

# BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT, SANCTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS POLICY

### Policy Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the academy. The Principal, will take a key role in monitoring and evaluating the policy. The policy along with other academy policies will be available on the academy website. The Academy Council will review the policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness.

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### 1. INDUCTION & AIMS

Within our community at Brook Mead Academy, scholars are enabled to be their "Brook Best" by the promotion and explicit teaching of respectful behaviour at all times. This is so that we create a calm and orderly learning climate where teachers can teach without interruption, scholars can learn without interruption and therefore, *all* can flourish.

To enable this to happen, all staff are consistent in their approaches and routines for lessons and other parts of each day. These routines are explicitly communicated and taught to scholars and are consistently used by staff. Therefore, there is clarity about expectations and all can be sure of respectful and purposeful conduct at all times. This minimises the need for consequences and helps create a positive climate.

To achieve this, we expect all members of the Brook Mead community to model appropriate behaviours which are underpinned and embedded throughout our academy through our school motto of *Be Kind, Work Hard and Build Better Futures Together*. The Brook Mead Way Each Day sets out daily expectations and ensures there is a consistent structure in place. It details what is expected of all scholars at each part of the school day and the reason why the actions are important (see Appendix 1). We feel it is important that all understand the reasons behind each expectation so that all can agree on the need for each rule.

We know that families look to the academy to promote learning and respectful behaviour. Parents/ carers and school staff are united in wanting the best for our young people. Each scholar is therefore cherished and challenged to do their best and become their "Brook Best" self.

We aim to promote a positive approach in attitude and behaviour in order to create the best environment in which the scholars can thrive and flourish. Maintaining a positive and caring ethos throughout the community is fundamental to achieving this aim: staff, families, visitors and scholars will all act to promote respectful communication in a calm and caring environment.

The use of social media and other digital communication is included in the remit of this policy.

The guiding principle that underpins our approach is that appropriate behaviours for learning are built on warm, strong and positive relationships amongst all members of our school community.

This policy sets out our expectations for all members of our community, scholars and staff. By attending or working at Brook Mead Academy, we all agree to uphold and abide by this policy. It clarifies the conduct expected, the support in place and sanctions for any deviation from the policy. Please note that Brook Mead Academy reserves the right, at any time, to respond to any incident in a manner that best serves the interests of our community.

Our role goes beyond simply preventing behaviour which impedes learning to systematically teaching about positive relationships and good manners. Our Behaviour Policy is consistently and fairly applied and underpins our ambitions for the school and the community we are proud to serve. School staff, scholars and parents can all be clear about our high expectations of all scholars at all times, as detailed in this policy.

### Aims:

Brook Mead will aim to create a climate in which learning flourishes by:

- > Ensuring that the school is a safe, happy and supportive place for all staff and scholars.
- Ensuring that all members of the school community are shown respect and show respect for others.
- Forming an active partnership with families to encourage excellent behaviour.
- ➤ Having the highest expectations of scholars in order to ensure their one chance of a good education is not squandered.
- > Ensuring all scholars develop the good learning habits that they need to be successful in school and in life.
- > Ensuring all scholars are able to act responsibly and accept responsibility for their own actions.
- > Boosting scholars' resilience and building character through positive reinforcement and enrichment
- Ensuring there is appropriate sharing of information between pastoral staff and teaching staff to ensure that all staff are fully aware of any barriers to learning including those that might cause challenging behaviours.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the academy's other related policies

- > Attendance Policy
- Physical Intervention Policy
- Search & Offensive Weapons Policy

This policy is in line with DfE Guidance around Behaviour and discipline, which specifically states that:

- Teachers have power to discipline students for misbehaviour which occurs in school and, in some circumstances, outside of school.
- The power to discipline also applies to all paid staff (unless the Principal says otherwise) with responsibility for students, such as teaching assistants.
- Senior leaders, proprietors and the Academy Council must ensure they have a strong behaviour policy to support staff in managing behaviour, including the use of rewards and sanctions.
- The proprietors of Academies have a duty under paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010. They must ensure that arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of students.
- Teachers have statutory authority to discipline students whose behaviour is unacceptable, who break the school rules or who fail to follow a reasonable instruction (Section 90 and 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006).
- Teachers can discipline students at any time the student is in school or elsewhere under the charge of a teacher, including on school visits.
- Teachers can also discipline students in certain circumstances when a student's misbehaviour occurs outside
  of school bringing the academy into disrepute.
- Teachers have a power to impose detention outside school hours.
- Teachers can confiscate scholars' property including mobile devices and headphones.

### 1.1 Supporting scholars

Children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties.

Staff will work collectively to identify whether a child or young person's behaviour may be related to other underlying issues and will support them effectively in these circumstances. We will provide advice and guidance for families on working with other professionals and external agencies where appropriate.

Where a scholar is identified as having Special Educational Needs or a disability (SEND), we will strive to remove barriers to learning and put effective provision in place. This SEND support will take the form of a four-part cycle through which earlier decisions and actions are revisited, refined and revised with a growing understanding of the scholar's needs and of what support is required in making good progress and securing good outcomes.

### 1.2 Early identification and targeted intervention

- ➤ The Key Stage 2 -3 transition process allows for information sharing from primary school to Brook Mead. Relevant information is shared with all staff when scholars are identified as requiring a more intensive transition input.
- ➤ Behaviour data is regularly reviewed and analysed to ensure that appropriate provision and support is provided to meet the needs of scholars.
- Advice cards and appropriate information is shared with relevant staff and for some scholars, a bespoke programme of targeted interventions may be instigated to support them. If required, scholars are given ongoing support to help meet our expectations and be able to follow school routines.
- > In some cases, a multi-agency approach is required and regular reviews and evaluations ensure that progress is being made and sustainable changes in behaviour take place.
- Above all, parental support is vital and actively sought.

### 2. EXPECTATIONS & CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the Brook Mead community play a vital role in ensuring that we provide a positive climate for learning in which our scholars are equipped to thrive. Central to our vision is the Brook Best Pledge (BBP) which amalgamates our core values and our "building better futures" maxim to encourage scholars to develop their character and become their "Brook Best" self.

The Brook Best Pledge underpins our approach to behaviour and acknowledges the importance of:

1)Being kind 2) Working hard

3) Building a better world for yourself and the world!

