



**BILTON
GRANGE**

PREPARATORY
SCHOOL

BG Discipline and Rewards Policy

August 2022

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This policy aims to:

- Provide a consistent approach to behaviour management
- Outline our system of rewards and sanctions
- Emphasise how we seek to promote positive behaviour in the school
- Define what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying and discrimination
- Summarise the roles of different people in the school community with regards to behaviour management

2.0 SCOPE

The school's behaviour policy applies to all pupils when they are on school premises or in the care of the school, or wearing school uniform, or otherwise representing the school.

Through this policy, we seek to...

- Promote British Values
- Improve pupil self-esteem and resilience
- Enhance pupils' moral development
- Improve behaviour and relationships
- Promote equality, diversity and inclusion
- Develop pupils as global citizens
- Promote positive mental health and well being
- Provide pupils with strategies to stay safe in the Bilton Grange community and beyond

Staff, pupils and parents must be seen to work together to ensure good standards of discipline. We must be consistent in our approach and in what is expected of children and parents.

3.0 LEGISLATION AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

This policy is based on advice from the Department of Education (DfE) on:

- [Behaviour and Discipline in Schools \(Jan 2016\)](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation at school](#)
- [The Equality Act](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)
- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)
- [Supporting pupils with medical conditions](#)
- [Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) code of practice](#)

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Schedule 1 of the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014: paragraph 7 outlines a school’s duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, paragraph 9 requires the school to have a written behaviour policy and paragraph 10 requires the school to have an anti-bullying strategy.

4.0 POLICY CONTENT

1.0 SECTION 1: BILTON GRANGE AIMS AND VALUES

- 1.1. A Bilton Grange education is grounded in strong values and high expectations which lead to a rounded character for every pupil. The broad aims of the school can be summed up as follows:
- 1.2. To provide a truly outstanding educational experience for all pupils that fosters excellence, breadth, a love of learning and a sense of fun.
- 1.3. To develop children with strong moral and intellectual character which is informed by spirituality, shaped by practice and celebrated by community.
- 1.4. To be a community which promotes equity, diversity and inclusion in a culture of respect and acknowledgement where each child is valued for what he or she can offer.
- 1.5. To encourage minds that are global in their outlook, resilient, reflective and willing to contribute to the world around them.
- 1.6. To attract, develop and retain exceptional staff who are restless in their commitment to the children and transformational in their teaching.

2.0 SECTION 2: THE BG CODE OF CONDUCT

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Positivity
Commitment

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Remember to say *Please*, *Thank you* and *Sorry* whenever appropriate.

If you can only remember three things, remember these:

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- **Be ready to learn**
- **Treat others as you would like to be treated**

5.0 SECTION 5: BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

5.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The staff at Bilton Grange are responsible for setting the tone and context for positive behaviour within the classroom and around the school.

They will:

- Create and maintain a stimulating environment that encourages pupils to be engaged
- Display the BG Code of Conduct and Golden Rules
- Develop a positive relationship with pupils, which may include:
 - > Greeting pupils in the morning/at the start of lessons
 - > Establishing clear routines
 - > Communicating expectations of behaviour
 - > Highlighting and promoting good behaviour
 - > Concluding the day positively and starting the next day afresh
 - > Having a plan for dealing with low-level disruption - this could include changing the seating plan, support of Hod
 - > Using positive reinforcement.
 - The focus of behaviour management is positive, not confrontational. Shouting to intimidate is never acceptable.
 - Children are treated with respect and allowed both choice and control of their own behaviour.
 - A clear distinction is made between the child and his or her behaviour. There can be bad behaviour but there are no bad children.
 - Adults take responsibility for ensuring that children grow in awareness of the consequences of their behaviour.
 - Staff are consistent about their expectations of pupils' behaviour and share those expectations with parents.
 - Staff support each other.
 - Staff actively draw attention to desirable behaviour. Pupils know that their cooperation is both expected and appreciated.

5.2 REWARDS

Positive behaviour and reinforcement is emphasised at all times

Praise is used to;

- Reinforce the rules as children learn more quickly when given positive feedback
- Draw other children's attention to appropriate behaviour
- Give emphasis to the wanted behaviour, rather than the unwanted
- Encourage self-esteem and an ethos of friendly acceptance

- Encourage children to make choices so that they can recognise that good behaviour is rewarded.

