



Behaviour Policy

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2	Sept 2022	Included section on EASI. Included reference to referrals to external agencies. Updated criteria for referral to Pastoral Liaison Group. Updated breaches of uniform policy and non-participation in PE. Updated screening, searching and confiscation in line with Government guidelines.

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1. Introduction

Rye Hills Academy is part of the North East Learning Trust (NELT) and dedicated to ensuring that our Academy supports the learning and wellbeing of students and staff. Cooperation, support, and respect are the foundations of our community and we work hard to provide a safe Academy where students feel included in every aspect of Academy life.

The Academy aims to encourage students to accept responsibility for their own behaviour. Promoting respect for others and highlighting the basic values of honesty, fairness, tolerance, and politeness are important aspects of school life. The establishment and maintenance of good order allows effective learning to take place and promote a positive ethos in the Academy. Good behaviour and self-discipline have strong links to effective learning and are vital for students to carry with them both during and after their Academy years.

This policy outlines the expectations we have for students in terms of their behaviour, and sanctions that will be enforced should the policy not be adhered to.

2. Aims

The patterns of behaviour that we want in our Academy have to be taught just as thoroughly and as consistently as the rest of the curriculum. In Academies and schools, most of the time, most students behave appropriately. There will be occasions in our Academy when things go wrong, and an effective behaviour policy will help staff to deal with such situations.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 introduced for the first time a statutory power for teachers and certain other staff to discipline students. Subject to the Academy's behaviour policy, a teacher may discipline a student for any misbehaviour when the student is:

- Taking part in an activity organised by and/or based at the Academy.
- Travelling to or from the Academy.
- Wearing the Academy uniform.
- In some other way identifiable as a student from the Academy.
- Misbehaving at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, in a way that could have repercussions for the orderly running of the Academy; or posing a threat to another student or member of the public and in doing so adversely affecting the reputation of the Academy.

At Rye Hills Academy, all teaching staff, including student teachers, have the right to impose a range of sanctions up to and including an after school detention should a student's behaviour warrant such a measure. The sanctions should be applied in accordance with the Academy's behaviour policy.

The use of this range of sanctions is extended to certain support staff who are in frequent contact with students – Year Managers, Cover Supervisors, Behavioural Support Workers and Learning Support Assistants.

Other support staff – dinner supervisors, caretakers, cleaning staff – have the right to impose sanctions up to and including a lunchtime detention (C3).

Regular visitors to the Academy and outside agencies also have the right to impose sanctions up to and including a lunchtime detention, having first discussed the incident with a member of senior leadership.

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Any member of staff, teaching or support, who feels that a student's disruptive behaviour warrants a sanction beyond their remit should seek the advice of senior leadership.

Only the Executive Headteacher/Head of School may recommend permanent exclusion. Fixed term exclusions and internal exclusions may be imposed by members of the Senior Management Team with the agreement of the Executive Headteacher/Head of School. Further information regarding exclusions can be found in the Trust's exclusion policy.

The Vice Principal (Pastoral) has the right to place a student in the Learning Support Unit (LSU) for a period not in excess of ten days should the student's behaviour warrant such a measure.

In accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006, the Academy reserves the right to impose sanctions, if warranted, on a student who is misbehaving while not on the Academy premises but who is under the charge of a member or members of staff, for example, a student who is misbehaving on an Academy trip. The range of sanctions would be up to and including an after school detention. If it was felt that a student's behaviour warranted a more serious sanction, the supervising teacher must discuss the matter with a member of senior management. All sanctions would take place on the student's return to the Academy.

3. Links with other policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Trust and Academy policies:

- Acceptable Use Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Exclusions Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy
- Uniform and Equipment Policy.

4. Academy Code of Conduct for Students

At Rye Hills Academy we recognise that each member of the Academy community has a right to be treated with respect and to work in a clean, calm and safe environment. To help us achieve this aim, we expect our students to:

- Show respect for others by working sensibly in lessons and not disrupting the learning of other students.
- Show consideration for others by moving around the Academy quietly and carefully. This means:
 - Opening doors for others.
 - Keeping to the left side of the corridor.
 - Walking down the corridor, not running.
 - Entering and leaving the Academy by the correct doors.
- Discouraging bullying. This means:
 - Do not punch, kick or spit at anyone.
 - Do not join in name calling.
 - Do not damage or steal another person's property.
 - Report incidents of bullying to a member of staff.
 - Never suffer in silence – if you are being bullied, speak to someone about it.

