

CARE, SUPPORT, GUIDANCE AND BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Secondary Phase

The implementation of the Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour Policy at each stage is to be agreed and signed off with the Principal and the CEO.

The Trust Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour Policy makes reference throughout to the role of Academy Advisory Bodies (AABs).

In the event of an Interim Executive Board (IEB) being in place, the IEB will discharge the AAB role and responsibilities in respect of implementation of the Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour Policy.

This Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour Policy encompasses statutory guidance on Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement Guidance for maintained schools, academies, and pupil referral units in England September 2024, and references to Behaviour in Schools – Advice for headteachers and school staff, February 2024 these can be read interchangeably with the care, support, guidance and behaviour policy.

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 It has long been recognised that educators have an important role to play in producing well-rounded, confident and successful young adults. Academies play an important role in communicating expectations and promoting social norms in terms of behaviours which are accepted and expected by wider society and employers. In many academies this message is well established through routines and expectations communicated to children from their parents. The majority enter secondary education with appropriate levels of behaviour and a maturity borne from the experience gained both at home and their previous Academy.
- 1.2 In all our Academies, including those that serve disadvantaged communities, we recognise that some students do not always enjoy the strong support and guidance in their family lives that will support them to achieve and be successful in life. Where students exhibit behaviours which have a negative effect on their own learning and that of peers, it is essential as professionals to address this. The aim of our Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour Programme, is to ensure that in all areas, behaviours are dealt with reasonably, proportionately and fairly with the ultimate goal of empowering young people to make positive choices about their behaviours and actions.
- 1.3 This Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour Policy seeks to encourage young people to make positive choices. This is supported by an environment led by caring professionals who reinforce, recognise, reward and encourage positive behaviours. Equally important is that professionals use verbal reminders and make it clear where behaviours are unacceptable or may pose a risk to students themselves or to others. Since students spend only 17% of their time in our Academies, it is essential that we encourage positive behaviours, build confidence and instill in young people a sense of self-worth. To achieve this, an Academy-wide cultural approach across a range of curricular activities and leadership traits will be necessary. This means that we need a broader, more holistic approach to pastoral care and guidance, informed through the curriculum and wider Academy activities, which, when properly structured, have the power to create reflective, caring and empathetic young people.
- 1.4 **Academy Culture** - The Bennett Report 'Creating a Culture: how Academy leaders can optimise behaviour', makes a clear link between good behaviour and achievement:
- "The way students behave in Academy is strongly correlated with their eventual outcomes. When behaviour in general improves throughout an Academy the impact is:
- Students achieve more academically and socially;
 - Time is reclaimed for better and more learning;
 - Staff satisfaction improves, retention is higher, recruitment is less problematic."¹
- 1.5 The report makes it clear that the culture within an Academy is created through several inter-related actions and leadership activities. In our Academies a range of actions and practices are used to create a positive culture. These include, but are not limited to: the curriculum, student assessment and feedback, tutor time, assemblies, student engagement/student voice, extra curricula enrichment, pastoral support and guidance, bespoke interventions, parental engagement and appropriate multi-agency working for those students with the most challenging needs.

¹ Bennett, T, 2017, Independent Review of behaviour in Academies – Creating a Culture: how Academy leaders can optimise behaviour

- 1.6 The Academy Advisory Body recognises that even when encouraged to make the right choice, some students will occasionally make choices which hinder their own learning or that of others. A series of strategies will then need to be used to bring about changes to these behaviours. The aim of these strategies is to encourage students to comply with the Academy rules, re-engage with learning and allow others to learn. In some circumstances, the Academy Advisory Body and Principal will need to act to ensure that the behaviour of a minority does not undermine the education of the majority or threaten the well-being of others, the Academy, or its community. A range of sanctions are available which will include, but not be limited to; detentions, internal and external removal from the academy community, restorative approaches, suspension, behaviour and inclusion panels, local authority fair access panels, Academy managed moves, off site directions, alternative provision or permanent exclusion.
- 1.7 Students are expected to:
- arrive in the Academy and at lessons punctually and be prepared to learn.
 - bring appropriate equipment such as: planner, pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, PE kit and any other necessary equipment, a suitable bag to carry books and any equipment needed during the Academy day;
 - wear the Academy uniform correctly.
 - be polite, courteous and respectful to everyone in the Academy. They are also expected to comply with reasonable requests or instructions made by staff at the first time of asking. These expectations extend to their journey to and from the Academy.
 - have regard for their own safety and that of others.
 - leave promptly at the end of the day unless engaged in enrichment activities.
 - not to be on site any earlier than 30 minutes before the start of the Academy day, unless attending a Breakfast club.
 - Failure to comply with the rules may result in a sanction.
- 1.8 Parents/ carers are asked to support their children to make positive choices by signing up to the Academy / Home agreement which includes agreeing to:
- support and co-operate with the Academy and its policies;
 - inform the Academy of problems and concerns and in partnership try to solve them;
 - provide a suitable environment for the completion of homework and ensure that homework is completed;
 - ensure full attendance and punctuality;
 - not take holidays in term time as these will not be authorised in line with the law and Government guidance as set out in the Education (Student Registration) (England) Regulations 2013 which came into force on 1st September 2013;
 - attend parent/carers interviews and appropriate meetings;
 - support the Academy rules about care, support, guidance, behaviour and discipline;
 - take appropriate actions or sanctions with their child to support staff at the Academy. (It should be noted that typically only a small percentage of students present poor behaviour);

- where parents have a concern, they are asked to contact the Academy in the first instance and if not resolved, to follow the complaints policy.
- 1.9 The Academy Advisory Body believes that students should be encouraged to adopt an attitude to learning which supports learning and promotes good relationships. Poor attitudes to learning and low-level disruption threaten the rights of young people to an effective education and can lead to people feeling unsafe, bullied, intimidated, or threatened.
- 1.10 Please note that the Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour Policy makes reference throughout to the following DfE documents:
- Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement - Guidance for maintained schools, academies, and pupil referral units in England; September 2024
 - Preventing and Tackling Bullying. Advice for Principals, staff and governing bodies; 2017
 - DfE and ACPO Drug Advice for academies; 2012
 - Use of Reasonable Force; 2013
 - Behaviour in Schools – Advice for headteachers and school staff; September 2024
 - Searching, Screening and Confiscation Advice for schools July 2022
 - Dealing with allegations of abuse against teachers and other staff; 2012
 - Bennett, T, 2017, Independent Review of behaviour in academies – Creating a Culture: how Academy leaders can optimise behaviour.
- 1.11 All documents should be read in conjunction with this policy. The Trust reserves the right to apply the above DfE guidance and any future changes to statutory regulations in full

2. CARE, SUPPORT, GUIDANCE AND BEHAVIOUR

2.1 'The Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour system' is designed to give students choices. Its principal role is to support learning by addressing and drawing students' attention to their attitude to learning, i.e. behaviour that undermines the student's own learning or that of others. If unchecked this sort of behaviour compromises lessons and undermines the authority of the teacher. 'Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour' principles are not a replacement for good classroom management techniques and will not compensate for poor teaching and/or unstructured lessons.

