet the expected standards of behaviour.

Parents will be informed on the same day that their child is removed from the classroom.

Staff will record all incidents of removal from the classroom along with details of the incident that led to the removal, and any protected characteristics of the student in the behaviour log.

As with any other frequent breaches of behaviour policy the School will consider alternative approaches to behaviour management for students.

8.3 Suspension and permanent exclusions

Students that are at risk of suspension or permanent exclusions, will have appropriate interventions in place to try and prevent this.

For example:

- Off-site direction Managed moves
- Multi agency assessments Alternative provision

The School can use suspension and permanent exclusion in response to serious incidents or in response to persistent poor behaviour, which has not improved following in-school consequences and interventions.

The decision to suspend or exclude will be made by the headteacher and only as a last resort. Please refer to our exclusions policy for more information: [Exclusion-Policy-Winter-Term-2023.pdf \(ixworthschool.org.uk\)](https://ixworthschool.org.uk/exclusion-policy-winter-term-2023.pdf).

9. Responding to misbehaviour from students with SEND

9.1 Recognising the impact of SEND on behaviour

The School recognises that students' behaviour may be impacted by a special educational need or disability (SEND).

When incidents of misbehaviour arise, we will consider them in relation to a student's SEND, although we recognise that not every incident of misbehaviour will be connected to their SEND. Decisions on whether a student's SEND had an impact on an incident of misbehaviour will be made on a case-by-case basis.

When dealing with misbehaviour from students with SEND, especially where their SEND affects their behaviour, the School will balance their legal duties when making decisions about enforcing the behaviour policy. The legal duties include:

- Taking reasonable steps to avoid causing any substantial disadvantage to a disabled student caused by the School's policies or practices ([Equality Act 2010](#))
- Using our best endeavours to meet the needs of students with SEND ([Children and Families Act 2014](#))
- If a student has an education, health and care (EHC) plan, the provisions set out in that plan must be secured and the School must co-operate with the local authority and other bodies

As part of meeting these duties, the School will anticipate, as far as possible, all likely triggers of misbehaviour, and put in place support to prevent these from occurring.

Any preventative measures will take into account the specific circumstances and requirements of the student concerned. Our approach to anticipating and removing triggers of misbehaviour may include

examples such as:

- Adjusting seating plans to allow for students with visual or hearing impairment or sensory needs ➤
Adjusting uniform requirements for a student with sensory issues or who has severe eczema
- Training for staff in understanding conditions such as autism
- Use of 'time out' where students can regulate their emotions/use calming techniques to ease anxiety before returning to their usual curriculum.
- Ensure that students fully understand what is required for them to participate in the lesson and ensure that teachers use positive language to engage the student.

9.2 Adapting consequences for students with SEND

When considering a behavioural consequence for a student with SEND, the School will take into account: ➤ Whether the student was unable to understand the rule or instruction?

- Whether the student was unable to act differently at the time as a result of their SEND? ➤ Whether the student is likely to behave aggressively due to their particular SEND?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, it may be unlawful for the School to consequence the student for the behaviour.

The School will then assess if it is appropriate to use a consequence and if so, whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made to the consequence.

9.3 Considering whether a student displaying challenging behaviour may have unidentified SEND

The School's special educational needs co-ordinator (SENDCO) may evaluate a student who exhibits challenging behaviour to determine whether they have any underlying needs that are not currently being met.

Where necessary, support and advice will also be sought from specialist teachers, an educational psychologist, medical practitioners and/or others, to identify or support specific needs.

When acute needs are identified in a student, we will liaise with external agencies and plan support programmes for that child. We will work with parents to create the plan and review it on a regular basis.

9.4 Students with an education, health and care (EHC) plan

The provisions set out in the EHC plan must be secured and the School will co-operate with the local authority and other bodies.

If the School has a concern about the behaviour of a student with an EHC plan, it will make contact with the local authority to discuss the issue. If appropriate, the School may request an emergency review of the EHC plan.

10. Supporting students following a consequence

Following a consequence, the School will consider strategies to help students to understand how to improve their behaviour and meet the expectations of the School.