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- Come prepared for the day wearing the appropriate uniform and bringing the necessary equipment. This means:
 - Bringing to the Academy a pen, pencil, and a bag large enough to carry an A4 file. Tutors will carry out an equipment check each morning.
 - Following the Academy Uniform and Equipment Policy.
 - Not bringing valuable items to the Academy
 - Not bringing to the Academy anything which could injure/harm another student e.g. knives, drugs etc.
- Attend the Academy regularly and arrive in plenty of time for the start of lessons. This means:
 - Being punctual for registration and lessons. A late bell will ring four minutes after the start of each lesson.
 - Bringing a parental note to the Academy following an absence.
 - Making certain you ask for a pass from the office if you are leaving the Academy premises for a medical appointment.

5. EASI

EASI is an onscreen live reporting system where parents/carers are able to see daily behavioural information as well as homework that has been set.

Regrading homework, EASI will show what has been issued and deadlines for when the work is due to be submitted. It will show the subject, the issue and due date and the estimated completion time. It will also show the teacher who set the homework, the title of the homework and instructions on how to complete it.

EASI will also show any positive behaviour points and rewards redeemed.

6. Six Step Behavioural Procedure

The Academy operates a six step procedure as a means of addressing the problem of poor behaviour. Students who repeatedly disrupt lessons will be moved up the steps. The procedure can also be used in response to a single incident.

Step 1 - applies to every student and entails the monitoring of every student's behaviour.

Step 2 - should a student, who has been placed on the target group continue to accrue an unacceptable number of negative reports, they will be moved on to the second step. At this stage parents/carers will be informed by letter and informed of the concern relating to their child's behaviour. The behaviour will come under closer scrutiny and parent/carers will receive a monthly printout of their child's behaviour record.

Step 3 – if the student continues to disrupt lessons, they will be moved on to Step 3. This move will result in the student being referred to the Academy's Pastoral Liaison Group. This is the Academy's multi-agency forum, which meets to discuss those students with problems relating to behaviour, attendance, social and emotional difficulties, and bullying. The Pastoral Liaison Group may refer a student to other outside agencies, such as the Police or Social Services. The group may also recommend statutory assessment. Parents/carers are invited to the meeting and where a referral has been made because of a student's poor behaviour, the group will establish an Individual Behaviour Plan (IBP) for the student. The student will be set a number of behavioural

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targets and the plan will run for approximately sixteen school weeks. A review will take place after eight weeks, and a final evaluation after sixteen weeks. Parents/carers will receive a copy of the plan, and will also be able to read the comments made at the review and evaluation stages. Parents/carers and the student will be asked to sign the IBP.

Step 4 – should the IBP be unsuccessful in terms of improving the student’s behaviour then the student will be moved on to Step 4. The student will again be referred to the Pastoral Liaison Group, this time to establish a Pastoral Support Programme (PSP). As with the IBP, the student will be set targets and their behaviour will be monitored over a sixteen week period. A review and evaluation of the PSP will be carried out and parents/carers will receive copies of both. Parents/carers will be invited to the meeting. Referrals to outside agencies for additional support will also be considered. At Step 4 the Academy will assess the need for early help intervention. Parents/carers and the student will be asked to sign the PSP.

Step 5 - should the Pastoral Support Programme fail to bring about an improvement in behaviour, the student will be moved on to Step 5. The student may be placed in the LSU for a period of not less than five days if no previous placement has been made.

Step 6 - should the student continue to disrupt lessons; they will be moved on to the final step in the procedure. The student’s SEN status will be reviewed. In accordance with the Trust’s exclusion policy, a fixed term exclusion will be recommended if no previous exclusion has taken place. A student on Step 6 will receive a Final Warning from the Executive Headteacher/Head of School. Parents/carers will be informed that the warning has been given and will be invited to contact the Academy should any further clarification be needed. A new PSP may be established. If a student who has been given a Final Warning continues to disrupt lessons on a regular basis then the Executive Headteacher/Head of School will consider a recommendation of permanent exclusion.