2.2 The School Behaviour Curriculum is the vehicle by which we teach pupils how to behave. It is important that we explicitly teach and model high standards of behaviour. This is outlined within this document, our day-to-day practice, our interventions by interaction and through elements of the Ethics Philosophy and Citizenship (EPC) and wider school curriculum.

The school behaviour curriculum includes:

- The values and expectations of students as part of the academy community and wider society;
- An understanding of British Values, why they are important and what they look like in practice;
- What excellent behaviour looks like;
- What behaviour is not acceptable;
- What positive reinforcements will be used to encourage excellent behaviour;
- What sanctions will be used where rules are broken;
- The key habits and routines required in school.

Repeated practices will be used to promote the values of the school, behavioural expectations, and communicate certainty on the consequences of unacceptable behaviour.

Any aspect of behaviour expected from pupils will, wherever possible, be part of a commonly understood routine, simple for everyone to understand and follow.

Adjustments will be proactively made to routines for pupils with additional needs, where appropriate and reasonable, to ensure all pupils can meet behavioural expectations. These adjustments may be temporary. Where pupils do not meet behaviour expectations, we will support them in being able to do so. This does not mean that sanctions will not also be applied, alongside learning, intervention and support.

2.3 The setting of expectations and reminder process is designed to give students time to reflect and change their behaviours based upon the following structure:

Warning – Rule Reminder; **conduct conducive to learning**

2.3.1 A reminder of expectations can be given to an individual and a group or class.

2.3.2 Where the conduct is particular to one student, a whole group reminder would not be appropriate for example;

2.3.2.1 poor levels of work;

2.3.2.2 Talking to another student across the classroom;

2.3.2.3 Distracting others.

- Conduct C1 - First negative attitude to learning – recorded on conduct board
- Conduct C2- Second negative attitude to learning – recorded on conduct board
- Conduct C3 - Third negative attitude to learning – recorded on conduct board
- Conduct C4 - Fourth negative attitude to learning or immediate C4 for Health & Safety (removal from lesson to C4 matrix and detention issued)

Failure to arrive promptly or to behave appropriately in the C4 matrix will result in a C5 being issued.

2.3.3 Conduct C5 - Fifth negative attitude to learning or immediate C5 for:

- 2.3.3.1 health and safety (could equally be a suspension);
- 2.3.3.2 violence or threatening behaviour towards others (could equally be a suspension);
- 2.3.3.3 walking away from a member of staff (could equally be a suspension);
- 2.3.3.4 refusing to hand over items which are not allowed in the Academy (could equally be a Suspension);
- 2.3.3.5 swearing (could equally be a suspension);
- 2.3.3.6 smoking or vaping (could equally be a suspension);
- 2.3.3.7 not attending a Conduct C4/C4 OTHER detention;
- 2.3.3.8 not attending study support or intervention sessions
- 2.3.3.9 truancy

2.3.4 Conduct C6 referral (likely suspension, refer to Academy appendix) for:

- 2.3.4.1 health and safety;
- 2.3.4.2 persistently disrupting C5
- 2.3.4.3 failing to complete C5
- 2.3.4.4 persistent defiance

2.4 C4 OTHER - C4 OTHER detentions are to be given in your own subject area only by agreement with Principal and Executive Lead. **Students do not leave the lesson if they are given a C4 OTHER, unless repetitive and therefore warrant further sanction.

Reasons for a C4 OTHER:

1. Smoking or vaping by association
2. Refusing a reasonable request (could equally be a C5 or FTS)
3. Using a mobile phone, or any smart technology including inappropriate use of smart technology or mobile phone (could equally be a suspension);
4. Being out of bounds
5. Inappropriate behaviour in the dining area
6. No planner
7. Being late to the lesson

8. Littering
9. Uniform issues
10. Make-up/Nail Polish
11. Jewellery
12. Failure to bring correct equipment – (Maths, PE, Dance, DT)
13. Behaviour in the dining areas and between lessons
14. Eating in a lesson
15. Using ICT inappropriately – games etc. Equally where ICT has been misused this may also lead to a suspension or permanent exclusion
16. Lack of homework (one deadline extension may be set at the discretion of the member of staff, or if homework is handed in in advance of the detention the detention may be cancelled).

2.5 Removal from classrooms

Removal is where a pupil, for disciplinary reasons, is required to spend a period of time out of their normal classroom at the instruction of a member of staff.

The continuous education provided may differ to the mainstream curriculum but will still be meaningful for the pupil and will be located in a suitable place to learn and refocus.

C4 is a table located in another classroom (the matrix room).

Removal is only used when necessary, however in some cases the behaviour is so extreme as to warrant immediate removal.

Removal will only be used for the following reasons:

- a) to maintain the safety of all pupils
- b) to restore effective learning following a period of disruption;

Removal should be distinguished from the use of the Bridge or Personalised Learning Centre (PLC) for non-disciplinary reasons. For instance, where a pupil is taken out of the classroom to regulate his or her emotions because of identified sensory overload or as part of a planned response or intervention.

We will make every effort to inform parents on the same day if their child has been removed from the classroom.

Academies will determine the length of time a pupil spends in the Reflections room (C5), based on the specific circumstances. This should always be kept to a minimum, as far as possible, and pupils will have access to continuity of curriculum and learning during this time.

When dealing with individual removal cases, staff will:

- Consider whether the sanction is proportionate, the age of the pupil and whether there are any relevant special considerations such as Special Educational Needs or Disability. This should include considering where there may be an unidentified unmet SEND need.
- Consider whether any assessment of underlying factors of disruptive behaviour is needed;
- Facilitate reflection by the pupil on the behaviour that led to their removal from the classroom and what they can do to improve and avoid such behaviour in the future;

- Consider whether the sanction is proportionate, the age of the pupil and whether there are any relevant special considerations such as Special Educational Needs or Disability