### 2.1 Expectations

Below are the expectations and scholar code of conduct for ensuring good behaviour at BMA.

Scholars	I will st	trive to develop my "Brook Best" by:
	>	Being respectful, supportive and considerate towards other scholars and adults at all times.
	>	Being punctual and arriving at the school and to each lesson on time.
	>	Aiming for 100% attendance
	>	Displaying good behaviour at all times, setting an example in my attitude, learning and
		achievements.
	>	Being organised and bringing the correct books and equipment every day.
		Wearing the full and correct uniform with pride.
	>	Being independent, engaging with tasks and completing my work on time and to the best of my ability.
	<b>&gt;</b>	Showing respect for the whole school environment by keeping areas clean and tidy and moving around the building in a safe and sensible manner.
	>	Promoting a safe environment by ensuring I do not bring prohibited items to school and by immediately reporting any prohibited items that I am aware of.
	<b>\(\rightarrow\)</b>	Using 'STAR' – sitting up straight, tracking the speaker and listening with respect.
		Using 'STEPS' – to show respect and kindness.
	>	Adhering to the BMA way and constantly seeking opportunities to show my "Brook Best".
	>	Striving to demonstrate and develop the BMA core values.
	$\lambda$	Acting as an ambassador for Brook Mead Academy both in and out of academy.
Parents	Parent	s/Carers are expected to:
/Carers	~	Work in partnership with academy staff to ensure good behaviour.
	~	Inform staff of any concerns.
	>	Respond to concerns raised by members of staff.
	>	Ensure scholars come to school correctly equipped and prepared to work.
		Ensure all home learning tasks are completed.
Brook	Brook	Mead Academy staff are expected to:
Mead	~	Greet scholars at the classroom door.
Academy	>	Create a swift and purposeful start to the lesson.
	>	Reinforce clear expectations of behaviour.
	~	Deliver a suitably planned and structured lesson, which is responsive to needs and in line with
		curriculum and the pedagogical expectations of Brook Mead Academy.
		Apply the "Brook Best" expectation and follow the behaviour policy as needed.
	>	Promote and reinforce positive behaviour in the classroom.
	$\lambda$	Reward scholars in accordance with the rewards section of this policy.

### 2.2 Scholar Support

Any scholar who struggles to meet school expectations is supported to do so in many ways:

- A comprehensive induction programme that teaches our scholars about the behaviours that we wish to observe and the importance of living their "Brook Best" both within and outside of the school. Please see below\*.
- Reminders about expectations through displays, assemblies and tutor time.
- Considered seating plans for lessons.
- > Support for learning and responsive teaching.
- Verbal reminders in lessons and corridors.
- > Report cards and individual plans where necessary for monitoring and support purposes.
- > Opportunities for reflection and restorative action to enable scholars to amend their behaviour.
- Partnership working with parents, carers and other agencies as required.

\*Year 7 induction: At the start of year seven, all scholars participate in a comprehensive induction programme which teaches them our expectations, routines, and procedures. Routines for every part of the school day are taught and rehearsed to ensure that all scholars are clear about our expectations and understand the "why" behind each rule and routine.

### Please see Appendix 2

### 2.3 Staff Training

All staff have training on our school wide routines. These routines are modelled and rehearsed frequently to ensure that every member of staff, regardless of role, is consistent in their practice.

- All staff receive an appropriate level of training to develop their skills in de-escalation of situations and the use of the rewards and consequences applied in school.
- All have access to on-going advice, support and training as part of their own professional development.
- > Staff are regularly informed of any guidance and updated advice for managing the behaviours of individual scholars and employ relevant behaviour management techniques prior to using the demerit system.
- Positive classroom behaviour is also promoted with the use of seating plans, appropriate grouping and Quality First Teaching principles.
- All staff receive regular professional development and individual support to improve and consolidate their skills in managing behaviour.
- Scholars are advised about the school rules and expectations, so as there is transparency for staff, scholars and parents/carers.
- > Staff wide protocols exist for procedures to respond to poor conduct in the classroom ensuring that disruption to learning is minimised.

### 3. CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR

### 3.1 Behaviour responsibilities

The Principal and Senior Leadership Team are responsible for the implementation and day-to-day management of this policy and procedures.

All staff are responsible for ensuring this policy and procedures are followed, and consistently and fairly applied. Support amongst all staff in the implementation of the policy is essential. Staff play a key role in advising the Principal and Senior Leadership Team on the effectiveness of the policy and procedures. Staff have a responsibility, with the support of the Principal, for creating a high-quality learning environment which fosters a positive ethos and atmosphere for all students within both lessons and the school itself.

Parents and carers are expected to take responsibility for the behaviour of their child/children both inside and outside of the school. Parents and carers are to work in partnership with the school in maintaining high standards and expectations of behaviour in line with this policy.

Parents and carers will have the opportunity to raise any issues arising from the policy with the school at any point deemed necessary.

Scholars are expected to take responsibility for their own behaviour and will be made fully aware of the school policy, procedures and expectations at regular points over the course of the academic year. Scholars are expected to report any instances of misbehaviour, disruption, violence or bullying as soon as this is witnessed so that it can be dealt with in line with the policy.

The procedures arising from the policy will be developed by the Principal in consultation with the staff. The procedures will make clear to the scholars how acceptable standards of behaviour can be achieved and will have a clear rationale which is made explicit to all staff, scholars and parents. The procedures will be consistently and fairly applied and promote the idea of personal responsibility and that every member of the school has a responsibility towards the whole community.

The school will investigate, as appropriate, reported incidents of student misbehaviour. All incidents will be logged on Bromcom and kept on the scholar's individual record.

If an incident occurs in the classroom, the initial responsibility lies with the subject teacher to deal with the incident using the sanctions outlined in this policy. If the misbehaviour is more serious or is repeated, then the subject teacher will inform 'on call' who will attend and support. This incident may then be dealt with by the Pastoral Team and/or the Senior Leadership Team depending upon the severity of the incident.