The Academy reserves the right to bypass any steps should a student’s behaviour warrant such action. This could mean recommending a student’s permanent exclusion in response to a single, serious breach of the Academy rules. For example, dealing drugs on the Academy premises would result in an immediate recommendation of permanent exclusion, irrespective of the step the student was on at the time the incident took place.

Movement on the step procedure is not one-way. If a student’s behaviour improves over a sustained period of time, usually two terms, then the student will be moved down a step.

7. Target Group

A student is moved onto the target group when it becomes apparent that they are picking up more than an average number of negative reports. Parents/carers will be informed by letter that their child has been moved to the target group. The Vice Principal (Pastoral) will monitor the behaviour weekly and parents/carers will receive a copy of the behaviour record monthly.

8. The Pastoral Liaison Group

The aim of the group is to adopt a multi-agency approach when dealing with students who are experiencing problems both in and outside of the Academy. The group meets on a monthly basis. The forum is also used to establish and monitor Pastoral Support Programmes (PSPs) and Individual Behaviour Plans (IBPs). Information shared at the meeting is confidential to the members of the group.

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The group comprises the following: Vice Principal (Pastoral), SENDCO, Inclusion Manager, School Nurse, School Counsellor, Academy's Attendance Officer, Year Managers, and the Learning Support Unit (LSU) Coordinator. An invitation is also sent out to the parents/carers of the student under discussion. An invitation may also be sent to relevant external agencies. The student will also be asked to attend the meeting.

The majority of referrals to the group come from the Academy, and principally from the Vice Principal (Pastoral), who has an overall view of behaviour within the Academy. It remains, however, the right of any member of the group to make a referral. The referral is made to the Vice Principal (Pastoral), who is responsible for sending out all relevant information to the group members. The list below is by no means exhaustive, but identifies the major criteria for referral:

- Truancy.
- Crime.
- Students who have received a high number of fixed term exclusions.
- Students likely to be a danger to themselves or others.
- Drug involvement.
- Where there is a sudden deterioration in academic work and/or behaviour.
- When a PSP needs to be established for the student.
- When an IBP needs to be established for the student.

The Vice Principal (Pastoral) will send out information to the members of the group. This information will include curriculum reports, attendance details and the student's behaviour record.

9. Year Managers

Year Managers play an important part in monitoring the behaviour of students. Year Managers will monitor the behaviour of all students in their year group. Concerns about the behaviour of individual students should be brought to the attention of the Vice Principal (Pastoral). Year Managers should consider a range of strategies, including disciplinary sanctions, when dealing with unacceptable behaviour. These strategies include:

- Withdrawal of privileges (end of term treats).
- Letters of concern.
- Referrals to SLT.
- Referrals to Pastoral Liaison Group.
- Placing a student on report.
- Recommending a student for placement in the LSU.
- Parental contact (letters/telephone calls/text messages/emails/meetings).
- Parental meetings.
- Use of outside agencies, e.g. Early Help.
- Using the system of consequences.

10. Consequences and Rewards

At the Academy, we believe that consequences help to underpin the boundaries of acceptable behaviour, but they must not be seen in isolation. They are part of the Behaviour Management Policy which seeks to reward and encourage high standards of conduct and achievement. Indeed, a greater emphasis on rewarding positive behaviour may reduce the need for sanctions.

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In each classroom there is a Classroom Discipline Plan, comprising Consequences and Rewards.

11. Consequences

- C1: verbal warning.
- C2: 15 minute detention (supervised by the subject teacher).
- C3: 20 minute detention (supervised by a rota of staff).
- C4: 2 x 20 minute detention (supervised by a rota of staff).
- C5: 1 hour after school detention.

Rewards are as important as sanctions and we will reward students for good behaviour/work. The importance of rewarding students for good work and behaviour cannot be over-stressed. In our Academy, we will emphasise the positive!