- 2.6 'Care, support, guidance and behaviour' works in conjunction with a number of targeted intervention strategies (see appendix B) designed to address the underlying causes of poor attitudes to learning or poor behaviour and disengagement wherever possible. The interventions available are a preventative mechanism which enables academies to target support for identified students. Students accruing code of conduct sanctions/or suspensions will receive a number of points. Each of these is equivalent to a set tariff for example, (C5 = 3 (half day) or 5 (full day), C6 = 10, suspension = 10 for each full day). The accumulation of points for a student increases the intensity of the monitoring and intervention.
- 2.7 When a student is issued with a sanction, they receive a number of points which are tracked in the school's MIS, this is monitored closely by the Inclusion and the wider leadership team. Any resulting intervention and its impact is also recorded CPOMS, giving a personalised profile of an individual student.
- 2.8 The wider leadership team will become involved in the intervention with students who are accruing points by receiving several C5s or C6s or suspensions or a combination of all three. Various strategies will be used depending on who the student is and what their needs are (see Appendix B).
- 2.9 The SLT Lead - Inclusion has an overview of the progress of these students with regular feedback at the Inclusion Team meetings. It is also their responsibility to keep the Senior Leadership Team informed of the progress of students.
- 2.10 The Academy is keen to ensure a fine balance is met, between the use of suspensions to deal with persistent disruption, and their impact on the individual's ability to re-engage with their learning.
- 2.11 For this reason, the Academy has elected to use a maximum suspension period under the care, support, guidance and behaviour system of 5 days for any single incident.
- 2.12 A Principal retains full authority to vary the length of any suspension, C6 or FTS, at any time, however, no student will receive greater than 45 days suspension in any one academic year without being permanently excluded for persistent disruption and defiance. 'The DfE Guidance 2024 - Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement -Guidance for maintained schools, academies, and pupil referral units in England' states a pupil may be suspended for one or more fixed periods (up to a maximum of 45 school days in a single academic year) that where a student has been suspended for 15 days or more in a term, the Governor disciplinary panel must meet. Please note that a Principal also retains the right to permanently exclude a student for persistent disruption and defiance even if they have not reached 45 days.
- 2.13 A C6/suspension will either be 0.5 days or for XX days. This will inform support and access from the range of interventions available. It may be necessary to use longer suspensions where students have failed to engage, and more agencies or external services need to be liaised with in order to re-engage the student in education.
- 2.14 In order to maintain good order and authority in the Academy, a student who disrupts C5 time during the day, parent's/carer's will be informed and the pupil will be sent off site following a C6 suspension.
- 2.15 Where the Principal is concerned that a student is subject to a large number of suspensions and therefore days lost to learning or has accumulated a large number of behaviour points (whichever comes first), in any one academic year. It is recognised that the Academy is likely to have exhausted the strategies available to it to deal with the persistent disruption to the learning of others presented by this student. In addition, the Academy recognises that the individual concerned will have lost so many days of learning it would be unlikely that the Academy could offer any other reasonable support. **At this point** the Principal would be likely to look at a

permanent exclusion.

- 2.16 The Principal retains the right, at any time, to permanently exclude those students who persistently cause disruption to the learning of others.
- 2.17 Sometimes, it may be appropriate to place a pupil in alternative provision (AP). We only take this decision if it is in the pupil's best interest. Pupils in AP remain the responsibility of our school and we take this responsibility very seriously. Normally, placement in AP is short-term. As a result, we make sure that AP meets a pupil's needs and offers continuity of education so that reintegration has the best chance of success. Alternative provision placements are monitored closely, and we work closely with parents to give the placement the best chance of success.
- 2.18 Sometimes, an off-site direction (temporary measure) may be in the pupil's best interest. Off-site direction is when a pupil is required to attend another education setting to improve their behaviour as set out in Section 29A Education Act 2002 and further defined in the Education (Educational Provision for Improving Behaviour) Regulations 2010. Off-site direction is only used as a way to improve future behaviour.
- 2.19 In exceptional circumstances a managed move (permanent measure), as a preventative measure to permanent exclusion.
- 2.20 We will ensure that parents (and the local authority where the pupil has a statement of special educational needs) are given clear information about the placement: why, when, where, and how it will be reviewed.
- 2.21 For further information please see:
 - 2.21.1 Care, support, guidance and behaviour System Documentation.
 - 2.21.2 Inclusion and Intervention tracking in MIS (these may vary in each Academy dependent on access to different outside agencies in the Local Authority where the Academy is located).

3. C6 SUSPENSIONS AND THE LENGTH OF SUSPENSIONS

- 3.1 A C6 is a suspension from the Reflections Room (C5).
- 3.2 If a student fails a C5 then they will be suspended (C6) for either 0.5 days or longer depending on the time of the day that the suspension takes place
- 3.3 If a student attends a C5 and receives their AM roll call registration mark, but then fails the C5 before the PM roll call registration mark is taken, then the student will be suspended for the remainder of the day. Thus, their registration for the day will show present: AM (/) and PM (E) – a 0.5 C6 suspension. *E.g deleted kept last line*
- 3.4 Should a student fail their C5 after the PM registration has been taken then they will be suspended for the following day. The student will return, following their reintegration meeting, and complete their time in the Reflections Room.
- 3.5 It is important that a student is not allowed to persistently disrupt and defy the Academy rules and expectations for a longer period of time than we would reasonably tolerate, having exhausted our intervention strategies. Therefore, a Principal retains full discretion to permanently exclude a student, even if they have not reached 45 days suspension in one academic year for persistent disruption and defiance.

4. SUSPENSION

4.1 The Academy recognises the need to keep the length of suspensions short wherever possible. It is therefore anticipated that suspensions would not exceed 5 days

4.2 “Good behaviour in schools is essential to ensure that all pupils can benefit from the opportunities provided by education. Therefore, the government recognises that school exclusions, managed moves and off-site direction are essential behaviour management tools for headteachers and can be used to establish high standards of behaviour in schools and maintain the safety of school communities.”

(Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement - Guidance for maintained schools, academies, and pupil referral units in England – September 2024)

4.2.1 All decisions to suspend are serious and only taken as a last resort or where the breach of the Academy rules is serious. When establishing the facts in relation to a suspension or exclusion decision, the Principal must apply the civil standard of proof; i.e. ‘on the balance of probabilities’ it is more likely than not that a fact is true, rather than the criminal standard of ‘beyond reasonable doubt.’ This means that the Principal should accept that something happened if it is more likely that it happened than that it did not happen. The following are examples:

4.2.2 Failure to comply with a reasonable request from a senior member of staff. Failure to wear the Academy uniform which has been provided (where possible) for a student who is in incorrect uniform is regarded as failure to comply with a reasonable request.

4.2.3 Repeated C5 for persistent breaches of the academy’s expectations

4.2.4 Breaches of health and safety rules

4.2.5 Verbal abuse of staff, other adults or students

4.2.6 Possession of drugs (including within vapes) and/or alcohol related offences

4.2.7 Failure to comply with the requirements of the ‘care, support, guidance and behaviour’ system see section 2 above

4.2.8 Willful damage to property

4.2.9 Homophobic or racist bullying

4.2.10 Cursing or inappropriate gestures – particularly towards an adult

4.2.11 Deliberate misuse of ICT, including AI, which may include but is not exhaustive of: recording of others, photographing others or misuse of images, online bullying. This may be considered grounds for a permanent exclusion

4.2.12 Bullying – see additional information in the Child-on-Child Abuse Policy

4.2.13 Sexual misconduct – see additional information in the Child-on-Child Abuse Policy

4.2.14 Sexual harassment - we mean ‘unwanted conduct of a sexual nature’ that can occur online and offline. When we reference sexual harassment, we do so in the context of child-on-child sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is likely to: violate a child’s dignity, and/or make them feel intimidated, degraded or humiliated and/or create a hostile, offensive or sexualised environment, which may include but is not exhaustive of:

4.2.14.1 sexual comments, such as: telling sexual stories, making lewd comments, making sexual remarks about clothes and appearance and calling someone sexualised names; sexual

“jokes” or taunting; physical behaviour, such as: deliberately brushing against someone, interfering with someone’s clothes (It should be considered when any of this crosses a line into sexual violence) and displaying pictures, photos or drawings of a sexual nature; and online sexual harassment. This may be standalone, or part of a wider pattern of sexual harassment and/or sexual violence.