Form tutors	<ul> <li>Check ID badge everyday</li> <li>Check uniform and equipment everyday</li> <li>Be the first point of contact for parents in terms of behaviour</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Consistently apply and adhere to the academy behaviour policy and systems</li> </ul>
	Monitor and address behaviour concerns as appropriate
	Promote positive behaviour through the rewards system
	Check reports, demerits and merits and have necessary conversations
All staff	Be visible during changeover and promote positive corridor conduct
	Meet and greet scholars at the door
	Check uniform and equipment everyday
	Consistently apply and adhere to the school's behaviour policy and systems
	Establish and maintain good relationships with students; exercise appropriate authority and act decisively when necessary
	Ensure seating plans promote positive behaviour
	Promote positive behaviour through the rewards system
	> Regular contact (positive and negative) with parents to create a positive partnership with the
	school
	Carry out restorative conversations when necessary to improve relationships
	Check reports, individual demerits and merits and have necessary conversations
Curriculum	> Be visible during changeover and promote positive corridor conduct
Leaders	Meet and greet students in your faculty area
	Support the faculty to deal with any behavioural issues by using the 'in-faculty response' process
	Monitor behaviour incidents that take place within the faculty and follow up as appropriate
	Communicate specific behaviour concerns to Pastoral Team and other key staff to develop coordinated support strategies
	Communicate behaviour concerns and staff training needs via SLT link
	Harness parental support by contacting parents when issues arise
	Promote positive behaviour through the rewards system
	Facilitate restorative conversations to help improve behaviour
Pastoral Team	> Set high standards and expectations for the school
	> Implement behaviour support strategies for individual students and develop proactive
	strategies that promote positive behaviour across the school.
	> Facilitate restorative conversations

Organise and chair meetings with parents Monitor incidents of all natures including bullying, racist and homophobic incidents to allow them to be dealt with swiftly and appropriately > Counsel, support and mentor vulnerable students > Investigate behaviour incidents Set targets with students to support their Behaviour for Learning Communicate with home following behaviour incidents Support staff with behaviour incidents through on call system and lesson change overs. When required, carry out reintegration meetings following a suspension Initiate and monitor reports > Be visible in and around school, particularly during lesson change over, break times and lunchtimes. Support staff in ensuring positive behaviour is consistent Support staff with serious incidents through the on call system. Ensure staff are provided with continuing professional development to support positive behaviour Monitor incidents and identify patterns and implement necessary actions Support detention system, internal exclusion, and reflection provisions Academy Visit the school and lessons to see the quality of Teaching and Learning and behaviours of the Councillors students within the Academy. Attend the Academy Council meeting to further develop the Academy Monitor rewards and behaviour trends and ask necessary questions Attend meetings for students who are issued final warnings/permanent exclusion due to their behaviour Attend Academy Council Panel meetings to ensure high levels of positive behaviour is maintained at the Academy.

### 3.2 Behaviour For Learning (BFL)

Through their induction, scholars are taught about our expectations, routines and rules and the reasons behind each one. Therefore, classrooms are calm, purposeful, and orderly. To ensure learning is prioritised, teachers insist that no one talks over another in the classroom, and silent work is a feature of every lesson. See Appendix 3. All teachers expect scholars to 'STAR' (Sit up straight, track the teacher, answer in full sentences and respect the speaker) in lessons, and when this does not occur, they swiftly use a range of pre-emptive strategies such as:

- > Silent non-verbal: for example; hand signal, eye contact, facial expression, shake of the head or sharp pause.
- Unnamed: 'We're STAR-ing. Just waiting for everyone to focus; one person still not in the STAR zone'.
- Named: 'Alex, we listen so we can learn. Thank you.'

### Please see Appendix 4.

### 3.3 Polite greetings and manners

At Brook Mead Academy, we always smile and greet people with eye contact. We are polite and courteous at all times and use the STEPS rubric whenever we can. When a teacher says hello, good morning or good afternoon to us in the corridor we reply with an upbeat, "Hello Miss!" or "Morning Sir!" and we look at them in the eyes and smile. We are professional.

Brook Mead Academy scholars and teachers show an "attitude of gratitude" every day and in every interaction they have. We say Thank you, Excuse me, Please and Pardon very naturally. This is part of everyday life at Brook Mead Academy and will empower good habits for later life.

At Brook Mead Academy our scholars know that manners cost nothing. We never push past or interrupt people. If we want to get past, we say "Excuse me." very politely. Similarly, if we want to talk to somebody, a teacher for example, we say, "Excuse me. Do you have a minute please? Could you help me with something please?" We don't take others for granted. We are polite.

We are especially polite and respectful in corridors, on the stairs and when queuing. We do what we have to do very smoothly and efficiently. We are polite to our peers, to all members of staff and visitors to the school, this includes the site staff, canteen and cleaning staff, there are no exceptions.

At Brook Mead Academy, we hold doors open for one another, we let people pass in front of us, we check who is behind us and don't barge past one another. We queue for lunch politely and efficient. We line in single file to enter classes, we greet each other and we thank the teacher for the lesson at the end. These are all signs of mutual respect. Brook Mead Academy is built upon teachers and scholars treating each other with respect. We are one team working together to achieve the same goal.

This is all summed up in the STEPS rubric which is taught to scholars during their induction:

- S: Sir/Miss
- T: Thank you
- E: Excuse me
- P: Please
- S: Smile

See Appendix 5

### 4. SANCTIONS

### 4.1 Classroom Behaviour

At Brook Mead Academy, all staff follow a three-step tiered approach within the classroom (see below and appendix). Demerits are there to remind scholars that they have made a poor choice by failing to meet the "BMA way" expectations or behaving in an unacceptable manner.

Our expectations are very clear and are underpinned by our belief that it is our teachers "right to teach" and our scholars "right to learn".

- Demerit 1 First verbal warning
- ➤ Demerit 2 Final verbal warning, possibly coupled with a teacher management technique such as moving seats or giving the scholar a 5 minute "reflection" outside of the class.
- ➤ Demerit 3 The scholar is removed from the classroom via on-call and issued with a same-day detention lasting until 4:10pm (2:40pm on Friday).

All behaviour incidents will be logged on the scholars record via Bromcom. Any scholar who accrues a significant number of demerits in comparison to their year group and peers, maybe prevented from taking part in extra-curricular activities, trips and/or events. If a scholar receives three Demerit 2's in one week, they will also receive a detention.

### Please see Appendix 6

### 4.2 Reports

Scholars whose behaviour is showing cause for concern may be placed onto a behaviour report. A report will enable scholars to focus on expectations and routines with the support of staff and parents/carers. Brook Mead Academy operate a tiered approach in relation to report implementation, with each level representing an increased level of support and monitoring.