5.3 PRE-PREP CHILDREN

See the attached document regarding rewards and sanctions in Pre-Prep

5.4 REWARDS

Juniors to 6th Form

Verbal and written Praise

Verbal praise should be used where appropriate to reinforce standards of work and behaviour. It may apply to individuals, groups or whole classes. Written praise should be used where appropriate to reinforce expected standards of work.

5.5 TOKENS

To promote cohesion and working together for their section; pupils may be rewarded with a token from a member of staff; this could be for an act of kindness, helpfulness, politeness. The pupil will put their token in their section pot in North Entrance. This promotes a visible display within the community that children can see they are contributing towards. These would be counted every half term and the winning section announced which would be celebrated on a display board in North Entrance.

5.6 STARS OF THE WEEK

(Juniors and Middle School)

Juniors and Middle School Tutors will select a pupil to be their Star of the Week. This is an award given to children who have gone over and above in their Learner Dispositions or in their behaviour around school. Each pupil will receive a certificate, 10 additional tokens for their section and an early lunch pass for them and a friend.

5.7 PUPIL OF THE WEEK

(5th and 6th Form)

Upper School Tutors will select a pupil to be their Star of the Week. This is an award given to children who have gone over and above in their Learner Dispositions or in their behaviour around school. Each pupil will receive a certificate, 10 additional tokens for their section and an early lunch pass for them and a friend.

5.8 GROUP AWARDS

The tutor group with the most amount of Learner Disposition notifications, at the end of each term, will receive a reward such as a special/picnic lunch.

Separate to this, staff will be able to nominate a form, set or group to receive the 'Form / Group of the Week' trophy which will be presented each Monday morning. This recognises the group which has collaborated the most effectively over the course of a week.

5.9 HEADMASTER'S AWARD

Each week, the Headmaster will have an allotted time to see pupils who have completed an exceptional piece of work which is deemed to be especially good within the context of the child's learning profile.

5.10 THE BILTON CUP

The Bilton Cup is awarded, termly, to a pupil who has shown high levels of effort across all areas of school life throughout their time at Bilton Grange.

5.11 THE SECTION CUP

The Section Bilton Cup is also awarded, termly, to the Section with the highest average mark.

5.12 RECORDING

Individuals may be celebrated for good work through the system of logging good copies within ISAMS.

Each week there are opportunities for

Showing exceptional work to the Headmaster
Headmaster stickers

In the Headmaster's weekly assembly, the following are often presented and/or announced:

Certificates for good copies
Certificates for chorister of the week
Certificates for star of the week
Certificates for pupil of the week
Certificates for 'player of the match' or 'sports person of the week'
Certificates to recognise the Bilton Grange dispositions
Trophy for 'Form or Group of the Week'

Staff are also able to identify individuals who clearly show the Bilton Grange Learner Profile dispositions of:

Communication & Collaboration
Enquiry
Versatility
Resilience

Reflection
Global awareness

Staff will award these on iSAMS. Certificates will be awarded individually to pupils when they show 5, 10, 15 of the dispositions.

To reinforce working together, at the end of each term, the tutor group with the most notifications of the dispositions will receive a reward such as a picnic or special lunch.

6th Form Pupils (Year 8) have the opportunity to take on positions of responsibility. Senior staff choose the Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls and in addition there are School and Section Prefects. Pupils may also attain a position of responsibility within their section or as a team captain or as a member of the School or Food Councils or as an Eco-trooper or Charity Committee member. Boarders might also gain positions of responsibility in the Boarding House (see boarding house booklet).

6.0 SECTION 6: SANCTIONS

6.1 SANCTIONS

Schools have a statutory power to discipline pupils for breaches of school rules, failure to follow instructions or other unacceptable conduct.

Misbehaviour is defined as:

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

Serious misbehaviour is defined as:

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

- > alcohol
- > illegal drugs
- > stolen items
- > tobacco and cigarette papers
- > fireworks
- > pornographic images
- > any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil).

6.2 USE OF SANCTIONS

Disciplinary sanctions have three main purposes, namely to:

- Impress upon the child that what he or she has done is unacceptable
- Deter the child from repeating that behaviour
- Signal to other pupils that the behaviour is unacceptable and deter them from copying it.
- Sanctions are more likely to promote positive behaviour if pupils see them as fair.
- All staff in charge of pupils have the power to discipline.