Staff will issue rewards for the following:

- Attendance at an after school session.
- Attendance at an extra-curricular event.
- Community award.
- Competing in a House sporting event.
- Completion of coursework.
- Contributing to an assembly.
- Equipment.
- Fundraising.
- Good academic work.
- Good behaviour.
- Good manners.
- Helping at an extra-curricular event.
- Meeting coursework deadline (KS4).
- Miscellaneous.
- Representing the Academy at a sporting event.
- Attendance awards.
- Punctuality awards.

12. Breaches of Uniform and Equipment Policy

- Any student out of uniform is expected to bring a note from their parent/carer to explain why this has happened.
- Any student coming to school without a tie needs to borrow one from the Year Manager. If this happens too often parents/carers will be contacted, and a sanction applied.
- A student arriving out of uniform, without a note from parents/carers will be sent to the LSU by their tutor.
- A second breach of the uniform code, providing the student has brought in an explanatory note from the parent/carer, will result in a letter being sent home.
- Any further breach of the uniform code will result in the student being withdrawn from lessons and spending the day in the LSU. This will be recorded as an internal exclusion. Parents/carers will be informed of the action taken. This action may be taken even in cases where the student has brought in a note from the parent/carer.
- Any student arriving at the Academy out of uniform and without a parental letter to explain why will spend the day in the LSU. Parents/carers will be informed of the action taken.

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13. Jewellery

- First breach – the item of jewellery will be confiscated and parents/carers contacted. The jewellery will be returned at the end of the day.
- Second breach – as above.
- Third breach – the item of jewellery will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Parents/carers will be contacted by letter and informed that there has been a further breach of the Academy rule and any further breaches will result in an internal exclusion.
- Fourth breach – the item of jewellery will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. The student will receive an internal exclusion and parents/carers will be informed by letter.
- Fifth breach – the item of jewellery will be confiscated and returned when parents/carers attend a meeting with a senior member of staff. The student will receive a two day internal exclusion.
- Sixth breach – the item of jewellery will be confiscated and the student will receive a fixed term exclusion. The jewellery will be returned when the students returns from the exclusion.

14. Make-Up

- First breach – the student will be asked to remove the make-up and parents/carers will be informed by letter.
- Second breach – as above.
- Third breach – the student will be asked to remove the make-up and parents/carers will be contacted by letter and informed that there has been a further breach of the Academy rule and any further breaches will result in an internal exclusion.
- Fourth breach – the student will be asked to remove the make-up and will receive an internal exclusion. Parents/carers will be informed by letter.
- Fifth breach – the student will be asked to remove the make-up and parents/carers will be invited to attend a meeting with a senior member of staff. The student will receive a two day internal exclusion.
- Sixth breach – the student will receive a fixed term exclusion.

15. Hair

A student found to be in breach of the Uniform and Equipment Policy in respect of their hairstyle and or/colour will be given a timescale of no longer than two weeks to remedy this.

Should a student continue to breach any aspect of the Uniform and Equipment Policy (with or without a note from the parent/carer, the Academy reserves the right to take further disciplinary action to address the problem. Sanctions may include after-school detentions, internal exclusions, recourse to the Academy's disciplinary step system and, in the worst cases, the use of fixed term and permanent exclusions.

16. Non-Participation in PE

All students are expected to participate in PE lessons. Students who are ill or injured should bring a letter of explanation from the parent/carer. Students who arrive at the lesson without the correct kit and with no letter of explanation will be given kit from the PE department, enabling them to participate in lessons. Refusal to accept the kit offered by the Academy will result in the student receiving a C5. If the student repeatedly refuses to use wear the loan kit, and therefore fails to participate in PE they will be given a one-day internal exclusion.

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Students who fail to bring their PE kit will be supplied with one by the Academy. This kit is clean. A student who fails to bring their PE kit but have a parental note to explain why will also be required to wear the PE kit provided by the Academy. The lesson activities will be adjusted so that performance is appropriate for the individual, or they will be given a role as a coach/officiator so that progress can still be made. The only exemption to this rule is in cases where putting on a kit could aggravate a medical condition. If a student refuses to wear the kit provided by the Academy, the PE department should contact the student's Year Manager or a member of the senior leadership team. The sanction for refusing to wear PE kit supplied by the Academy is a one hour detention.