### 4.3 Detentions

The law states that teachers have the power to issue detentions to students.

At Brook Mead Academy, detentions are issued as described in the section above and are **held on the same day**. Parents/Carers are informed of the detention via a text message when the detention is issued. It is our expectation that parents/carers support the detention system. This means that the detention must take precedence over any other

commitments the scholar may have. Should a scholar have an unavoidable appointment (e.g. hospital appointment) at the time of the detention, parents/carers are asked to provide written confirmation of it if they would like the school to consider a deferral. If the scholar misses the detention without good reason, the sanction will escalate to a D4 which means that the scholar will lose their break, lunch and complete their missed afterschool detention the following day.

### 4.4 Pastoral Support Programme (PSP)

In some cases, a Pastoral Support Programme might be initiated by the school. This is led by the relevant Head of Year or in some cases, the Lead Behaviour and Safeguarding Officer.

The purpose of the PSP is to consider what action needs to take place in order to support the scholar to modify their behaviour. Actions might include referrals to specialist services, screening tests or mentoring.

### 4.5 Internal Exclusion

Internal exclusion will result if there is a persistent or serious failure to meet school wide expectations. Internal exclusion serves as an alternative to a suspension and is a base to intensive and targeted support.

Scholars will be expected to attend school from 9:30 - 4.10pm (2:40pm on a Friday) and complete their timetabled work with staff support. Zero tolerance is applied to behaviour while in the internal exclusion provision.

The duration of stay will be dependent on the nature of the behaviour. Behaviour may be related to:

- Serious misconduct.
- > Extreme defiance and/or refusal to follow instructions.
- > Serious corridor misconduct (e.g. pushing, tripping, shouting, kicking).
- > Bullying or other forms of child on child abuse.
- Discriminatory behaviour to others.
- > Serious incident, or damaging the school's reputation.
- > Disrespectful behaviour towards a member of staff
- > Absconding from an after-school detention.
- Multiple removals from lessons (D3)

While in internal exclusion, scholars are expected to engage in restorative activities which may include:

- Restorative and mediative conversations with staff or other scholars
- Letters of apology
- ➤ Reflection/making amends worksheets
- Targeted, issue-based support, intervention, or workshops.

Any scholar in internal exclusion will receive a break snack, a baguette for lunch, and a dessert.

### 4.6 Suspensions (formally Fixed Term Exclusions)

Suspensions are kept to a minimum and given in response to serious breaches of the school's behaviour policy. If in the rare case a scholar is issued with a 15 day suspension, they will be required to attend an Academy Councillors' disciplinary meeting with their parents/carers.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child is not present in a public place in school hours during the first five days of any fixed period, or permanent exclusion from school. Parents/Carers could receive a fixed penalty notice if their child is found in a public place without justification. It can be expected that the school will provide appropriate work to be completed at home.

From the sixth day of any period of suspension, it is the duty of the school to provide a full-time education for the scholar. Alternative arrangements will normally be made for scholars, such as attending a neighbouring school, or a setting provided by the Secondary Behaviour Support Service.

On return from a suspension, the parents/carers and scholar will meet with the relevant year team and the scholar will attend a reflection session on that same day as part of their reintegration.

### 4.7 Permanent Exclusions

Brook Mead Academy adheres to the Zero Permanent Exclusion protocols agreed by all the secondary schools in the LA. However, it is recognised that there are occasions when it may be necessary to permanently exclude, if allowing the scholar to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of others in the academy or where there are serious and/or repeated breaches of the academy's behaviour policy. Only the Principal can exclude a scholar. The decision to exclude will only be taken where basic facts have been clearly established on the balance of probabilities.

Permanent exclusions will only take place when all other options have been exhausted. These shall include:

- In the case of a student with an Education, Health, Care Plan or Statement of SEND, an emergency annual review
- ➤ Input from the LA Behaviour Support Services
- > Consideration given to managed move arrangements
- Consideration given to an off-site arrangement
- > If a child is LAC support from Virtual School Team and Social Care

There will, however, be exceptional circumstances where, in the Principal's judgment, it is appropriate to permanently exclude a scholar for a first or 'one off' offence. These might include:

- > Serious actual or threatened violence against another scholar or member of staff.
- Sexual violence, sexual harassment, use of indecent and highly inappropriate language, imagery, or material (including electronic), sexting and/or assault against another scholar or member of staff.
- > Supplying an illegal drug or incidents relating to illegal drugs.
- Possession of an offensive weapon or object which could cause harm.

### 4.8 Incidents occurring outside of Brook Mead Academy

The school may discipline a scholar for any misbehaviour occurring outside of the school, when:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity
- > Travelling to or from school
- Wearing our school uniform
- In some other way identifiable as a scholar at Brook Mead Academy

### 5. OTHER ASPECTS OF BEHAVIOUR

### 5.1 Bullying

- At Brook Mead Academy, we recognise that bullying can be physical, verbal, online or emotional in nature. We will not tolerate any form of bullying towards any member of our academy community. Bullying (defined as 'Several Times on Purpose') is treated as a serious incident and dealt with according to the procedures in this policy. In all cases, where bullying is suspected or reported, a full investigation will be initiated with any delivered sanction reflecting the individual circumstances of the case. In some cases, bullying can lead to suspension.
- We endeavour to create a happy and safe learning environment for all and remind our scholars that Brook Mead Academy promotes a culture of communication and disclosure.
- There is an expectation that parents/carers inform school staff should they suspect, or know, their child is being bullied.

### 5.2 Discriminatory incidents

All incidents of a discriminatory nature will be treated in line with our behaviour and/or potentially, our antibullying protocols and logged on a scholars file. Parents/carers will be notified, and an appropriate sanction will be administered.

### 5.3 Mobile phones/devices

- > The use of mobile phones/devices is not permitted and will lead to the device being confiscated. Mobile phones/devices that are seen by staff, in use or not, will be confiscated. A D3 detention will also be issued. If a scholar needs to call home, they can do so from the main school office.
- Mobile devices/headphones must be switched off or on silent and stored in bags. Scholars must not use a mobile device or headphones anywhere in school during the school day.

Use of mobile devices includes, but is not limited to:

- Answering/making telephone calls, texting or using messaging services during the school day
- Using mobile devices to threaten or bully
- Taking pictures/videos/recordings of another person without permission.
- Recording or watching inappropriate video footage
- Playing music
- Uploading content to social networking sites.

