

### **HUNTERHOUSE COLLEGE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

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### **Inclusion & Diversity:**

The College aims to establish an inclusive community where all students and staff are treated with dignity and respect, regardless of individual differences including, but not limited to, culture, race, religion, beliefs, sexual or gender orientation, appearance, ability or disability.

### Rationale:

For students to develop academically, personally and socially as set out in the College Mission Statement, they must know that they are supported, accepted and encouraged by the rest of the College community. Such an atmosphere is essential for the growth of self-esteem, resilience and of consideration for others. As such, it is important to have an effective and consistent Positive Behaviour Policy in place with equal focus on consequences and rewards.

This policy should be considered a working document and is based on the Department of Education 'Pastoral Care in Schools: Promoting Positive Behaviour'. This document provides guidance on promoting positive behaviour within the College. It outlines the rights, responsibilities and roles of students, staff and parents/carers and where necessary indicates links that exist with other relevant policies.

### Aims:

- Promote learning for all students, enabling each individual to reach their potential
- Promote and value positive behaviour
- Maintain a productive working environment based on shared understanding and mutual respect across the whole College community
- Remove behaviour-based barriers to learning to support effective learning and teaching
- Promote understanding among all members of the College community of the need for responsible behaviour in addition to the importance of self-discipline, self-control and taking responsibility for their own behaviour
- Maintain a clear system of rewards and consequences that is known and well understood by all students
- Ensure fairness for all and consistency of approach for both rewards and consequences, incorporating appropriate differentiation where necessary for students with identified SEN needs
- Encourage and promote partnership working with all parents/carers and external agencies in supporting students' positive behaviour and learning

The College ethos of positive behaviour is built upon the shared understanding of what is acceptable behaviour by all members of the College community. Therefore, at all times it is expected that each person should:

- Treat everyone with respect
- Value themselves as individuals
- Understand and appreciate that people are different and that each person is equally valued
- Strive to reach their potential and co-operate positively with others in the learning process
- Look after themselves and take responsibility for the well-being of others
- Look after their own property and respect that of others

### **Rewards:**

In keeping with the ethos of the College, there is a desire to recognise and reward the behaviour and attendance (see Attendance Policy for more details) of our students. These rewards and strategies have a motivational role in helping students to realise that positive behaviour is valued and are designed to minimise the need for the use of consequences.

### **Classroom Recognition**

This is the most common type of reward which forms an integral part of daily life in the College. This is a direct and instant reward for achievement, commitment, behaviour or effort in class, in line with departmental, whole school policy and staff discretion. Below is a list of the most common forms of this type of reward, however, this is not an exhaustive list.

- Verbal praise from staff
- Positive and encouraging comments on students' work
- Showcasing of good work to other students or on display in the classroom

### • Subject specific stickers/prizes

### Achievement Point System

This is used to motivate students to do their best at all times as well as a method of formal recognition of both individual performance and outstanding achievement. All students in Years 8-12 have a copy of the achievement log in their planners so that it is readily available. Achievements are provided in the form of a written comment, signature, stamp or sticker in recognition of individual academic, behavioural or extra-curricular success. Students are able to work towards achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards throughout the year as they accrue achievement points. These are marked by certificates which are given out in Assembly.

The two systems of reward discussed above are central to positive behaviour management in the College, however, there are many other strategies used to promote and encourage positive behaviour, some of which are detailed below:

- Support from the Student Progress Team
  - The Student Progress team work with all students to help them develop the positive behaviour needed to enable them to reach their potential (see Student Progress Policy for further information)
- The House System
  - Students are allocated into one of the four Houses when they join the College. This helps to develop a sense of belonging, collegiality and team work. A number of events, competitions and assemblies run throughout the academic year, allowing participants to accrue points for their House. At the end of the year, the House with the highest number of points wins the House Cup. The House System provides an important opportunity for students and staff to participate in the wider, extra-curricular, life of the College.
- Honours Pockets

The Honours Pocket is a gold threaded blazer pocket badge plus a named bar which states the subject of the award. The Honours Pocket system seeks to publicly acknowledge a student's talents and their commitment to College activities. Pockets are awarded for:

- Music
- Drama
- Speech and Drama
- Physical Education including Fencing and Equestrianism
- Report comments and Parent Consultations

This is an opportunity for staff to acknowledge and commend positive behaviour directly with parents/carers.