If a student repeatedly misses PE lessons owing to a medical condition, parents/carers will be asked to provide a doctor's note to clearly establish that the condition is serious enough to warrant the student's non-participation in the lessons.

17. Mobile Phone

Mobile phones may be brought to school, but they must be handed in to a Year Manager before school begins. The phone will be stored safely, and students will need to collect their phone at the end of the school day.

- First breach – the mobile phone will be confiscated and the phone will be returned at the end of the school day.
- Second breach – the mobile phone will be confiscated. The phone will be returned at the end of the school day.
- Third breach - the mobile phone will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. A letter will be sent to the student's parent/carer.
- Any further breaches of these this rule will result in other disciplinary sanctions being used. These sanctions will include after school detentions, internal exclusions and, if necessary, fixed term exclusions. A temporary ban from bringing the phone on to the Academy premises will also be considered.

The Academy will take very seriously instances where a mobile phone has been used to film, photograph or record staff or students without their permission. In such cases the mobile phone will be confiscated, and the student's parent/carer will be required to come to the Academy to collect it.

The student will be given a formal warning. Should the student be involved in another such incident, a two-day fixed term exclusion will be given, and the student will be moved immediately to Step 6 of the Academy's Behaviour Management Policy, the final step prior to permanent exclusion. On the student's return to the Academy, he/she will be given a final warning by the Executive Headteacher/Head of School. A further breach of this rule is likely to result in a recommendation of permanent exclusion.

18. Confiscation of Inappropriate Items

There are two sets of legal provisions which enable staff to confiscate items from students:

- The general power to discipline enables a member of staff to confiscate, retain or dispose of a student's property as a punishment and protects them from liability for damage to, or loss of, any confiscated items.

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- The power to search without consent for weapons, knives, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images, or any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the student). Weapons and knives and extreme child pornography must always be handed over to the police, otherwise the Academy has the right to decide when and if to return the confiscated item.

19. Screening, Searching and Confiscation

Staff authorised by the Head of School can search a student for any item banned under the Academy rules, if the student agrees. The Executive Headteacher/Head of School and staff authorised by the Executive Headteacher/Head of School have the right to search a student or their possessions without their consent, where they suspect the student has certain prohibited items. The items that can be searched for are weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images, any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or cause personal injury to, or damage to, the property of any person including the student. Staff may seize any banned or prohibited item found as a result of a search and which they consider harmful to the Academy community.

20. Screening

Though at present this is not in operation, nor are there plans to introduce such a system, the Academy can require students to undergo screening by a walk-through or hand-held metal detector, even if the student is not suspected of having a weapon. This can be done without the consent of the student. Were the Academy to introduce such a system, any member of staff can screen students.

If a student were to refuse to be screened, the Academy would have the right to refuse to have the student on the premises. This refusal would not constitute an exclusion and the student's absence would be treated as unauthorised.

21. Searching With Consent

Staff authorised by the Head of School can search students with their consent for any item which is banned by the Academy rules. This would not require a formal written consent – it is enough for the member of staff to ask the student to turn out their pockets, remove outer clothing (e.g. blazer and coat) or if the teacher can look in the student's bag or locker, and for the student to agree.

If a member of staff suspects a student has a banned item in his/her possession, they can instruct the student to turn out their pockets or bag, and if the student refuses, the member of staff can apply an appropriate punishment as set out in the Behaviour Policy.

22. Searching Without Consent

Staff can search for knives, weapons, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images, any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or to cause personal injury to, or damage to property. This also includes any item banned by the Academy rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for. The person carrying out the search must be the same sex as the student being searched, and another member of staff must be present.

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There is a limited exception to this rule. A teacher can carry out a search of a student of the opposite sex and without a witness present, but only where there is reason to believe that there is a risk that serious harm will be caused to a person if the search is not conducted immediately and where it is not reasonably practicable to summon another member of staff.

It is for the Executive Headteacher/Head of School to decide whom to authorise to carry out such a search. Verbal authorisation will suffice.

Staff, other than security staff, can refuse to undertake a search. The law states that Headteachers may not require anyone other than a member of the Academy security staff to undertake a search. Staff can be authorised to search for some items but not others; for example, a member of staff could be authorised to search for stolen property but not for weapons or knives.