- 4.2.14.2 It may include but is not exhaustive of: non-consensual sharing of sexual images and videos. (UKCCIS sexting advice provides detailed advice for schools and colleges); sexualised online bullying; unwanted sexual comments and messages, including, on social media; and sexual exploitation; coercion and threats.

Where an incident or sexual violence or sexual harassment may have been committed, the starting principle is that this must be referred on to the police. See additional information in the Child-on-Child Abuse Policy.

The Principal may also consider both sexual harassment, sexual violence and sexual misconduct grounds for a Permanent Exclusion

4.2.14.3 Theft

4.2.14.4 Making a false allegation against a member of staff

4.2.14.5 Persistent defiance or disruption

4.2.14.6 Minor assaults or fighting

4.2.14.7 Threatened, violence, against a student or member of staff

4.2.14.8 Other serious breaches of Academy rules

4.2.14.9 Or any other behaviour event considered by the Principal to be exceptionally serious.

Whilst a suspension may still be an appropriate sanction, the Principal should take account of any contributing factors.

The Principal may also consider other alternatives to a suspension as listed in the Academy appendix.

5. PERMANENT EXCLUSION

5.1 A decision to exclude a student permanently should only be taken:

- 5.1.1 in response to a serious breach or persistent breaches of the behaviour policy; and
- 5.1.2 where allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the pupil or others such as staff or pupils in the school.

5.2 The Principal will make the judgement, where it is appropriate to permanently exclude a child for an exceptionally serious behaviour event. These offences might include:

- 5.2.1 serious actual or threatened physical assault against another student or a member of staff;
- 5.2.2 sexual abuse or assault;
- 5.2.3 Sexual harassment, sexual violence or sexual misconduct
- 5.2.4 supplying an illegal drug or medicines (including within vapes);
- 5.2.5 possession of an illegal drug with intent to supply (including within vapes);
- 5.2.6 carrying an offensive weapon and / or weapon of offence;
- 5.2.7 Bringing onto academy premises or being found in possession of anything that constitutes an

offensive weapon, banned item or illegal substance (including within vapes);

5.2.8 making a malicious serious false allegation against a member of staff;

5.2.9 potentially placing members of the school community or wider public in significant danger or at risk of significant harm.

5.2.10 breaking in and entering the school building.

5.3 These instances are not exhaustive but indicate the severity of such offences and the fact that such behaviour can affect the discipline and well-being of the Academy community.

5.4 In cases where a Principal has permanently excluded a student for:

5.4.1 one of the above offences; or

5.4.2 persistent disruption and defiance including bullying (which could include racist or homophobic bullying but is not exhaustive of, see additional information in the Child-on-Child Abuse Policy) or repeated possession and/or use of an illegal drug (including within vapes) or drug paraphernalia on Academy premises.

The decision on whether to exclude is for the Principal to take. Where practical and appropriate the Principal should give the student the opportunity to present their case before making the decision to exclude.

5.5 **The Academy Advisory Body's Guidance on Offensive Weapons and / or Weapons of Offence** The Academy has determined that, in addition to legislative guidance, any knife, irrespective of length, constitutes an offensive weapon and / or weapon of offence and should not be brought into the Academy. In addition to knives, axes, BB guns, air guns, GATT guns, catapults, slings, etc., will also be deemed to be offensive weapons and / or weapons of offence. Other types of offensive weapons or weapons of offence will include lengths of pipe, bats, other blunt instruments, or any items judged by the Principal or the Academy Advisory Body to be carried with the intention to do harm to others or inflict injury on another individual – this would include blades removed from pencil sharpeners, etc., but it is not exhaustive.

5.6 In addition, the Academy also considers for example the following to be serious incidents resulting in the permanent exclusion of a student:

5.6.1 deliberate activation of the fire alarm without good intent.

5.6.2 repeated or serious misuse of the Academy computers by hacking or other activities that compromise the integrity of the computer network or do harm to others

5.6.3 repeated verbal abuse of staff.

5.6.4 persistent disruption and defiance

A bespoke timetable is only used in very exceptional, temporary circumstances, such as reintegration after illness or exclusion, or to support a pupil with specific needs if a full-time provision is not possible at the moment. A bespoke timetable must be time bound and regularly reviewed.

6. REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 A student may need reasonable adjustments to further support them when meeting the expectations set out in the Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour Policy

6.2 “Reasonable adjustments” might include a number of the following where a student may require additional support;

6.2.1 Student given supervised rest breaks

6.2.2 Student allowed bespoke C5 arrangements

6.2.3 Reasonable adjustments are made by the Principal in conjunction with the Inclusion and SEND teams.

6.3 In this instance, it is imperative that the reasonable adjustments which are being taken are noted. Where there is no impact on improving behaviour over time, a review should be called by the Principal, as advised in the above code of practice.

7. SCREENING, SEARCHING AND CONFISCATION

7.1 Please refer to the DfE guidance ‘Screening, Searching and Confiscation. Advice for Principals, staff and governing bodies’.

7.2 In addition to the practice identified in the DfE guidance, the Trust Academies also ban the following items and as a result are able to search students for them:

7.2.1 Any item brought into the Academy with the intention of the item being sold or passed on to other students which, in the Principal’s opinion will cause disruption to the Academy or be detrimental to Academy practice.

7.3 Confiscation

7.3.1 Academy staff can seize any prohibited item found as a result of a search. They can also seize any item, however found, which they consider harmful or detrimental to Academy discipline. Any item which staff consider to be dangerous or criminal i.e. drugs must be brought to the attention of a senior member of staff immediately.

7.3.2 Items confiscated by the Academy can be collected by parents/carers except where the Academy has chosen to dispose of the confiscated items, e.g. cigarettes, alcohol, lighters, vapes or other such smoking paraphernalia. Students cannot collect any item themselves until the end of the half-term period i.e.: if a student has their mobile phone confiscated then their parent/carer can collect the phone that evening or a subsequent day. A student, however, cannot collect their phone for themselves until the end of the day on the last day of that half-term.

7.3.3 The Academy’s general power to discipline, as set out in Section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, enables a member of staff to confiscate, retain or dispose of a student’s property as a disciplinary penalty, where reasonable to do so.

7.3.4 The Principal will use their discretion to confiscate, retain and/or destroy any item found as a result.

7.3.5 Electronic equipment, jewellery and other expensive items will be confiscated and held by the Academy for up to one year if not collected by an appropriate adult. If, at the end of the year, the item has not been reclaimed then the Academy reserves the right to destroy the item.

7.3.6 Where alcohol has been confiscated the Academy will dispose of it. This means that the Academy can dispose of alcohol as they think appropriate (or return it to a parent/carer but this should not include returning it to the student).