- Prize Distributions
  - These provide more formal occasions for student academic and non-academic achievements to be celebrated, such as those for hard work and commitment to study.
- Assemblies
  - These occasions provide opportunities to promote and celebrate positive behaviour and achievement in a wide range of College activities.
- Posts of Responsibility
  - Students in posts of responsibility make an important contribution to the promotion of positive behaviour, particularly in their capacity as role models for other students.
- Student Council
  - Elected representatives from all form classes make up the Student Council, which meets on a regular basis to contribute to whole school decision making and school improvement. Student Voice Consultation Groups are also run throughout the school year to aid school improvement.

### Interventions:

The College understands that students may need to be supported by interventions in a range of situations, including in developing appropriate behaviour and social skills. The College uses a range of interventions which operate to support students in achieving their potential. These are decided upon in consultation with the student, parent/carers and the appropriate members of staff.

### **Consequences:**

All children learn through the process of making mistakes, and the acceptability of 'getting it wrong', acknowledging responsibility, receiving consequences and moving on in with a fresh start underpins the College's perspective with regards to responding to students' behavioural choices which fall short of expectations. Whilst the range of consequences which the College uses is detailed below, decisions on which consequences to use will be made on an individual case-by-case basis, taking into account the context and individual circumstances of the situation. The College recognises that some of our most vulnerable students, for example those with SEN; those who are actively involved with Social Care or other external agencies and those who are Looked After, may have behavioural needs which need to be taken into consideration when applying any potential consequences. This bespoke, child-centred approach complements the principles on which the College's Student Progress Policy is built.

### **Concern Points System**

The purpose of this system is to provide commensurate, consistent and fair consequences for minor issues such as forgotten equipment, undone homework, missed deadlines, lateness, uniform infringements and low level disruption. The system has been designed in such a way that concern points are:

- Proportionate to the behaviour
- Consistent across the system
- Fair to all students
- Clear and easy to understand

Staff use the SIMs system to award concern points to students' records. This also helps the Student Progress team to monitor situations where there are patterns of particular behaviours occurring and provide appropriate support. For example, a student who regularly forgets equipment or books may need support with organisation. Once a student has accumulated a total of five concern points, their Head of Year will process an after-school detention and a parentmail will be sent home to parents/carers outlining the reasons why the detention has been given.

### **Lunchtime Detention**

Any member of staff may use the lunchtime detention at their discretion as a consequence for inappropriate behaviours. When possible, the detention will take place on the same day as the behaviour and will take place during the first 15 minutes of lunch.

### After School Detention

Detention is held on Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm in the Conference Room. Any combination of concern points equal to five will automatically generate an after school detention. In addition to this, students may be placed directly into after school detention by staff as the result of a more serious issue.

### **Daily Report**

This can be used when there has been, or continues to be, learning which does not reflect a student's potential, or where there are other concerns about how the student is presenting in College. The report will be issued by the Head of Year after discussion with the relevant Student Progress Senior Manager. Students who are placed on daily report will report to their Form Tutor, Head of Year, or Senior Manager according to the seriousness of the concerns. The daily report will be time-limited and based on agreed targets set by the student and the member of staff according to the areas of concern. It will be signed by parents/carers daily and the student's progress against the targets set will be reviewed daily.

### Suspension and Expulsion

Students who are involved in serious behavioural incidents may be suspended by the Principal for a fixed period of time in line with the College's Suspension and Expulsion Policy. On very rare occasions, the Board of Governors may decide to pursue expulsion for incidents of the most serious nature (see the College's Suspension and Expulsion Policy for more information).

### Allegations of Bullying Behaviour:

The College takes seriously any allegations of bullying behaviour and all such reported allegations will be recorded and investigated. Alleged bullying behaviour will be investigated by the Student Progress Team as outlined in the College's Anti-Bullying Policy.