The school may use one or more of the following sanctions in response to unacceptable behaviour:

- A verbal reminder about the expected behaviour
- A verbal reprimand
- Sending the pupil out of class
- Time out
- Expecting the work to be completed at home, or at break or lunchtime
- Referring the pupil to the Head of Phase or senior member of staff
- Letters or phone calls home to parents
- Agreeing a behaviour contract
- Removal of a privilege such as a post of responsibility

At Bilton Grange, persistent inappropriate behaviour will not be ignored. If a child continues to behave inappropriately, despite all the reinforcement of praise and rewards, a hierarchy of sanctions appropriate to the age of the child will be implemented to correct this behaviour. The Heads of Phase, Assistant Head Pastoral and Deputy Headmaster will meet together on a regular basis to review pupil behaviour, identify trends and discuss ways forward.

6.3 TYPES OF SANCTIONS

SANCTIONS – WORK

It is the responsibility of each member of staff to ensure that the work that they set is completed to their satisfaction. If a child fails to do this, they must be given the opportunity to complete the task in their own free time or in a supervised catch-up session and usually within 72 hours. If a child has still not completed the work, the Head of Department and tutor

should be informed and a work detention supervised by the Head of Department should ensue.

SANCTIONS – BEHAVIOUR

Unsatisfactory behaviour will not be tolerated. Staff should establish clear and consistent standards in the classroom and around school. There will be times when staff will need to admonish and punish; it is important to be consistent at this time. In such cases as using the system of minor marks, these will be recorded on the iSAMS system which in turn informs the pupil's tutor, Head of Phase, Assistant Head Pastoral and Deputy Headmaster.

6.4 THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF SANCTIONS ARE USED:

A verbal warning is given, followed by a the need for a reminder and if behaviour persists, results in a Minor noted in ISAMS

This is for misbehaviour such as disruptions in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes. Non-completion of classwork or homework, poor attitude, incorrect uniform or not attempting to follow the Bilton Grange Code of Conduct.

Minor or double minor may be awarded for

Such behaviour as lying, physical damage, unkindness, physicality as listed on ISAMS

Detention with the Deputy Headmaster or Head of Phase

Detention is given when a child has had time out (the opportunity to reflect on his/her behaviour) but has continued to display unacceptable behaviour following the issuing of 3 minor marks in any one quarter of term.

Detention is the final sanction and must only be used for low level disruptive behaviour when all the above steps have been followed, consistency is the key. Work during detention should be purposeful and related to the child's age and expectations. Reflection sheets should be included.

Parents/guardians will be informed, and detentions will take place within the school day. Pupils should be encouraged to reflect on their actions and using a reflection sheet allows the child to think about their behaviour and accept the consequences of their actions.

This should include:

What have I done?

How can I change this?

Serious Misbehaviour

A detention may be the first step for more serious behaviour, as outlined in the sanctions, serious misbehaviour section. Pupils will be interviewed by the Deputy Headmaster and Head of Phase who will immediately begin an investigation before deciding on which sanction is most appropriate.

Parents will be kept informed at all stages of an investigation, as will the Headmaster.

All incidents of serious misbehaviour will be recorded on the school's Sanctions log maintained by the Deputy Headmaster.

EXCLUSION

This is used as a very last resort when a child's behaviour is totally unacceptable and /or may be used when there is danger of a pupil/s endangering his or her own safety, or that of other members of the community.

Internal Exclusion can be used in a limited way but parents must be informed and a record made of the reason and the length of time used. This may include working on their own, supervision by a member of the senior leadership team or Headmaster.

Fixed term exclusion away from school. The first exclusion for any child is likely to be a fixed term, depending on the circumstances. Usually this would be 1 to 3 days (this can be extended up to 5 days) Permanent exclusion. This would only be the last resort when all other avenues have been explored.