7.3.7 Where the Academy finds controlled drugs (including within vapes), these must be delivered to the Police as soon as possible but may be disposed of, if the Principal thinks there is a good

reason to do so.

- 7.3.8 Where the Academy finds other substances, which are not believed to be controlled drugs these can be confiscated where a teacher believes them to be harmful or detrimental to good order and discipline. This would include, for example, so called 'legal highs'. Where staff suspect a substance may be controlled, they should treat them as controlled drugs as outlined above.
- 7.3.9 Where they find stolen items, these must be retained and made available for the Police.
- 7.3.10 Fireworks found as a result of a search may be retained or disposed of but should not be returned to the student.
- 7.3.11 If a member of staff finds a pornographic image, they may dispose of the image unless its possession constitutes a specified offence (i.e. it is extreme or child pornography) in which case it must be delivered to the Police as soon as reasonably practicable. Images found on a mobile phone or other electronic device can be deleted unless it is necessary to pass the to the Police.
- 7.3.12 Where an article that has been (or could be) used to commit an offence or to cause personal injury or damage to property is found it may be delivered to the Police or returned to the owner. It may also be retained or disposed of.
- 7.3.13 Where a member of staff finds an item, which is banned under the Academy rules they should consider all relevant circumstances and use their professional judgement to decide whether to return it to its owner, retain it or dispose of it.
- 7.3.14 Any weapons or items which are evidence of a serious offence must be passed to the Police as soon as possible or retained whilst the Academy carries out its own investigation.

8. **CCTV**

Trust Academies may use CCTV for the purpose of maintaining discipline and managing behaviour and safety. A separate policy exists which covers the use of CCTV.

9. **USE OF REASONABLE FORCE**

- 9.1 Please refer to the DfE guidance 'Use of reasonable force. Advice for Principals, staff and governing bodies'.
- 9.2 All members of Academy staff have a legal power to use reasonable force. This power applies to any member of staff at the Academy. It can also apply to people whom the Principal has temporarily put in charge of students such as unpaid volunteers, cover staff or parents/carers accompanying students on an Academy organised visit.

10. **DISCIPLINE BEYOND THE ACADEMY GATE**

- 10.1 Parents/carers are encouraged to report criminal behaviour, anti-social behaviour and serious bullying incidents that occur anywhere off the Academy premises which pose a threat to a member of the public or a student to the Police as soon as possible.
- 10.2 If a member of the public, Academy staff, parent/carer or student reports criminal behaviour, anti- social behaviour or a serious bullying incident to an Academy member of staff, the Principal or Vice Principal must be informed. In the vast majority of cases, they will involve the Academy's Police Liaison Officer/PSO or Local Police, who will then follow agreed Police and Academy procedures. (See Police/SSP section). In addition, if the Principal/Vice Principal considers that the misbehaviour is linked to a child suffering or being

likely to suffer significant harm the Academy's safeguarding policy will be followed.

- 10.3 For health and safety reasons, good standards of behaviour are expected on Academy residential and day trips. The Academy will use the same behaviour sanctions that are applied to incidents of misbehaviour that occur on the Academy site.
- 10.4 Where poor behaviour occurs when a student is travelling to and from the Academy, the Academy reserves the right to issue a sanction, or a suspension or permanent exclusion, particularly in relation to violent conduct e.g. a physical assault or bullying incidents.
- 10.5 Students are encouraged to wear their Academy uniform correctly when travelling to and from the Academy and must not be involved in behaviour that could adversely affect the reputation of the Academy.
For example:
 - 10.5.1 uniform – students may be issued a C4 conduct detention if they remove their tie before the blue line.
 - 10.5.2 If pupils are found smoking/vaping at or near Academy premises the Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour system will be used.
 - 10.5.3 Misbehaviour on the Academy bus will result in the Academy Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour Policy sanctions being applied (C4, suspension, permanent exclusion) and a ban from using the Academy bus service for either a fixed period of time, or permanently.

11. BEHAVIOUR COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMY ADVISORY BODY

- 11.1 A meeting of the Behaviour Committee will be convened by the Academy Advisory Body Behaviour Committee Clerk when:
 - 11.1.1 a student has received over 15 days' suspension in one term; or
 - 11.1.2 recommendation of permanent exclusion is made by the Principal.
- 11.2 The Behaviour Committee will comprise of Academy Advisory Body members, who can hear the case impartially. If a member has a connection with the student, or knowledge of the incident that led to the permanent exclusion, which could affect his or her ability to act impartially, he or she should step down.
- 11.3 Pupil Behaviour Committees can be constituted by representatives from any Academy Advisory Body; however, where possible Heads/Principals should always seek to use representatives and AAB members of their own academy first.
- 11.4 Three representatives should sit on the Committee (including the Chair). The quorum is two (which is the minimum number of representatives to enable the meeting to go ahead). In this event, the Chair has a casting vote. If there are fewer than two representatives, then the meeting should be adjourned.
- 11.5 The Behaviour Committee can uphold the decision or direct the student's reinstatement, either immediately or on a particular date.
- 11.6 The meeting must be convened between the 6th and 15th Academy day after the date of receipt of notice to consider the exclusion. Where convening this meeting is difficult because of availability of AAB members, other AAB members from other Trust academies may substitute.
- 11.7 The Clerk will circulate the paperwork for the Behaviour Committee meeting to all parties invited to attend at least 5 days in advance of the meeting.

- 11.8 The parent/carer has the right to attend the meeting, and/or make written representations. This should be submitted to the Clerk as soon as possible before the meeting. The parent/carer may bring a friend or a legal representative if they wish.
- 11.9 The Principal, a member of the Senior Leadership Team and in addition the student's Learning Manager or other appropriate staff may also be invited to attend the meeting. Parents may request that the local authority and/or the home local authority attend a meeting of an academy's governing board as an observer; that representative may only make representations with the governing board's consent
- 11.10 Within one Academy day of the meeting, a letter will be sent detailing the decision of the Behaviour Committee. Following a permanent exclusion, the letter will also detail the procedure for review, which will be heard by an Independent Review Panel convened by the Trust, Local Authority or other independent panel. The parent/carer has 15 Academy days after the day on which notice in writing was given of the Behaviour Committee's decision, if delivered directly. If the notice in writing is posted first class, two additional days are added for postage.
- 11.11 **Independent Review Panel**
- 11.12 Each Academy will have in place an Independent Review Panel and a parent/carers right to review to this Independent Panel will be outlined in the letter following a permanent exclusion being upheld by the Academy Advisory Body. The Trust will, at their own expense, arrange for this Independent Review Panel hearing to review the decision of the Academy Advisory Body not to reinstate a permanently excluded student.
- 11.13 The legal time frame for an application to review to the independent panel is set out in the DfE guidance.
- 11.14 Where a parent/carer requests an Independent Review, this must be in line with the criteria outlined in the suspension and permanent exclusion from mainstream schools 2024.

12. **POLICE – SSPO POSTS CURRENTLY EXIST IN SOME ACADEMIES**

Where Academies employ an SSPO, please see Appendix C.