Alleged bullying and/or socially unacceptable behaviour which, after investigation, is *not* deemed as meeting the legal criteria of bullying will be dealt with through the Positive Behaviour Policy. This may involve the use of intervention strategies from the intervention tables (pages 16-19) in the Effective Responses to Bullying Behaviour document (see Appendix 4).

All students and parent/carers should be aware that the Positive Behaviour Policy will be applied to inappropriate behaviour that occurs outside of College premises and/or school hours whilst a student is in school uniform or on a school trip.

### **Expectations and Lines of Referral:**

Each teacher should explain their expectations and classroom rules at the start of the academic year. Students should be reminded of these rules when necessary.

### Students are expected to:

- arrive at all lessons on time
- wait quietly outside the classroom for the teacher to arrive
- come to class prepared with the correct books and materials
- attempt all homework tasks and produce all homework on time
- work quietly and participate fully in the lesson
- raise their hand in order to indicate that they wish to ask or answer a question
- ask if they do not understand
- follow the Guidelines and College policies set out in the student planner

It is the responsibility of all members of staff to note any inappropriate behaviour witnessed or reported to them using the Concern Points System discussed previously.

Any behaviour that requires investigation will be carried out by the member of staff appropriate to the seriousness or nature of the concern. Investigations and interviews may be carried out by an individual member of staff and will be documented. The table in Appendix 1 provides more detailed information.

### **Linked Documents:**

Acceptable Use of the Internet Policy
Anti-Bullying Policy
Attendance Policy
Critical Incident Policy
Dealing with Incidents of Actual or Suspected Substance Abuse Policy
Hunterhouse College Mission Statement
Mobile Phone Policy
Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy
Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Policy
Student Progress Policy
Suspension and Expulsion Policy
Uniform Policy

		Appendix 1 – Levels of I	ntervention	
	Attendance	Progress	Behaviour	Other
Level 1 Subject Teachers	Absences of 3 days or less	Underperformance in an assessment	Disruptive behaviour	Uniform issues
and Form Tutors	Ensuring absence notes are passed to the office	No/incomplete homework	Lateness to class	Initial friendship issues/difficulties
	Sending work home for a student over an extended	No books/equipment	Non-compliance with Mobile Phone Policy	Alleged bullying behaviours
	period of illness	Insufficient or low quality of work in lessons	Non-attendance at a support session/mentoring meeting	General peer relations/ difficulties integrating
	Subject work missed as a result of absence	Delivery of interventions/strategies		Lost property
		-		Disruption to family life e.g. grandparent ill
Level 2 Heads of	Absence of over 3 days	Tiers of entry	Persistent disruptive behaviour	Persistent uniform issues
Department Heads of Year	Co-ordinating the sending of work home during absence and	Examination resits	Persistent lateness	Continued friendship issues
	the redistribution to subject teachers	Persistent under- achievement	Refusal to comply with form/	Bullying investigations
	Liaising with students after	Provision and development	subject teacher instruction	Parental separation or other more serious family issues
	return to school following an extended period of absence	of interventions/strategies  Missed internal	5 or more concern points accrued	Anxiety
	Advising Senior Manager of reasons for student absence	exams/assessments	Inappropriate language / inappropriate online activity in	
	during link meetings	Persistent non-production of coursework or homework	school or in school uniform	
	Non-attendance to specific lessons	Persistent low quality of work	Low-level behaviour incidents which occur off-site while in school uniform	
	Persistent low attendance			

		Plagiarism of Controlled	Removal of a student from a	
		Assessment/cheating in	lesson when necessary	
		exams or class tests		
			Damage to departmental	
		Missed Controlled	property	
		Assessment deadlines		
Level 3 Senior Managers	School Refusal	Timetable adjustments	Completion of BCAF	Safeguarding and Child Protection
	EWS Referrals	Dropping/changing subjects	3 or more detentions accrued	
				LAC students
	Truancy	Learning Guidance	Rudeness to staff	
				Significant ongoing mental
		Subject choices	Smoking/vaping, substance	health issues
			misuse or possession of any	
		Additional Mentoring Programme	illegal substance	Completion of safety plans in liaison with appropriate Head
			Inappropriate use of phone/	of Year
			internet	
			aggressive, threatening or violent behaviour	
			suspected theft	
Level 4	In all serious cases the final line	e of referral will be to the Vice I	Principal and Principal. If necessar	ry, the College's Suspension and
Vice Principal/	Expulsion Policy will be applied.			
Principal				

### Appendix 2

### **HUNTERHOUSE COLLEGE HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT**

All members of the College community need to be clear about the responsibilities they have.