Staff should only undertake a search without consent if they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that a student may have in his or her possession a prohibited item. The member of staff must decide in each particular case what constitutes reasonable grounds for suspicion. The powers allow staff to search regardless of whether the student is found after the search to have that item. This includes circumstances where staff suspect a student of having items such as illegal drugs or stolen property which are later found not to be illegal or stolen.

Searches without consent can only be carried out on the Academy premises or where a member of staff has lawful control or charge of the student.

23. During the Search

The member of staff conducting the search may not require the student to remove any item of clothing other than outer clothing, which means nothing next to the skin or immediately over a garment that is being worn as underwear. Outer garments include hats, shoes, boots, gloves and scarves. Possessions means any goods over which the student has or appears to have control – desks, lockers, bags. Under common law powers, Academies/schools are able to search lockers and desks for any item providing the student agrees. If a student does not consent to the search then it is possible to conduct a search without consent but only for the prohibited items. A student's possessions can only be searched in the presence of the student and another member of staff. Reasonable force may be used by the member of staff conducting the search.

Members of staff can use such force as is reasonable given the circumstances when conducting a search for knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images or articles that have been or could be used to commit an offence or cause harm. Such force cannot be used to search for items banned under the Academy rules.

24. Strip Searching

A strip search is a search involving the removal of more than outer clothing. Strip searches on school premises can only be carried out by police officers under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) Code A and in accordance with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) Code C. 12 While the decision to undertake the strip search itself and its conduct are police matters, school staff retain a duty of care to the pupil(s) involved and should advocate for pupil wellbeing at all times.

Before calling police into the academy, staff will assess and balance the risk of a potential strip search on the pupil's mental and physical wellbeing and the risk of not recovering the suspected item. Staff will consider whether introducing the potential for a strip search through police

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involvement is absolutely necessary, and will always ensure that other appropriate, less invasive approaches have been exhausted. Once the police are on academy premises, the decision on whether to conduct a strip search lies solely with them, and the role of the academy is to advocate for the safety and wellbeing of the pupil(s) involved. Unless there is an immediate risk of harm and where reasonably possible, staff will inform the parent of the pupil suspected of concealing an item in advance of the search, even if the parent is not acting as the appropriate adult. Parents will always be informed by a staff member once a strip search has taken place. Records will be kept of any strip searches that have been conducted on school premises by the police.

25. After the Search

Staff can use their discretion to confiscate, retain and/or destroy any item found as a result of a *with consent* search, so long as it is reasonable in the circumstances. Where any article is thought to be a weapon it must be passed on to the police.

With regard to items found as a result of a *without consent* search, the member of staff carrying out the search can seize anything they have reasonable grounds for suspecting is a prohibited item (knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen property, tobacco or cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images or articles that have or could be used to commit an offence or cause harm).

Alcohol should be retained or disposed of. Controlled drugs should be handed over to the police, unless there is good reason not to do so, in which case the drugs must be destroyed. In determining what is a good reason for not delivering controlled drugs or stolen items to the police, the member of staff should take into account all relevant circumstances and use their professional judgement to determine whether they can safely dispose of a seized article.

Where they find 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.

Stolen items should be delivered to the police unless there is good reason not to do so, in which case they should be returned to the owner with regard to stolen items, it would not be reasonable or desirable to involve the police in dealing with low value items such as pencil cases. However, staff may judge it appropriate to contact the police if the items are valuable (iPods/laptops) or illegal (alcohol/fireworks).

Where a member of staff finds tobacco or cigarette papers they may retain or dispose of them. As with alcohol, this means that the Academy can dispose of tobacco or cigarette papers as they think appropriate but this should not include returning them to the student.

Fireworks found as a result of a search may be retained or disposed of but should not be returned to the student.

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 them to the police.

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Where the 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.

Where a member of staff finds an item which is banned under the Academy rules, they should take into account all relevant circumstances and use their professional judgement to decide whether to return it to its owner, retain it or dispose of it.

Any weapons or items which are evidence of an offence must be passed to the police as soon as possible.