This could include measures like:

- Reintegration meetings
- Daily contact with a member of the pastoral team
- A report card with personalised behaviour targets
- A mentor (either internal or external)

11. Student transition

The School will support incoming students to meet behaviour standards by offering an induction process to familiarise them with the behaviour policy and the wider School culture.

12. Training

As part of their induction process, our staff are provided with regular training on managing behaviour, including training on:

- Restorative practice
- The principles of Trauma Perceptive Practice
- The needs of the students at the School
- How SEND and mental health needs impact behaviour

Behaviour management will also form part of continuing professional development for all staff.

13. Monitoring arrangements

13.1 Monitoring and evaluating School behaviour

The School will collect data on the following:

- Behavioural incidents, including removal from the classroom ➤ Attendance, permanent exclusion and suspension
- Use of student support units, off-site directions and managed moves ➤ Incidents of searching, screening and confiscation
- Anonymous surveys for staff, students, governors, trustees and other stakeholders on their perceptions and experiences of the School behaviour culture

The data will be analysed every term by the assistant headteacher (BAE). The data will be analysed from a variety of perspectives including:

- At School level
- By age group
- By protected characteristic

The School will use the results of this analysis to make sure it is meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010. If any trends or disparities between groups of students are identified by this analysis, the School will review its policies to tackle it.

Behaviour reports will be run weekly and analysed by the assistant headteacher, these will analyse House points and demerits of students in all year groups so rewards and consequences can be put in place (see Appendix G).

13.2 Monitoring this policy

This behaviour policy will be reviewed by the headteacher and assistant headteacher at least annually, or more frequently, if needed, to address findings from the regular monitoring of the behaviour data (as per section 13.1). At each review, the policy will be approved by the Board of Trustees.

14. Links with other policies

This behaviour policy is linked to the following policies:

- Exclusions policy
- Child protection and safeguarding policy
- Physical restraint policy
- Equality Policy

Appendices

- A-** *Code of Conduct*
- B-** *Non-Negotiables – Learning Rules*
- C-** Lesson entry/exit procedure
- D-** *Rewards at SET Ixworth School*
- E-** Consequences at SET Ixworth School
- F-** SET Ixworth School: Anti-Bullying Statement
- G-** House Points and Demerit tracking

Appendix A: Code of Conduct

All those who work at SET Ixworth School whether as students or as adults do so in the knowledge that their rights will be promoted and safeguarded. The following code of conduct states the high standards that we expect from everyone to ensure our safety and well-being. When these are not adhered to, consequences will be applied.

The Home-School agreement states that students will:

- attend everyday expecting to work hard;
- arrive at school on time, prepared and organised for all my lessons;
- be ready for lessons, on time and with the correct equipment;
- follow the "6Cs to Success" in everything I do;
- demonstrate politeness, care, concern and respect for all other members of the school and members of the general public and ensure that all students are welcomed and included in the life of the school;
- follow the Trust's Behaviour Policy and uniform code at all times: in school, travelling to and from school, on school trips and residential visits / exchanges;
- do all my classwork and homework to the best of my ability and to make maximum progress;
- do all the work set by the deadline and to the best of my ability, seeking to extend myself through additional effort, reading, research and target setting;
- let someone at school know if I have any concerns;
- take advantage of all opportunities offered to me by the school, both within and outside lessons;
- adopt a positive attitude towards, and participate fully in, the life of the school;
- play my part in keeping the school buildings, furnishings and site in good order, in particular, free from litter and graffiti;
- take good care of the books, resources and equipment which I use;
- look after and fully utilise any mobile technology the school gives me to use for learning;
- act as a Young Leader at all times, helping teachers and staff to run my school and undertake my duties and responsibilities when required.