Certain types of mobile device usage, whether inside or outside of school, can be classified as criminal conduct. The school takes such conduct extremely seriously and will involve the police or other agencies as appropriate. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Sexting
- > Threats of harmful sexual behaviour, violence or assault and abusive calls, emails, social media posts
- Messages directed at someone on the basis of someone's ethnicity, religious beliefs or sexual orientation.

Mobile devices in school are the scholars' responsibility. The academy accepts no responsibility for mobile phones that are lost, damaged or stolen on academy premises or transport, during school visits or trips, or while scholars are travelling to and from school.

Confiscated phones can be collected from reception at the end of the same day. On the third instance of the phone being confiscated in the same academic year, the phone will only be returned to the parent/carer.

### 5.4 Child-on-child abuse

### Sexual violence and sexual harassment are never acceptable and will not be tolerated at Brook Mead Academy.

As a school we advocate strenuously for high standards of conduct between scholars and staff and reinforce the importance of manners, courtesy and respect at every opportunity. We believe that responding assertively to sexually inappropriate behaviour is an important intervention that helps prevent abusive and/or violent behaviour in the future.

Where relevant, scholars who fall short of these behaviour expectations will be sanctioned by the school on a case-by-case basis. In some cases, it might be necessary to refer the incident(s) to the police and/or children's social care. In such cases, the school may still sanction the scholar - even when other agency investigations are ongoing.

Please see our Child Protection policy for more information about our response to child-on-child abuse.

### 5.5 Suspected criminal behaviour

In cases when a member of staff or the principal suspects criminal behaviour, the school will make an initial assessment of whether an incident should be reported to the police. These initial investigations will be fully documented and will be in consultation with the Designated Safeguarding Lead or a Deputy. Once a decision is made to report the incident to police, we will ensure that any further action we take does not interfere with any police action taken. However, the school does retain the discretion to continue investigations and enforce our own sanctions so long as it does not conflict with police action.

### 5.6 Damage/Loss to property

A charge will be levied in respect of wilful damage, neglect or loss of school property (including but not limited to premises, furniture, equipment, books or materials), the charge to be the cost of replacement or repair, or such lower cost as the Principal may decide.

Discretion: No behaviour policy can cover all eventualities. The Principal reserves the right to use discretion to help Brook Mead Academy scholars make better choices and learn the right lessons.

### 6. REWARDS

At Brook Mead Academy, we believe that fundamentally, all scholars want to do their best and contribute to an orderly, calm and pleasant environment. Therefore, rewards feature prominently in school life in order to recognise the contribution that scholars are making to Building Better Futures Together.

At Brook Mead Academy, we want our scholars to broaden their interests, their knowledge of the world and to develop personal qualities so that they become well rounded young people poised to make a positive contribution to the world. As such, we reward them when they follow 'The Brook Best Pledge' which is distilled into:

- **7.1 Being Kind: we aim to develop respectful, tolerant scholars who are kind to everyone.** Behaviours which demonstrates this principle include:
  - Assisting new scholars
  - Supporting an upset friend
  - Outstanding conduct in the community
  - Reporting an incident for the benefit of others
  - > Exceptional politeness to staff
  - Offering to help staff (unprompted)
- 7.2 Working Hard: we promote learning for its own sake and the power it gives us to shape our destiny for the betterment of ourselves and the world. Behaviours which demonstrate this principle include:
  - Exceeding expectations for class work
  - Excellent contribution to class discussion
  - > Excellent engagement
  - Going above and beyond
  - > Trying their best
  - Challenging themselves
  - Classroom leadership
  - Resilience
  - High quality homework
  - Being proactive/well-organised
  - Independent unprompted work.
- **7.3 Building Better Futures Together:** we want scholars to develop more than just academic excellence whilst they are at Brook Mead Academy. We want them to use their leadership skills, sporting talent, musical or dramatic ability, raise money for charity and challenge themselves on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. All of these develop a whole range of skills, which will help both to find rewarding jobs and to thrive more generally in later life. Behaviours which demonstrate this principle include:
  - Supporting a charity
  - Leading a campaign
  - Improving the environment
  - Careers related research and work experience.
  - Active participation in and leading extra curriculum activities.

### 7.4 Examples of rewards:

Recognition and prizes in termly assemblies.

- > Issue of a Golden Ticket for exceptional behaviour in line with our Brook Best Pledge.
- Recognition and prizes throughout the year.
- ➤ Well done post cards/texts/MCAS alerts sent home
- > Utilising social media where appropriate
- > Information on the Brook Mead Bulletin
- ➤ AHOY/HOY/SLT specific praise
- Principal Awards

Please refer to the Brook Mead Academy Rewards Policy for more information.

### 7. RESTRICTIVE PHYSICAL INTERVENTION POLICY

In line with Department for Education and Leicester City Council Health and Safety guidance, members of staff have the power to use reasonable force to prevent students committing an offence, injuring themselves or others, or damaging property, and to maintain good order and discipline in the academy. The Principal and authorised staff may also use such force as is reasonable given the circumstances when conducting a search without consent for prohibited items such as 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.

For further details, please see Appendix 7: TMET Restrictive Physical Intervention Policy at the end of this policy.

### APPENDIX 1 – Additional pastoral arrangements at Brook Mead Academy

- > Tutor Groups: Scholars are predominantly placed in mixed ability forms on entry into the school and remain in those groups with, where possible, the same form tutor for the five years they are at Brook Mead, unless an issue arises where it is necessary to change groups.
- Assistant Head of Years and Behaviour Learning Mentors: Assistant Heads of Year are non-teaching staff who work in partnership with form tutors and other school staff, in order to build a strong cohesive and supportive relationship. They assist in breaking down some of the potential barriers experienced by scholars and ensure that scholar's achievement and progress are the primary foci.
- Counselling: The school works with Relate Counselling to offer scholars mental health support when they need it. Referrals to our counsellor are made through your child's Assistant Head of Year.
- > School Nurse Team: The school nurse team are available to deal with concerns and can be contacted through the Pastoral Team. Scholars are advised about support services available through the information provided in assemblies, and information in their tutor rooms

### APPENDIX 2 – The BMA Way

"The BMA way" outlines the behaviour that we routinely expect from scholars while at school. These routines are explicitly taught to students during induction, tutor times and assemblies to ensure a calm and orderly climate for learning.