13. **MAINTENANCE AND REVIEW**

This Policy will be reviewed within three years or when there are changes to relevant legislation.

14. **COMPLAINTS**

Any complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the Trust complaints policy. This can be found on the Trust website.

APPENDIX A – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In all classrooms we aim for praise to outweigh conduct reminders. There should be an emphasis on praise and encouragement which is supportive of students. Staff should focus on **positive aspects of behaviour** ensuring that conduct conducive to learning is essential for students to achieve. This may include but is not exhaustive of, live marking, above and beyond, commendation and rewards assemblies, pledges and Proud Thursdays.

Double lessons – if lessons are joined together then the removal time lasts the length of the session. If it is broken by break, lunch or a different teacher then the process starts again. However, if the issue relates to health and safety the removal time carries forward even if there is a break. In the case of a split lunch the removal time carries forward, however, the student must leave the C4 Matrix Room to obtain lunch.

During Tutor Group is a prime opportunity to help students reflect on their behaviour. Teachers should help students in their group to look at their behaviour and give appropriate comments to students in their charge. These need to be reviewed weekly. If the teacher has any concerns with low level disruption TG mentors can place students on report to them with targets. If teachers are using this intervention, Learning Managers need to be made aware and there needs to be a discussion with parents/carers. Students should have their planners on their desks.

Re-integration meeting - Reintegration meetings are held between a senior member of staff or the Learning Manager/equivalent as appropriate and the student and their parent/carer when a student returns from a suspension or a period of being educated offsite. At this meeting the student's behaviour will be discussed and actions will be agreed.

This is so pupils can be supported to readjust successfully back into a normal routine.

CONDUCT STICKER

To be printed on yellow stickers:

C4		Issued	
Subject		Detention Date	
Teacher		Room	
It is your responsibility to ensure that you attend the detention. Failure to do so will result in a C5. If you absent YOU must re-arrange the detention on your return			

C4 Other		Initials	
Lateness		Out of bounds	Make up/Nail Polish
No Planner/Defacing Planner		Smoking by Association	Jewellery
Uniform Infringement		Other	
Issued on:	Detention date:		Room

To be printed on red stickers:

C5 Notification

Date of Issue		Staff	
C5 HALF		C5 FULL	
Refusing a reasonable request		Misbehaviour in C4	
Not attending C4		Indirect Swearing	
Smoking		Verbal abuse	
Missed detention		Behaviour	
Other			

It is your responsibility to report to Reflections Room by 11am or the start of your C5 time to be registered. Failure to report without a valid reason will result in a detention or suspension if intent is suspected. Your C5 event will be complete at the end of the Academy day + one hour detention.

This is your acknowledgement of the C5, it is your responsibility to show this to your parent/carer. The Academy does not need to give 24 hours' notice for detentions or time in the Reflections Room. Wherever reasonably possible Parents or carers will be notified if their child has been given a C5 the same day.

Conduct Gatekeeper

- will manage the processing of C5 and C6
- Students failing C4 will report to Conduct Gatekeeper
- Students waiting for FTE are held with the Conduct Gatekeeper
- Students failing C5 report to Conduct Gatekeeper
- Work is provided for students
- Conduct gatekeeper role ensures any follow up actions are completed (Booking detentions, C5, C6, etc)
- Conduct gatekeeper notifies staff of who is in Reflections Room the following day so that work is provided for students

PLC (Predominantly KS4)

This provision, within the academy, offers opportunities for students with more challenging behaviours to be supported to modify behaviours that are preventing them from meeting expectations. This is a bespoke provision, which also ensures that students should not fall behind academically and receive additional support outside of the main curriculum.

- PLC Manager manages the PLC
- Referrals are required for students needing access to support in the PLC
- Reasonable adjustment from Reflections Room can be accessed but monitored by Deep Support Team
- For bespoke interventions see Academy Appendix

Bridge (predominantly KS3)

This provision, within the academy, offers opportunities for vulnerable students at any point in their education to receive support and interventions relating to social, emotional and mental health. This is a bespoke provision which also ensures that students should not fall behind academically and receive additional support outside of the main curriculum.

Bridge Manager manages the Bridge

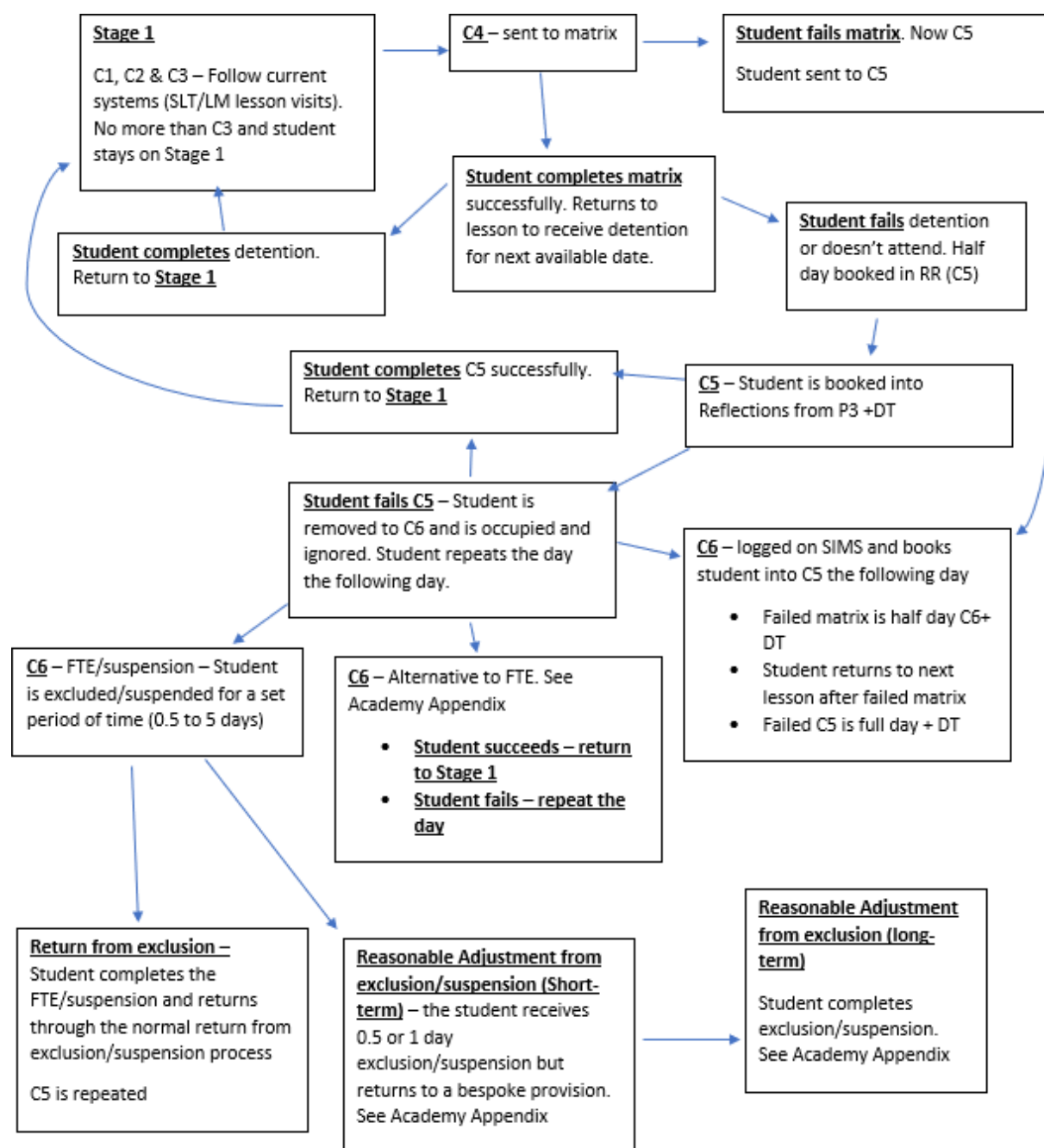
- Referrals are made and agreed by the Deep Support Team for Bridge access
- Reasonable adjustment from Reflections Room can be accessed but monitored by Deep Support Team
- For bespoke interventions see Academy Appendix