See Exclusions Policy for further details

7.0 SECTION 7: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BEHAVIOUR

7.1 BULLYING

Bullying is defined as the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

Bullying is therefore:

- > Deliberately harmful
- > Repeated, often over a period of time
- > Difficult to defend against

Bullying can include:

TYPE OF BULLYING	Definition
Emotional	Being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting
Physical	Hitting, kicking, pushing, biting, pinching, taking another's belongings, any use of violence
Prejudice-based and discriminatory, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial 	Taunts, gestures, graffiti or physical abuse focused on particular characteristics (e.g. gender, race, sexuality)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith-based • Gendered (sexist) • Homophobic/ biphobic • Transphobic • Disability-based 	
Sexual	Explicit sexual remarks, display of sexual material, sexual gestures, unwanted physical attention, comments about sexual reputation or performance, or inappropriate touching
Direct or indirect verbal	Name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing, belittling, leaving someone out
Cyber-bullying	<p>Bullying that takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites</p> <p>For example, sending nasty messages, posting unkind content online, sharing photos or videos.</p>

Details of our school’s approach to preventing and addressing bullying are set out in our anti-bullying strategy.

7.2 ZERO-TOLERANCE APPROACH TO SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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

Comments will never be dismissed as ‘banter’ or ‘part of growing up’ and quick action will be taken.

Pupils are encouraged to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable, no matter how ‘small’ they feel it might be.

The school’s response will be:

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

Sanctions for sexual harassment and violence will be in accordance with this policy.

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

- > Responding to a report
- > Carrying out a risk assessment, where appropriate, to help determine whether to:

- Manage the incident internally
- Refer to early help
- Refer to children's social care
- Report to the police

Please refer to our child protection policy for more information.

7.3 OFF SITE BEHAVIOUR

Sanctions may be applied where a pupil has misbehaved off-site when representing the school. This means misbehaviour when the pupils is:

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

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

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- Poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the school

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

7.4 MALICIOUS ALLEGATIONS

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

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

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

The school will also consider the pastoral needs of staff and pupils accused of misconduct.

Please refer to our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy.

7.5 PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

In some circumstances, staff may use reasonable force to restrain a pupil to prevent them:

- Causing disorder
- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property

Incidents of physical restraint must:

- Always be a last resort

We ensure that all staff, including students and volunteers, do not use any form of corporal punishment. This is outlined in the staff code of conduct.

- Be applied using the minimum amount of force and for the minimum amount of time possible
- Be used in a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned
- Never be used as a form of punishment
- Be recorded and reported to parents on the same day

It is important to record all such incidents and to immediately inform the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster or in their absence a member of SLT. It should include

- Names of pupils involved and any witnesses together with where and when the incident took place
- A reason why force was necessary
- A description of the incident and steps taken before force was used
- Pupils' response
- Outcome
- Details of any injuries or damage to property

7.6 CONFISCATION

Any prohibited items found in pupils' possession will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to the pupils.

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

Searching and screening pupils is conducted in line with the DfE's latest guidance on searching, screening and confiscation.

7.7 PUPIL SUPPORT

The school recognises its legal duty under the Equality Act 2010 to prevent pupils with a protected characteristic from being at a disadvantage. Consequently, our approach to challenging behaviour may be differentiated to cater to the needs of the pupil.

The school's special educational needs co-ordinator will evaluate a pupil who exhibits challenging behaviour to determine whether they may have underlying needs that are not currently being met.

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

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

Staff should consult the Deputy Headmaster if they are unsure as to whether reasonable adjustments should be made.

7.8 SAFEGUARDING

The school recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a pupil is in need of help or protection. We will consider whether a pupil's misbehaviour may be linked to them suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm. Where this is the case, we will follow our child protection and safeguarding policy.

7.9 PUPIL TRANSITION

To ensure a smooth transition to the next year, pupils have transition sessions with their new teacher(s). In addition, staff members hold transition meetings ahead of the school year.

6th Form (year 8) pupils are prepared for transition to secondary school during the 6thForm Leavers Programme.

Those leaving to state schools at the end of Year 6 are visited by a member of staff from their new school where possible.

To ensure that behaviour is continually monitored and the right support is in place, information related to a pupil's behaviour issues may be transferred to relevant staff at the start of the term or year.

7.10 TRAINING

Our staff are provided with training on managing behaviour.

Behaviour management will also form part of continuing professional development.

7.11 MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

This policy will be reviewed at least annually with the allocated Governor, including an update and review of the effectiveness of procedures and their implementation.