### **Brook Mead Expectations**

Time	Activity	Expectation	Reason why
08.15 - 08.30	Arriving at school	Arrive on the school site wearing full correct uniform and with lanyard and ID card displayed.	To look smart and represent the academy well.
		There should be no playing inside the building. Those who wish to run around should be in the playground.	To ensure the academy is a calm environment.
	Start of day End of break End of lunch	When the whistle goes, signalling hand up, scholars are to raise their hand, stand still, and wait in silence to be instructed to make their way to line up.	To ensure we are ready for learning and start our day in a calm and orderly fashion.
		Scholars should be in register order and waiting silently to be dismissed. Facing the front, single file.	
		When dismissed scholars should walk in single file facing the front, sensibly, quietly and quickly.	
		Arrive at your tutor room and line up along the wall outside until your tutor tells you to enter.	To avoid corridors being crowded and reduce the risk of accidents.
08.30 - 08.50	Tutor Time	Enter your tutor room in silence and stand behind your chair in silence.	To show respect and ensure you are ready for the day.
		When instructed to do so, sit in your place and take out equipment, and reading book for checking. Pupils should read silently unless there is another activity in progress.	To enable you to learn. So that there is an accurate register of who is on site. To allow a safe and orderly exit from the room.
		Answer your name politely when the register is taken, saying 'good morning'.	
		At the end stand behind your chair, with your blazer on until dismissed by your tutor.	

08.30 - 08.50	Assembly	Line up at your assembly point in silence and wait to be collected by your tutor.	So that it does not cause disruption in the hall.
		Remove your coat before entering the hall.	So that your tutor group can all sit together and your tutor can accurately take the register.
		Enter in silence, sit according to the seating plan and leave no empty chairs.	To show respect and take away the important messages from the
		Remain in silence throughout, listen carefully.	assembly.
		When dismissed leave to your lesson in a calm way.	To ensure a quiet and safe exit from the assembly.
	Lesson change overs	Move quickly and quietly between lessons.	To ensure lesson begin promptly and learning time is not lost.
		Keep to the left at all times.	To keep everyone safe and avoid corridors being congested.
		Respect school property in all areas of the school.	To keep the environment pleasant for all.
		Line up sensibly against the wall outside your classroom until you are greeted by your teacher and told to enter.	To avoid corridors being crowded and reduce the risk of accidents.
	At the start of lessons	Arrive punctually.	To ensure lessons begin promptly and learning time is not lost.
		You should enter the teaching room silently and in an orderly manner, stand silently behind your desk.	To ensure a positive learning atmosphere.
		Take out the right equipment and books for the lesson.	To ensure you are organised for the lesson.
		Your bag should be placed on the floor under or beside your desk or chair.	To keep the classroom safe.

	During lessons	Answer your name politely when the register is taken, saying 'good morning' or 'good afternoon'.	So that there is an accurate register of who is in school.
		Work hard throughout the lesson, following all instructions and only conversing as directed by the teacher.	To learn as much as possible. To allow final instructions from the teacher to be heard.
		'STAR' at all times.	Sit up straight, track the teacher, answer in full sentences and respect the speaker.
		At the end of the lesson, pack away in silence and stand silently behind your chair	To ensure an orderly end to the lesson.
		Put blazer on and exit the room silently and calmly when dismissed by your teacher.	
10.30 - 10.50	Break time	Food purchased in the restaurant should be eaten in the restaurant. Other snacks may be eaten outside. All litter must be put in the bin.	To keep the environment tidy.
		Be kind and courteous to all staff and pupils.	To create a positive friendly school community.
		Remain outside unless it is wet break.	So that corridors are clear and everybody gets fresh air.
		When the whistle goes, signalling hand up, scholars are to raise their hand, stand still, and wait in silence to be instructed to make their way to line up.	To ensure we are ready for learning and start our day in a calm and orderl fashion.
		Scholars should be in register order and waiting silently to be dismissed. Facing the front, single file.	
		When dismissed scholars should walk in single file facing the front, sensibly, quietly and quickly.	
		Make your way to your next lesson with your coat off and your blazer on.	To avoid accidents and to be on time
		Arrive at your classroom and line up along the wall outside. Your teacher will greet you and tell you when to enter.	and ready to learn.
12.30 - 13.20	Lunch	All food eaten in Hall only.	To keep the environment tidy
		Behave in a mannerly way whilst waiting and whilst eating.	To create a positive friendly school community.

		Clear and return all trays when finished.  When the whistle goes, signalling hand up, scholars are to raise their hand, stand still, and wait in silence to be instructed to make their way to line up.  Scholars should be in register order and waiting silently to be dismissed. Facing the front, single file.  When dismissed scholars should walk in single file facing the front, sensibly, quietly and quickly.	
15.40	End of the school day	Exit the school site promptly unless staying for an organised after school activity with staff.  Leave via the main exit and follow road safety procedures at all times.	To allow cleaning staff to begin their work immediately.  To stay safe and avoid accidents.

# **Behaviour for Learning**



We wear our BMA uniform with pride; tie on, shirt tucked in.



We make sure we have the correct equipment for learning every day.



We do not use mobile phones in school, we keep them in our bags all day.



We wear our lanyards at all times.
We show we belong by having our lanyard
on!



We are polite and speak to each other with respect, at all times. We do not swear or use inappropriate language.



We are always on time to lessons.

When arriving to lessons: we line up, in single file, quietly outside of our classroom and wait for our teacher.

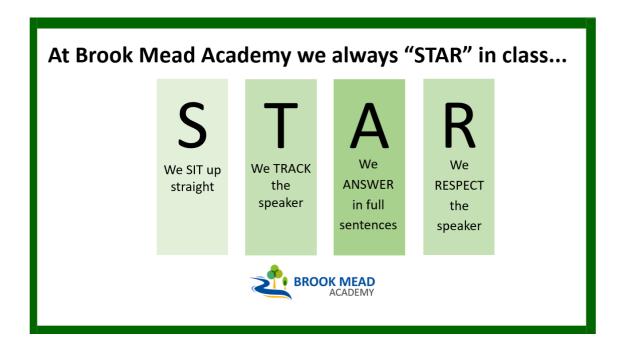


We follow staff instructions first time, every time.