Appendix B:

Non-Negotiables – Learning Rules

I will:

- listen to instructions and questions
- follow instructions
- ask for help when I am unsure
- concentrate on the work set
- complete as much work as I can in the time given
- complete the work to the best of my ability (with care and attention)
- allow others to concentrate and do their best
- speak to other students and staff politely and with respect
- wait to offer an answer rather than shouting out
- check my own work and correct mistakes/make improvements
- respond positively to marking and verbal feedback

Appendix C – Entry/Exit procedure from lessons

I will:

- wait to be asked to enter the classroom and will say hello to my teacher as I walk into the room
- sit in the correct seat as directed by my teacher
- complete the 'do-it-now' activity in silence and will respond to the teacher when the register is being completed
- stand behind my chair, with correct uniform, at the end of the lesson and wait quietly to be dismissed

Appendix D:


Rewards at SET Ixworth School

House Points & Demerits

Rewards help to build a confident, positive 'can-do' ethos and will bring clear benefits to your interactions and success with students inside and outside the classroom; they help to celebrate and validate achievement, service and effort.

PINs

Students will be rewarded PINs in line with the rewards chart. Students are encouraged to wear their pins on their blazer.

Reward system & House points			
Tier 7	Ixworth Pins	<p>Gold - (e.g. Repeated significant contributions to the GCs over school life, obtaining a Pin in most subjects, consistently high A2s throughout school life)</p> <p>Silver - (e.g. Repeated significant contributions to the GCs for school, obtaining a Pin in several subjects, repeated high grades over a key stage)</p> <p>Bronze - (e.g. One off significant contribution to school, obtaining a Pin in 3 subjects, repeated high A2s grades in a year)</p>	100, 150 & 250 House points
Tier 6	A2L rewards	A2L grades and most improved students rewarded with special lunches with AHSJ/MS. Letter issued to parents. * In all areas receives Head of School recognition.	50 & 75 House points
Tier 5	6 Cs certificate	Staff/Parent/student recommended - Issued by SLT for outstanding contributions to one of the GCs (either in or out of school). Certificate in PEP folders with the GCs embossed as achieved. Individual certificate issued by SLT with a copy of the commendation.	25 House points (per segment)
Tier 4	Subject Pins	Each subject to allocate 1-3 subject pins per full term for students that deserve special recognition. The justification for which is within department discretion. All Pins to be handed out in Assembly (Log on Arbor).	15 House points
Tier 3	Praise postcards (R1)	Postcard issued - These are to be recorded on Arbor and issued directly to tutors or students (Alternatively, Electronic versions via email to parents). Information collated for assembly from records.	5 House points
Tier 2	House Tokens	House Token - Issue one token for any reason deemed appropriate e.g. Strong answer, a high standard of work, demonstrating a 6C, attempting more challenging work etc. (Good behaviour is an expectation).	1 House point
Tier 1	Praise	Staff praise and appreciation of work/effort	

Celebration Assemblies

At the end of each term, each year group will have a celebration assembly. This will be organised in the last week of term and are designed to celebrate those students that are always amazing.

In the assembly the following suggestions could be included:

- Students with the most credits/celebration points in each form
- Students with the most credits/celebration points in the year group
- The form with the most credits/celebration points
- An award from a department
- 100% attendance certificates

Year 11 Prom

Students must meet the School's Code of Conduct to receive an invitation to the Prom.

Attendance Rewards

Certificates for 100% and most improved attendance will be issued through the celebration assembly and will be issued House Points as detailed in the table below.

Letters/Postcards Home

Subject/teams may send a letter or postcard home after a student has completed an excellent piece of work as detailed in the table below. Tutors can send postcodes home when students are highlighted in the weekly behavior report as the students in their year group that have achieved the most number of merits that wee

Appendix E:

Consequences at SET Ixworth School

Parents/Carers have chosen SET Ixworth School as their preferred School, and we trust they will support the School in its policies and practices.

Minor consequences may be applied if a student:

- does not produce an acceptable standard of work
- forgets to bring essential equipment
- exhibits disruptive or poor behaviour
- Fails to wear the correct uniform or wears inappropriate make-up or jewellery

The main consequence for these infringements is a B1 detention with a member of staff at break or lunchtime.

More severe consequences will be applied if a student persists in:

- producing unacceptable work,
- forgetting essential equipment,
- exhibiting disruptive or poor behaviour
- exhibiting persistent poor behaviour and affecting the learning of others
- or for failure to attend a break or lunchtime detention.