Reflections Room)

The Reflections Room is a quiet and focused space that provides a closely monitored environment free from distraction in which pupils work and learn outside of mainstream classes. Students will be subject to the same expectations as if they were in a mainstream class and are expected to comply with all reasonable requests. Students will work on an individual basis and will be provided with appropriate work by their teachers or by staff supervising the Reflections Room. The students sit at individual desks with dividers to ensure they can reflect on their behaviour and work without distraction. The Reflections Room provides an opportunity for respite and repair where staff provide appropriate support to help pupils engage. Once pupils have completed their time in the Reflections Room students may return directly to mainstream lessons or be supported through appropriate intervention pathways that may include but is not exhaustive of time in the PLC or Bridge or respite in another academy.

Reflection Room Protocols

- Students on half day removal will attend first break and make their way to the Reflection Room.
- Full day removal will start at the beginning of the day
- Half day removal will start after break
- Ensure all students are seated in correct desks and are seated fully
- Bags and coats are stored appropriately
- Planners, reading books and knowledge organisers on desks
- Students must complete all work to the best of their ability
- Student expectations are clearly displayed
- Students should not leave their seat for any reason other than to go to the toilet
- If a student needs equipment generic equipment is available in the room – specialist equipment should be provided
- Students should be escorted to collect their lunch in the dining hall
- The C5 detention will be completed in the detention room



Praise and Rewards:

Proud Thursday

'PROUD Thursday' is a weekly event with our students at Delta Academies Trust. Students share their work, and we celebrate the work they are most proud of. It is open to the entire school.

Attendance

Students are rewarded for good attendance and this is recognised in our termly commendation and reward assemblies.

Commendation Reward assemblies

Every term we reward our students who have gone 'Above and Beyond' in our termly commendation assemblies

Pledges:

All students at Delta Academies Trust are strongly encouraged to earn twelve Pledges. As students move from one Key Stage to the next, we celebrate through a graduation assembly.

Pupils can graduate with honours if they have sufficient pledges, high effort scores from subject areas and 100% attendance.

Pledges encourage pupils to try new activities that may be out of their comfort zone enabling them to become more well-rounded young adults. Above all, pledges help pupils to have a more valuable and enjoyable experience at school. Pledges can be awarded for both activities in and outside of the academy including:

- Regular attendance at an 'After Academy' activity or club.
- Representing the Academy in either a sporting, cultural or academic event.
- Attending a national sporting, cultural event or performance at a major venue.
- Taking part in an academic production/event or organise an event for other students.
- Taking part in a formal presentation to an audience.
- Being actively involved in an international experience, within or beyond the academy.
- Being actively involved in a community experience, within or beyond the academy.
- Helping to plan, organise or participate in a major fundraising event within the Academy or the community.
- Taking part in an activity to prepare themselves for the world of work
- Contributing to the sustainability of the academy
- Taking part in a piece of formally recognised creative work
- Regularly going above and beyond within lessons and outside of lessons

Pledges are awarded as 'colours' in our termly commendation assemblies

Tutor Groups:

The purpose of our Tutor Groups is to further promote community, partnership and participation in school. We aim to do this by:

- Developing the school's sense of community by developing relationships between students.
- Providing students with a range of leadership opportunities.
- Provides a chance for the entire student body to be involved in a range of sporting, non-sporting and cultural activities.
- Provides an opportunity to represent their class in a range of activities and competitions.

A student belongs to the same VMG for the duration of their time at the Academy, enabling them to build a strong Tutor identity and to be provided with academic and pastoral support from those that know them best: their tutors, Learning Manager, and learning sets.

APPENDIX B – INTERVENTION

EXAMPLES OF INTERVENTION USED:

These may vary in each Academy depending on the context of the Academy.

Level 1 (Whole school – What every Child can expect from the school)	Level 2 Additional support - Targeted support for individual students	Level 3 Additional Support – Personalised/Individualised Long-term interventions and those students who may have a statement of special educational needs or be under assessment for additional support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A consistent, fair and appropriate response to behaviour for learning An Inclusion Policy Equality Objectives Accessibility Plan An ADP which outlines current and future developments for all staff and students Transition Plan An accessible curriculum for all learners Quality first Teaching 	Where appropriate, we will make reasonable adjustments for students, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities, whose specific needs mean that they find our high expectations difficult to meet. A reasonable adjustment never means that we lower our expectations. It means that some students need additional support to ensure that they meet the high expectations that we have for all of our students.	Consideration will be given as to whether continuing disruptive behaviour might be the result of unmet educational or other needs. At this point, the academy will consider what appropriate steps are needed to address this concern.
AAB disciplinary panel – escalating concerns or behaviour points	AAB disciplinary panel - 15 days FTE per term	Meeting with Principal or appropriate senior staff
Re-integration meeting – discuss incident and how to avoid escalation in future.	Meeting with SLT member or an appropriate member of staff - discuss concerns and explore support strategies.	Target card Report to SLT
Meeting with Learning Manager or an appropriate member of staff as appropriate and in line with need	Target card Report	Reintegration with SLT
Monitor data via PowerBi and CPOMS	Detentions/Interventions with Deep Support Team or appropriate staff	Curriculum and Timetable review - Review of curriculum and banding Consider change of class /group
Telephone call home – consider what will have most impact. Weekly / daily etc	Personalised timetable as appropriate and reviewed at appropriate points	Lesson Observation or pupil pursuit
Detention – restorative approach	Re – Integration meeting with Deep support Staff	Referral for specialist support where appropriate