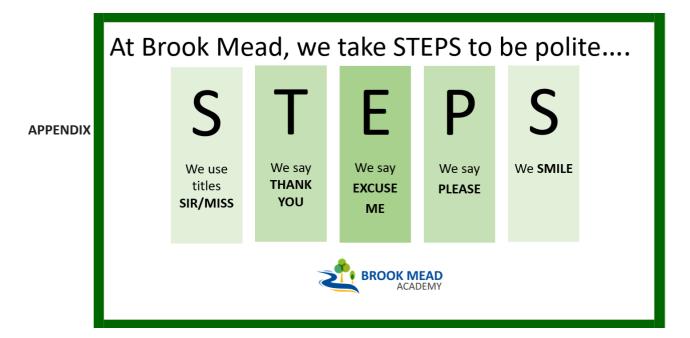


We focus 100% on learning.

100%



### **APPENDIX 5 - STEPS**



## **CLASSROOM CONDUCT**

# **D1** Reminder

A reminder of the BMA way

# **D2** Warning

Your final warning

# **D3** Removal

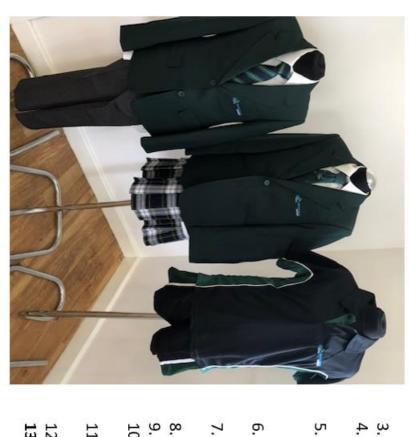
Removed and after school detention





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# UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS



- Everyone will wear the Brook Mead Academy blazer with a white shirt and school tie. Either grey trousers or checked skirt supplied by Uniform Direct only must be worn **AT ALL TIMES**. The original shape of the trousers must not be altered (15cm leg width).
- Plain white shirts buttoned to the neck and either long or short sleeved only. Shirts MUST be tucked in.
- Skirts must be worn to the correct length (below the knee)
- Ties will be tied correctly, tie length must meet the waistband of the skirt or trousers.
- A plain jacket, overcoat or shawl may be worn over the top of the blazer. No hoodies, denim or sports logo tops are permitted at any time. No jackets, overcoats or shawls inside the classroom.
- Jewellery must be discreet, only nose and ear piercings are permitted, they should be small with <u>only stud earrings</u>.
   Headscarves, turbans and other religious headwear must only be plain
- grey, black or racing green in colour.

  False nails, acrylic nails and gel nails are not permitted in school.
- No excessive make up is permitted.
- Black, grey or flesh coloured tights or leggings to the ankle may be worn under the skirt.
- 11. Footwear will be flat, plain, back and clean with <u>no logos or patterns</u>. Heels must not be higher than 3cm.
- 12. Students must have their ID badges and lanyards with them at all times.
- 13. At break and lunchtimes only blazers maybe removed in warm weather. After playing outside, ties should be put back on and shirts tucked in.



### **Restrictive Physical Intervention Policy**

(addendum to School Behaviour Policy)

### **Policy Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

This policy is effective for all academies within The Mead Educational Trust, the Teaching School, the SCITT and all other activities under the control of the Trust and reporting to the Trust Board.

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### Introduction

Guidance concerning the use of reasonable force to restrain scholars can be found in section 550(A) of the Education Act 1996, as inserted by section 4 of the Education Act 1997. This provision was extended to include all schools by section 131 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Use of Reasonable Force (July 2013) DfE Guidance document for headteachers, staff and governing bodies.

### Other Policies

Other policies to be read in conjunction with this policy:

- Behaviour for Learning
- Health & Safety
- Looked after Children
- Safeguarding (Child Protection)
- Special Educational Needs

### Rationale

- 3.1 The Education Act 1996 forbids corporal punishment, but allows all teachers to use reasonable force to prevent a scholar from:
  - committing a criminal offence
  - injuring themselves or others
  - damaging property
  - acting in a way that is counter to maintaining good order and discipline at the school
- 3.2 This power may be used where the student (including students from other schools) is on MAT premises or elsewhere in the lawful control or in the charge of a staff member.
- 3.3 There is no legal definition of when it is reasonable to use force. That will always depend on the precise circumstances of individual cases. To be judged lawful, the force used would need to be in proportion to the consequences it is intended to prevent. The degree of force used should always be the minimum needed to achieve the desired result.
- 3.4 The Act does not cover more extreme situations, such as action in self-defence or in an emergency, when it might be reasonable for someone to use a degree of force.

### What is reasonable force?

4.1 The term 'reasonable force' covers the broad range of actions used by most teachers at some point in their career that involve a degree of physical contact with scholars.

- 4.2 Force is usually used either to control or restrain. This can range from guiding a scholar to safety by the arm through to more extreme circumstances such as breaking up a fight or where a student needs to be restrained to prevent violence or injury.
- 4.3 'Reasonable in the circumstances' means using no more force than is needed.
- 4.4 As mentioned above, schools generally use force to control scholars and to restrain them. Control means either passive physical contact, such as standing between scholars or blocking a scholar's path, or active physical contact such as leading a scholar by the arm out of a classroom.
- 4.5 Restraint means to hold back physically or to bring a scholar under control. It is typically used in more extreme circumstances, for example when two scholars are fighting and refuse to separate without physical intervention.
- 4.6 School staff should always try to avoid acting in a way that might cause injury, but in extreme cases it may not always be possible to avoid injuring the scholar.

### Minimising the need to use reasonable force

- 5.1 Staff should always try to deal with the situation using other agreed strategies to calm a situation before considering using force.
- 5.2 Although the MAT recognises that preventative measures will not always work, there are numerous steps that will be taken in order to help reduce the likelihood of situations arising where the power to use force may need to be exercised. We endeavour to:
  - Create a calm, orderly and supportive MAT environment that minimises the risk of violence of any kind
  - Develop effective relationships between students and staff that are central to good order
  - Adopt a whole-school approach to developing social and emotional skills
  - Take a structured approach to staff development that helps staff to develop the skills of positive behaviour management; managing conflict and also support each other during and after an incident
  - Recognise that challenging behaviours are often foreseeable
  - Effectively manage individual incidents while understanding the importance of communicating calmly with the student, using non- threatening verbal body language and ensuring that the student can see a way out of a situation. For example, students should always be given an option of going to a quiet space with the staff member away from bystanders and other students, so that the staff member can listen to concerns; or being joined by a particular member of staff well known to the scholar
  - Wherever practical, warning a student that force may have to be used before using force.