The main consequence for these would be an after-school detention (Monday to Thursday 3.10pm – 4.00pm) a student may be put on to:

- Subject Report or
- Tutor/Year Achievement Lead report

The student should show their report to parents/carers to comment on and sign.

Major Consequences include:

- Senior detentions (Friday evenings 3.10pm-4.00pm)
- Community work
- Senior Report
- Internal exclusions
- Fixed term exclusions
- Acceptable Behaviour Contract/Individual Behaviour Plan (IBP)/Pastoral Support Plan (PSP)

Departmental/Senior Detention - in the event that an after-School detention is applied, parents/carers will be notified by parentmail/letter in good time for the detention to occur as planned. The student should bring this to their parent's/carer's attention, so they are informed. If there is a special problem parents/carers will need to contact the teacher concerned. No exceptions are made, even if the student travels by bus. Parents/carers will need to make alternative travel arrangements on that day.

We understand that this may inconvenience you, but such consequences are effective in modifying students' attitude and behaviour.

Schools have legal backing to detain students after a School session on disciplinary grounds – without the consent of the parent/carer. However, as always, we will continue to work with parents/carers and hope the change in the law (Education Act 1997) does not bring us into conflict.

Community service is a consequence that is part of our restorative practice, getting students to see the impact of their behaviour on the wider School community. It could involve litter-picking, cleaning tables, cleaning the changing rooms, etc. this is not an exhaustive list but should be reflective of the actions of the students.

Internal/Fixed Term Suspensions - We hope the students will not have these consequences imposed on them as they are applied for inappropriate behaviour of a serious nature. In most cases, these come as no surprise as minor consequences will have been applied earlier, and you will be aware that things are not going well. However, sometimes unexpected incidents occur which warrant major consequences.

You may be aware that headteachers may suspend a student (fixed term suspension) for up to 45 school days (9 School weeks) in a school year. For the first five days of any single suspension, it is the parent's responsibility to provide care and supervision for their child. Following a fixed term suspension or an internal suspension, parents/carers must attend a reintegration meeting to discuss how to best support a student's re-admission into the School it will also allow for a reintroduction into the School's behaviour systems, rules and routines. A suspension may be extended if a student fails to agree to the targets discussed during the reintegration meeting. The student will also be placed on a report to monitor their behaviour.

Permanent Exclusion is a last resort for all schools, and all steps are taken to avoid this. Nevertheless, if a student continuously behaves in such a way as to seriously affect the working environment of the School or a single one-off incident of a suitably serious nature occurs, then the School may have no alternative.

Guide to Consequences:

Below is a quick guide to consequences. Parents/carers must realise that these are **only examples** and each case is considered carefully and investigated thoroughly before a decision to apply a major consequence is made. There has to be a working relationship between the School and home. Parents/carers who fail to support the School in its policies and practices create confusion for their child and put themselves in a position where they may have to review their choice of School for their child.

Type of inappropriate behaviour	Demerit point Deduction*	Examples of strategies or consequences	Action by whom?
<p>Level 1 example: Not adhering to Code of Conduct, classroom expectations or 'Non-negotiable' learning rules.</p>	-1 to - 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Break/lunch detentions ▪ Verbal reprimand ▪ Review of level 1 tier support 	Classroom teacher/member of staff/Form Tutor
<p>Level 2 example: <u>Persistently</u> not adhering to Code of Conduct, classroom expectations or 'Non-negotiable' learning rules.</p> <p>Truancy, bullying. Failure to respond positively to any of the interventions previously put in place.</p>	-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ After School detention ▪ Departmental report ▪ On Report to HOA, classroom teacher ▪ Contact/Meet with parent/carer ▪ Head of L/U report ▪ Review of level 1 tier support ▪ Senior Detention ▪ Internal exclusion ▪ Suspensions 	Classroom teacher/Form Tutor/YAL/SL/HoS
<p>Level 3 examples: Failed Head of Lower/Upper School report, persistent and sustained breaches of code of conduct, failure to respond consistently or safely to interventions and support.</p> <p>Continuous truancy, persistent bullying/assaulting a member of staff or a student / behaviour which affects the health and safety of other students; the possession, use or supply of illegal and other unauthorised drugs, including vapes.</p> <p>Making false allegations against members of staff.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School report ▪ Parent/carer meetings ▪ Access to level 2 of tier support ▪ Support/Liaison with the police ▪ Criminal charges against the student ▪ Managed moves 	Assistant/Deputy Head/Headteacher

* The range of points allows flexibility, based on the severity of the behaviour, it is important to note that the point deduction may become redundant based on the consequence applied.