8.0 POLICY OWNER

Mireille Everton
Assistant Head Pastoral
Bilton Grange Preparatory School

9.0 RELATED POLICIES AND GUIDANCE

This behaviour policy is linked to the following policies:

Rewards and Sanctions in Pre-Prep document
Boarding House Booklet
Anti-Bullying policy
Exclusions policy
Child Protection and Safeguarding policy
Mental Health and Well Being policy
PSHE policy
RSE policy
Online Safety policy
Annex 2: Searching and Confiscation Policy

10.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

Authorised by the Risk, Compliance and Safeguarding Committee:	To be ratified at the Advent 2022 Compliance meeting
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REWARDS SUMMARY

BEHAVIOUR	WORK
Verbal Praise or Encouragement	Verbal Praise or Encouragement
Tokens- awarded by staff for helpful/Thoughtful/good behaviour	Good copies – awarded on Isams certificates in assembly
Pupil or star of the week- awarded by staff; go to the front of the lunch queue with a friend 10 tokens for their section	Headmaster’s sticker awarded for exceptional piece of work
Dispositions – awarded by staff Certificate and tutor group reward	
Bilton Cup- awarded each term to pupil who has shown outstanding effort	
Section Cup awarded termly to the section with the highest average mark	

SANCTIONS SUMMARY

BEHAVIOUR IN LESSONS

Verbal warning as appropriate

Minor- behaviour persists after reminder of warning

Recorded on iSAMS

BEHAVIOUR OUT OF LESSONS

Verbal warning as appropriate

Minor- behaviour persists after reminder of warning

Recorded on iSAMS

Minor/double minor

Awarded for unkindness/lying/ physicality- as listed on ISAMS

Head of Phase Detention

3 minors in any one quarter or more serious offences -rudeness, bad language etc

Deputy Headmaster's Detention

This may be used for more serious offences, such as bullying/dangerous physicality

Internal, Fixed or Permanent Exclusion

Work - Children should be given the opportunity to catch up; failure to do so should be supervised within the department

Annex 2:

SEARCHING AND CONFISCATION POLICY

All schools have a general power to impose reasonable and proportionate disciplinary measures on pupils (Education and Inspections Act 2006). This enables a member of staff to confiscate, retain or dispose of a pupil's property as a disciplinary penalty where it is reasonable to do so. The School's policy on searching and confiscation complies with the DfE's guidance, Searching, Screening and Confiscation (July 2022).

1.0 Prohibited items

1.1 The School deems the following to be "prohibited items" in accordance with Section 550ZA (3) of the Education Act 1996 and Regulation 3 of the Schools (Specification and Disposal of Articles) Regulations 2012:

1.1.1 knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs and stolen items;

1.1.2 tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks and pornographic images;

1.1.3 any article that a 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 the property of, any person (including the pupil); and
- any item banned by the School Rules.

1.2 The School has banned items that are reasonably believed, potentially, to cause harm or disruption. Pupils must not have these items in their possession on School premises or when they are in the lawful charge and control of the School (for example, on a School trip).

2.0 Searching with consent

2.1 The pupil will usually be asked to consent before any search is undertaken. The age, maturity and any special needs of the pupil will be taken into account when considering their ability to consent. Written consent will not usually be required.

2.2 If the pupil refuses, disciplinary action may be taken in accordance with the School's 'Discipline and Rewards' Policy.

3.0 Searching for prohibited items

3.1 Where the Head or an authorised member of staff has reasonable grounds to suspect that a pupil may have a prohibited item, no consent is required and the search will be carried out. Reasonable force may be used during such a search, with the exception

of searches for items only banned periodically by the Deputy Head, such as Smart watches or light emitting pens.

3.2 The Head can carry out searches and retain or dispose of items in accordance with this policy. He has also authorised the following staff members to do so:

- The Deputy Head and members of the SLT;
- Members of the Security Staff;
- Houseparents

3.3 Searches will be carried out on School premises or where the member of staff has lawful control or charge of the pupil (for example, on a School trip or in training settings). When pupils travel outside England on a School trip, a condition of participating in the trip will be that pupils give consent to any search considered necessary by an authorised member of staff when they are outside England.

3.4 If there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a pupil has a prohibited item, it may be appropriate for an authorised member of staff to carry out:

- a search of outer clothing;
- a search of School property (for example, a room in a boarding house, a locker or a desk); and/or
- a search of personal property (for example, a bag or pencil case).