Where the person conducting the search finds an electronic device they may examine any data or files if they think there is good reason to do so. Following an examination, if the person has decided to return the device to the owner, or to retain or dispose of it, they may erase any data or files, if they think there is a good reason to do so. In determining a good reason to examine or erase data or files, the staff member must reasonably suspect that the data or file on the device in question has been, or could be, used to cause harm, to disrupt teaching or break the Academy rules. If inappropriate material is found on the device, it is up to the member of staff to decide whether they should delete that material, retain it as evidence (of a criminal offence or breach of Academy discipline) or whether the material is of such seriousness that it requires the involvement of the police.

26. Recording searches

Any search by a member of staff for a prohibited item and all searches conducted by police officers will be recorded in the academy's safeguarding reporting system, including whether or not an item is found. The designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) will initiate a safeguarding response if required.

27. Informing parents/carers

Parents will be informed of any search for a prohibited item listed in section 19 that has taken place, and the outcome of the search as soon as is practicable. A member of staff will inform the parents of what, if anything, has been confiscated and the resulting action the academy has taken, including any sanctions applied.

28. Out of Bounds

Students found in out of bounds areas will be given a C3.

29. Swearing

Any student who is heard swearing will receive an after school detention.

30. Leaving the Academy Premises

- Any student who leaves the Academy premises without permission will receive a one hour after Academy detention.
- After two breaches of this rule, the student will be given a one day internal exclusion in the LSU.
- Subsequent breaches of this rule will lead to further internal exclusions and fixed term exclusions.

31. Lunchtime Arrangements

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- Any student who wishes to leave the premises at lunchtime will need permission from the Academy. Parents/carers of these students should write to the Head of School, so that a meeting can be arranged to discuss this matter.

32. Smoking/Vaping

This is a non-smoking site, a rule which applies to staff and students alike. There will be serious consequences for any student who chooses to breach the no-smoking/vaping rule repeatedly and/or brings tobacco and/or e-cigarettes on to the Academy site. These consequences are outlined below:

- 1st breach: a one hour after school detention.
- 2nd breach: a one hour after school detention.
- 3rd breach: the student will receive a one day internal exclusion.
- 4th breach: the student will receive a one day internal exclusion.
- 5th breach: the student will receive a two day internal exclusion and the parent/carer will be invited to attend a meeting with a senior member of staff to discuss the problem. If the student is not on one of the disciplinary steps, he/she will be moved on to Step 2.
- 6th breach: the student will receive another two day internal exclusion. This will come with a clear warning that should the student continue to break the no-smoking rule, they will be given a fixed term exclusion.
- 7th breach: the student will be given a one day fixed term exclusion. If the student is on Step 2 of the disciplinary code, he/she will be moved on to Step 3 and an Individual Behaviour Plan will be established for the student at a meeting of the Pastoral Liaison Group. The IBP will state explicitly that the student must not smoke/vape on the Academy premises. If the student already has an IBP, the student will be moved on to Step 4, making it necessary to establish a Pastoral Support Programme for the student. As with the IBP, this will be done at a meeting of the Pastoral Liaison Group. If the student already has a PSP, a new one will be established. The PSP will state explicitly that the student must not smoke on the Academy premises.
- 8th breach: the student will be given a one day internal exclusion and the parent/carer will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the worsening situation.
- 9th breach: the student will be given a one day fixed term exclusion. On the student's return from the exclusion, they will be asked to sign a contract to the effect that they agreed not to smoke/vape on the Academy premises. Refusal to sign the contract will be recorded on the student's behaviour record.
- 10th breach: the student will be moved immediately on to Step 6 of the Academy's Behaviour Management Policy, if they are already on that step, the student will receive a Final Warning from the Head teacher. If the student continues to break the no-smoking/vaping rule then they run the risk of a recommendation of permanent exclusion.
- E-cigarettes are not allowed on the Academy premises. If one is confiscated from a student, the student's parent/carer will need to come into the Academy to collect it.
- Any student who repeatedly breaks the no-smoking/vaping rule will be offered the opportunity of speaking to the school nurse for advice on how to quit smoking.

33. Students caught in the company of smokers:

- Each time a student is caught in the company of smokers/vapers, they will be given a C3 detention.