### Staff authorised to use reasonable force

The staff to which this power applies are defined in Section 93 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. These are:

- All members of school staff have a legal power to use reasonable force.
- This power applies to any member of staff at the school. It can also apply to people whom the headteacher has temporarily put in charge of scholars such as unpaid volunteers or parents accompanying students on a school organised visit.

### When can reasonable force be used?

- 7.1 Reasonable force can be used to prevent scholars from hurting themselves or others, from damaging property, or from causing disorder.
- 7.2 In a school, force is used for two main purposes to control scholars or to restrain them.
- 7.3 The decision on whether or not to physically intervene is down to the professional judgement of the staff member concerned and should always depend on the individual circumstances.
- 7.4 The following list is not exhaustive but provides some examples of situations where reasonable force can and cannot be used.
- 7.5 Schools can use reasonable force to:
  - remove disruptive children from the classroom where they have refused to follow an instruction to do so;
  - prevent a scholar behaving in a way that disrupts a school event or a school trip or visit;
  - prevent a scholar leaving the classroom where allowing the scholar to leave would risk their safety or lead to behaviour that disrupts the behaviour of others;
  - prevent a scholar from attacking a member of staff or another scholar, or to stop a fight in the playground; and
  - restrain a scholar at risk of harming themselves through physical outbursts.

### 7.6 Schools cannot:

- use force as a punishment it is always unlawful to use force as a punishment.
- 7.7 In these examples use of force would be reasonable (and therefore lawful) if it was clear that the behaviour was sufficiently dangerous or disruptive to warrant physical intervention of the degree applied and could not be realistically dealt with by any other means.

### Deciding whether to use reasonable force

- 8.1 Staff should only use force when the risk of not using force significantly outweighs those of using force. Then the judgement whether to use force and what force to use should always depend on the circumstances of each case. Students with SEN and/or disabilities should be handled according to information about the individual student concerned (see section on 'Staff Training')
- 8.2 Decisions on whether the precise circumstances of an incident justify the use of significant force must be reasonable. Typically, such decisions have to be made quickly, with little time for reflection. Nevertheless, staff need to make the clearest possible judgements about:
  - The seriousness of the incident, assessed by the effect of the injury, damage or disorder which is likely to result if force is not used.
  - The greater the potential for injury, damage or serious disorder, the more likely it is that using force may be justified
  - The chances of achieving the desired result by other means. The lower the probability
    of achieving the desired result by other means the more likely it is that using force can
    be justified.
  - The relative risks associated with the physical intervention compared to the risks of
    using other strategies. The smaller the risks associated with physical intervention
    compared with other strategies, the more likely it is that using force can be justified

### Using reasonable force

- 9.1 Staff, as far as possible, should not use force unless or until another responsible adult is present to support, observe and call for assistance. Then staff should always only use the minimum amount of force to achieve the desired effect.
- 9.2 Before using reasonable force, staff should, wherever practical tell the scholar to stop misbehaving and communicate in a calm measured manner throughout the incident. Staff should not give the impression of acting out of anger or frustration, or to punish a scholar, and should make it clear that physical contact or restraint will stop as soon as it ceases to be necessary.
- 9.3 Types of reasonable force used could include:
  - Passive physical contact resulting from standing between students or staff and students
  - Active physical contact such as leading a scholar by the arm or hand or ushering a scholar away by placing a hand in the centre of the back
  - In more extreme circumstances, using appropriate restrictive holds
- 9.4 Where there is a high and immediate risk of death or of serious injury, any member of staff would be justified in taking necessary action (consistent with the principle of seeking to use the minimum force required to achieve the desired result). Such situations could include

- preventing a student running off the pavement onto a busy road or preventing a student hitting someone with a dangerous object such as a glass bottle or hammer.
- 9.5 Staff should always make every effort to avoid acting in a way that might reasonably be expected to cause injury. However, in the most extreme circumstances it may not always be possible to avoid injuring a student.
- 9.6 Staff should always avoid touching or restraining a student in a way that could be interpreted as sexually inappropriate.

### Power to search scholars without consent

- 10.1 In addition to the general power to use reasonable force described above, headteachers and authorised staff can use such force as is reasonable given the circumstances to conduct a search for the following "prohibited items":
  - knives and weapons
  - alcohol
  - illegal drugs
  - stolen items
  - tobacco and cigarette papers
  - fireworks
  - pornographic images
  - any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property.
- 10.2 Force cannot be used to search for items banned under the school rules.

### Staff Training

- 11.1 The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDco) will also make individual risk assessments available to staff where it is known that force is more likely to be necessary to restrain a particular student, such as a student whose SEN and/or disability is associated with extreme behaviour. Appropriate training will be given to the necessary staff working with these students on a regular basis, and College staff will be notified about procedures in place.
- 11.2 Some key members of Inclusion staff and at least one member of SLT within each school and College will be trained and regularly updated in the use of positive handling. Usually the staff are those most likely to find themselves in a situation that may require the use of reasonable force and are therefore trained to do this correctly and in a lawful manner.

### Recording/reporting Incidents

- 12.1 All TMET schools and colleges will keep records of every incident in which force has been used, in accordance to TMET policy and procedures and safeguarding requirements. The purpose of recording is to ensure policy guidelines are followed, to inform parents, to inform TMET improvement processes, to prevent misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the incident and to provide a record for any future enquiry.
- 12.2 Staff that can be called if a situation arises include:
  - Behaviour Intervention Coordinator
  - SENDco
  - Support staff trained and confident to deal with the situation
  - Vice Principal
  - Principal
  - Head of School
  - Headteacher

Staff to be informed If / when restraint takes place:

- Vice Principal
- Principal
- Head of School
- Headteacher
- 12.3 'Use of Reasonable Force to Control or Restrain Scholars' forms should be completed by:
  - All members of staff involved
  - Vice Principal
  - Principal
  - Head of School
  - Headteacher
- 12.4 Parents/carers to be informed on the same day by:
  - Head of Year/Assistant Head of Year
  - Lead Behaviour and Safeguarding Officer
  - Assistant or Vice Principal
  - Principal