Students who are at risk of permanent exclusion as a result of poor behaviour may be expected to go on to PSP/Contract. Students who fail these supportive measures could face a managed move to another school or permanent exclusion from SET Ixworth School.

Appendix F

SET IXWORTH SCHOOL: Anti-Bullying Statement

The nature of bullying

There are many definitions of bullying, but most consider it to be:

- deliberately hurtful (in either a physical or emotional way)
- repeated often over a period of time
- difficult for victims to defend themselves against
- a prolonged campaign which appears to target one individual

Bullying can take many forms:

- **emotional** – being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting
- **physical** – hitting, kicking, taking belongings and other forms of physical abuse
- **verbal** – name calling, insulting, making offensive remarks, inappropriate levels of communication, humiliating comments
- **indirect** – rumour-mongering, spreading stories, non-reporting of bullying incidents, exclusion from social groups, malicious graffiti, etc.
- **cyber** – being made the subject of malicious e-mails, text messages on mobile phones, or through malicious use of social media sites or other forms of electronic communication.
- **sexual** – explicit sexual remarks, display of sexual material, sexual gestures, unwanted physical attention, comments about sexual reputation or performance, or inappropriate touching.
- **Prejudice-based and discriminatory** – this includes, racial, faith-based, gendered, homophobic/biophobic, transphobic and disability based, where there are taunts, gestures, graffiti or physical abuse focused on a particular characteristic (e.g. gender, race, sexuality).

The School evaluates the extent and range of bullying that takes place in a number of ways. These include:

- Student questionnaires in tutor time and PSHE time
- Parental questionnaires
- Regular analysis of bullying incident records

Bullying in SET Ixworth School is not tolerated, and there is a culture where most students will report incidents of bullying that happen to themselves or others to teachers. All teachers are required to report details of incidents to the Year Achievement Lead/Head of *Lower & Upper* School and tutor for action, or if the incident is deemed very serious, it will be dealt with straight away by the assistant headteacher.

This process ensures our stand against bullying is given a high priority and the students can see their complaints are taken seriously. All bullying incidents are logged.

Consequences against students found guilty of all forms of bullying are to be found in the Behaviour for Learning Policy (Appendix D). All inappropriate behaviour from students is classified into one of four levels (one - least serious, four - most serious) and to ensure consistency from teachers each level has its suggested range of appropriate teacher response and consequences.

Proven bullying is deemed to be at level 3 on our scale of inappropriate behaviour and warrants the consequences at least at this level. However, alternative strategies are also used to help the "bully" and the "victim" these include individual and group counselling, peer group monitoring, centres of refuge, restorative practice, circle time and home School agreements. Positive approaches to improve behaviour are also used.

Many of the incidents reported have "roots" outside of school which make a resolution more time-consuming. Family and local incidents/disagreements can spill over into school and when this does happen parents/carers will be asked to collect their child from the School at short notice to enable us to resolve matters. Where parents/carers are unable to do so, a student may be placed in isolation until such time as the parent/carer can collect or the issue has been resolved.

Equally, incidents relating to cyber-bullying often originate outside of school and by means of home computers, mobile phones and other modes of communications (e.g. games consoles). Parents/Carers will need to support the School to resolve such issues through monitoring and potentially restricting access to such modes of communication. Parents/carers should be aware that online bullying may be referred to the police.

Parents/carers must help us to ensure we have a culture of tolerance and respect at School by promoting this at home. We urge parents to contact their child's tutor or a member of the Pastoral team as soon as possible should they have a concern about bullying.