Referral to inclusion meeting	Lesson visits	Multi agency support where appropriate
Discussion with SENDCO where appropriate	Parental meeting with Inclusion Manager / SLT	Managed Time out card
Referral to inclusion meeting	Round Robin – whole school attitude to learning review	Consider SEND processes, assessment and support – Reading age / dyslexia screen etc
Support from Bridge/ PLC	Inclusion meeting discussion/ review. Agree strategies and review impact. – Behaviour support plan	Specialist interventions/ assessment / package/ alternative provision – where appropriate
Reasonable adjustments	Consider SEND need	FAP /LA Panel
School to home communication via the student planner	Early Help assessment – where appropriate	Respite package to another academy where appropriate
	Review of seating plans	Managed Move
	Staff spotlight meeting – focussed on what works well, strategies for intervention and sharing good practice.	Each individual academy may use other additional provision, depending on the resources available, to support a student's ability to access their learning, this includes, but is not limited to, small group work, additional adult support, support of external agencies and programmes etc.
	Bespoke Bridge /PLC interventions.	Alternative Provision (external providers) - Where an assessment is made which determines that a student may require more specialist provision, a referral will be made to appropriate providers.
	One- page Student profile / written in partnership with child where appropriate	Part-time timetables - in limited circumstances, the academy may make use of a part time timetable to support a student where necessary. This will be for a limited time and will be agreed with parents

Points Tariff:

SANCTION	POINTS*	INTERVENTION
C4	0	Student Points totals will be tracked in PowerBi At an appropriate threshold of approximately 150 Points. Students' behaviour and attitude to learning will be reviewed and discussed before the Governor Disciplinary Committee 150 points per term
C4 Other	0	
C5	3	
C5 Full	5	
C6 FTE	10	
FTE	10	

* Points are not to be changed or additional points used

APPENDIX C – SAFER ACADEMIES PARTNERSHIP OFFICER

1. **POLICE – SSPO POSTS CURRENTLY EXIST IN SOME ACADEMIES**
 - 1.1 Trust Academies will involve the Police in all matters where criminal activity has taken place or is suspected of having taken place. In addition, Academies will inform the Police of any intelligence which may support the Police in preventing or tackling criminal activity.
 - 1.2 A student and his or her family have the right to contact the Police if they feel that a criminal offence has been committed.
2. **SAFER ACADEMIES PARTNERSHIP OFFICER**
 - 2.1 The Academy may employ, a Safer Academies Partnership (Police) Officer (SSPO) to work at the Academy.
 - 2.2 A SSP is a formal agreement between the Academy and police to work together in order to keep young people safe, reduce crime and fear of crime and improve behaviour in the academies and their communities.
 - 2.3 All SSPOs aim to ensure:
 - the safety of students, staff and the Academy site and surrounding areas;
 - help for students to deal with situations that may put them at risk of becoming victims of crime, bullying or intimidation, and to provide support to those who do;
 - focused enforcement to demonstrate that those who do offend cannot do so without facing the consequences of their actions;
 - early identification, support and where necessary challenge of students involved in or at risk of offending;
 - improved standards of student behaviour and attendance, and less need for suspensions;
 - more positive relations between students and the police and between students and the wider community; and
 - effective approaches to issues beyond the Academy site that negatively impact on student safety and behaviour.
 - 2.4 **Students will:**
 - feel safer, knowing that a police officer is on hand to help resolve conflicts and respond to harmful behaviour;
 - learn more effectively as they grow more confident that they can attend Academy in safety;
 - find out how to avoid being drawn into crime and anti-social or extremist behaviour and learn more about what the police do in the community;
 - receive support if they have been victims of crime and learn new skills to avoid being

victims and be safer on journeys to and from the Academy; and

- benefit from a positive role model through contact with the SSPO.

2.5 **Trust Academies will:**

- see improved student behaviour and attendance, and potentially fewer suspensions and better academic achievement;
- be helped to identify, challenge and support students most at risk of causing harm and offending through benefiting from the professional expertise a police officer can bring;
- receive support to identify and help students most susceptible to the messages of violent extremism and/or gang culture, if these are particular issues in the area;
- benefit from the specialist support the police can offer in dealing with screening students for weapons; searching students for certain items; dealing with intruders to the Academy, including any violent or abusive adults; and dealing with incidents where physical force is needed to control or restrain a student;
- experience a calmer Academy environment which is more conducive to learning and achieving and where all members of the Academy community will feel safer;
- integrate better within multi-agency teams, helping to support more effective interventions with students and families; and
- build better relations with the local community.

2.6 **The Police will:**

- see reductions in youth crime and anti-social behaviour, through identifying and dealing with issues at an early stage in the Academy;
- see improved public confidence in local policing as a result of the relationships built through SSPOs;
- achieve improved efficiency and better use of police time in terms of prevention and early intervention;
- be able to better support and monitor prolific and other priority young offenders through working with the Academy and multi-agency teams;
- be able to identify and support children and young people who feel threatened by crime and anti-social behaviour;
- have the opportunity to talk to young people about local crime issues – including if there are problems around gang culture or group offending, weapon carrying or risks from violent extremism; and
- build better relationships with young people and their parents/carers, which will have significant benefits in the wider community.

2.7 Parents /carers will:

- be more confident about their children’s safety in a SSP Academy and on journeys to and from the Academy;
- be reassured that any particular tensions in the local community such as racism, gang culture or weapons issues will not be allowed to intrude on the Academy;
- if their child is at risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour or crime, know that the police presence in Academy will help deal with this in an appropriate way;
- be reassured that staff have the support of police in ensuring good student behaviour and attendance, and in tackling bullying; and
- know that their child is being encouraged to trust the police and to take a responsible attitude towards issues around crime.

2.8 Outside agencies and others will:

- benefit from the impact that SSPOs can have on helping them reach a number of local and national targets, including measures on public perceptions of safety;
- benefit from effective exchange of information. Academies and children’s services working more closely with the police leads to more effective safeguarding arrangements; and
- receive support for effective multi-agency working, including early intervention and prevention strategies with students and families and (as appropriate) local Prevent and Deter arrangements.

2.9 A SSPO is a positive way for the academies to demonstrate their commitment to promoting a safe climate of learning and to preventing crime. One of the key aims of the SSP programme is to build more positive relationships between students and police. Giving students a chance to meet police officers in the Academy, away from some of the influences of the street, can help to foster these relationships. This can then have benefits for the police when encountering them in the wider local community.

2.10 The Principal and staff retain their responsibility for Academy discipline and behaviour; though look to their SSPO for support and advice as necessary. The SSPO remains an operational police officer and will make his or her own decisions on when and how to intervene where the law is threatened.

2.11 Further information on the role of Safer Academies Partnerships can be found in the Safer Academies Partnership Guidance document available at:

<http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2009-1366/DEP2009-1366.pdf>

This policy should be read in conjunction with policies highlighted on page 4 of this policy and:

- 15.1.1 The DfE guidance Preventing and tackling bullying Advice for headteachers, staff and governing bodies, (July 2017) This can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>
- 15.1.2 Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement Guidance for maintained schools, academies, and pupil referral units in England – September 2024 available at: [Suspension and permanent exclusion guidance](#)
- 15.1.3 Child on child abuse Policy
- 15.1.4 SEN Code of Practice – Available at:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/398815/SEND_Code_of_Practice_January_2015.pdf