34. Failure to Arrive at a Lunchtime Detention

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- A student who fails to arrive at a lunchtime detention will be given a warning to attend the next day. Continued failure to do so will result in an internal exclusion in the LSU and parents/carers will be informed.

35. Failure to Arrive at an After-School Detention

- Students who are absent from school on the day of an after-school detention will have the detention rearranged. A second letter will be sent to parents/carers and a phone call made to inform them of the rearranged date.
- A student who is present on the day of the detention but who fails to arrive at the detention will have the detention rearranged. Parents/carers will be informed.
- If the student fails to arrive at the rearranged detention, providing they are not absent from school the student will be given a one-day internal exclusion.
- In cases where a student repeatedly fails to arrive at an after-school detention, for whatever reason, the Academy reserves the right to use the full range of sanctions at its disposal, including movement up the school's disciplinary steps, further internal exclusion, fixed term exclusion and in the worst cases, a recommendation of permanent exclusion.

36. Alcohol

- Any student who possesses and/or supplies alcohol whilst wearing the Academy uniform will receive a fixed term exclusion. The student will be given a formal warning and will be moved immediately to Step 6 of the Academy's Behaviour Management Policy, the final step prior to permanent exclusion. On the student's return to the Academy, he/she will be given a final warning by the Executive Headteacher/Head of School. A further breach of this rule is likely to result in a recommendation of permanent exclusion.
- If the student possesses and/or supplies alcohol whilst wearing the Academy uniform a second time, a recommendation of permanent exclusion will be made.
- Any student who 'spikes' the drink of another student with alcohol will be permanently excluded.

37. Weapons

- A student bringing a weapon on to the Academy premises is likely to be permanently excluded. A judgement will be made as to the level of threat the weapon itself represents to the health and safety of the other students. Weapons include knives, darts, guns of any description, including air pistols and BB guns.
- In all cases of a weapon being brought on to the Academy premises, the police will be informed.

38. Illicit Substances

- The priority in all incidents relating to the use of illicit substances is the health and safety of the student.
- Any student who possesses and/or supplies illicit substances whilst wearing the Academy uniform will receive a fixed term exclusion. The student will be given a formal warning and will be moved immediately to Step 6 of the Academy's Behaviour Management Policy, the final step prior to permanent exclusion. On the student's return to the Academy, he/she will be given a final warning by the Executive Headteacher/Head of School. A further breach of this rule is likely to result in a recommendation of permanent exclusion.
- Should the student for a second time, supply and/or possess illicit substances whilst wearing the Academy uniform a recommendation of permanent exclusion will be made.

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PASTORAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES & INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOUR PLANS

Guidance

- Pastoral Support Programmes and Individual Behaviour Plans will identify precise and realistic behaviour outcomes. In most cases PSPs and IBPs will run for a period of approximately sixteen weeks. A review of the PSP/IBP will be carried out after eight weeks and a final evaluation after sixteen weeks.
- In most cases the Vice Principal (Pastoral) is the member of staff responsible for establishing and monitoring PSPs and IBPs.
- PSPs and IBPs will be set up for a student who has had several exclusions, internal or fixed term, or who has been identified as being 'at risk' of failure at the Academy through disaffection. An IBP will be established for any student on Step 3 and a PSP will be established for any student who reaches Step 4 on the Academy's behaviour procedure.
- PSPs and IBPs do not replace the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities assessment process. SEN plans for students at serious risk of exclusion or disaffection should reflect appropriate strategies to meet their additional needs.
- PSPs and IBPs need to be agreed with parents/carers, who should be informed about their child's progress. To this end, parents/carers will be invited to a meeting of the Pastoral Liaison Group, the forum at which PSPs and IBPs are established.
- The parents/carers of a student who has reached Step 5 on the Academy's behaviour procedure will be invited to a meeting to discuss the behaviour of their child.

In drawing up a PSPs and IBPs, the Academy will:

- Review any learning difficulties, particularly literacy skills and, if necessary, put in place a SEN support plan.
- Consider disapplying the National Curriculum.
- Consider changing the student's set or class.
- Consider, with the agreement of the student's parents/carers, a managed move to another Academy/school.
- Consider whether specialist support is appropriate.

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