3.5 Searches will be conducted in a manner that minimises embarrassment or distress. Unless the circumstances are immediately dangerous (see 3.5.1), searches will be carried out in the presence of another member of staff. Where possible, the searcher and the second member of staff present will be the same gender as the pupil.

3.5.1 Where it is reasonably believed that serious harm may be caused to a person if the search is not immediately carried out, a member of staff may carry out a search of a pupil of the opposite sex and/or in the absence of another staff member.

3.6 Where authorised staff find anything which they have reasonable grounds for suspecting is a prohibited item, they may seize, retain and seek permission from the Head or Deputy Head to dispose of that item in accordance with this policy.

3.7 There is no legal requirement for the School to inform parents before a search takes place or to seek their consent, and it is not generally practical to do so. However, the School will inform parents of any search that takes place and provide details of any items found.

3.8 The School will keep a record of searches which can be inspected by the parents of the pupil(s) involved, subject to any restrictions under the School's 'Data Protection Policy'. Responsibility for overseeing this record lies with the Deputy Head.

4.0 Confiscation

4.0.1 Under the School's general power to discipline, a member of staff may confiscate a pupil's property as a disciplinary penalty where it is reasonable to do so. Retention or disposal of any item requires the permission of the Head or Deputy Head.

4.0.2 Confiscation may take place whether or not a pupil has consented to a search.

4.0.3 In appropriate cases, we will consult parents about how the School should dispose of certain items.

4.0.4 The School will take reasonable care of any items confiscated from pupils. However, the School does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to property (unless negligent or guilty of some other wrongdoing causing injury, loss or damage).

4.1 Handling of confiscated items:

4.1.1 Alcohol will be disposed of by pouring into a drain or being placed into a refuse bin.

4.1.2 Controlled drugs will usually be delivered to the police as soon as possible. The Head may decide that drugs may be destroyed without the involvement of the police if he thinks there is an exceptional reason to do so.

4.1.3 Other substances which are not illegal drugs but are harmful or detrimental to good order and discipline (for example "legal highs"), may be confiscated and, with the Head's permission, destroyed. Where it is unclear whether the substance seized is an illegal drug, it will be treated as though it is illegal and disposed of as per item 4.1.2.

4.1.4 Stolen items will usually be delivered to the police as soon as possible. However, they may be returned to the owner without the involvement of the police if the Head or Deputy Head thinks there is good reason to do so. This is likely to apply to items of low value (for example, pencil cases).

4.1.5 Tobacco products or cigarette papers will be destroyed.

4.1.6 Fireworks will be disposed of safely and at the discretion of the Head or Deputy Head (this includes donating the fireworks to an appropriate charity).

4.2 Pornographic images:

4.2.1 These will be handed to the police as soon as practicable if images involve children or constitute "extreme pornography" under section 63 of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008. As possession of such images may indicate that the pupil has been abused, the School's Head of Safeguarding (DSL) will also be notified, and the matter may be referred to children's social care.

4.2.2 Staff who discover these should discuss them with the School's Head of Safeguarding (DSL) if they do not constitute "extreme pornography". The images may then be passed to children's social care for consideration of any further action. If no

action is taken by the local authority, the images will be erased after a note confirming the nature of the material has been made for disciplinary purposes.

4.3 Articles used to commit an offence may be delivered to the police, returned to the owner, retained or disposed of at the Head or Deputy Head's discretion.

4.4 Weapons or items which are evidence of an offence will be passed to the police as soon as possible.

4.5 Items banned under the School Rules, including items that are banned periodically by the Head or Deputy Head, may be returned to their owner, retained or disposed of at the Head or Deputy Head's discretion.

4.6 Electronic devices may be searched and erased if there is good reason to suspect that the device can (or has) been used to cause harm or break School rules. Alternatively, the member of staff may retain it as evidence of a breach of School discipline or a criminal offence and may hand it over to the police for investigation. Where devices are used to disrupt teaching, the device may be collected by a parent and the pupil will be prohibited from bringing any device onto school premises or on school trips.

5.0 Complaints about searching or confiscation

5.1 Complaints about searching or confiscation will be dealt with through the School's complaints procedures.