### Students are expected to:

- be good ambassadors for the College
- co-operate with and show respect to all members of College community
- comply with all College rules and regulations
- do their best to meet the College's attendance target of 97%
- arrive at school and to all lessons on time
- remain on the College site between 8:45am and 3:20pm unless eligible for a Sixth Form privilege or because they are attending a medical/dental appointment
- come to each lesson with the right equipment, prepared and ready to learn
- complete all homework and Controlled Assessments within the agreed time and attend all assessments and exams
- ask for help from staff with any difficulty they may have
- make sure that they hand in reply slips or forms on time
- take responsibility with others in the Form Class for the maintenance of a safe and attractive environment
- report as soon as possible any damage to College or personal property
- adhere to the terms of the College's Acceptable Use Policy, Mobile Phone Policy, Uniform Policy,
   Positive Behaviour Policy and Attendance Policy
- return all course books and any other College property in their possession

### Parents/Carers are expected to:

- support the aims and ethos of the College
- support the College and its policies
- ensure their child's attendance and punctuality
- encourage their child to behave acceptably, respecting others' right to learn and their property
- attend Parent/Carer events as required, including Progress Events
- inform the College of any relevant concerns or problems

### The College is expected to:

- provide a supportive pastoral and academic framework in which each individual is valued
- provide teaching and learning opportunities that will enable all students to reach their potential
- provide regular updates on students' progress
- ensure students are provided with appropriate resources for lessons and independent study
- provide opportunities for students to become resilient and independent learners
- provide opportunities for students to take part in a range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities

Signed (Student)	Date
Signed (Parent/Carer)	Date

### **APPENDIX 3**

### **HUNTERHOUSE COLLEGE INITIAL HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT**

To be signed on admission to the College.

Student's Name:	
I have read and understand the expectations of stagement.	tudents as presented to me in the Home School
I undertake to do my best to live up to the expectation attend regularly. I will arrive at all lessons and activitilearning, always remembering that my teachers are the	ies on time and I will take responsibility for my own
If, at any time, I become concerned about any aspect Form Tutor, my Subject Teacher or my Head of Year.	ct of my work or school in general I will talk to my
While I am a student at Hunterhouse College, I will do remembering that this also apples to when I am we succeed in all I do and to participate fully in the life of	earing my uniform in public. I will do my best to
If it should become necessary to withdraw from any contention to do so and I will return all the course book I am unable to return these items for any reason, I woost.	ss and any other College property in my possession. If
I understand and accept the terms of the College's Ac Policy, Uniform Policy and Attendance Policy.	cceptable Use Policy, Mobile Phone Policy, Behaviour
I accept that this enrolment is based on the underst College I will comply with the College's expectations and to participate fully in the life of the College.	_
Signed (Student)	Date
Signed (Parent/Carer)	Date

### Appendix 4

### **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is important that the rights and responsibilities identified below form the basis of everyday interactions in the College community. Hunterhouse College recognises the rights and responsibilities of all members and values the roles that students, parents/carers and staff have in helping to promote positive behaviour.

### Students have a right to:

- be valued as members of the College community
- be treated fairly, consistently and with respect
- be consulted about matters that affect them, have their views listened to and, as far as is reasonable, acted upon
- make mistakes, and learn from them
- get help when they seek it, whether with their work or with bullying or other personal worries, and to have a sympathetic audience for their ideas and concerns
- be taught in a pleasant, well-managed and safe environment
- experience a broad, balanced and suitably differentiated curriculum, and to have any barriers to learning identified and overcome as far as possible
- develop and extend their interests, talents and abilities

### Students have a responsibility to:

- come to school on time, with homework done, and suitably equipped for the lessons in the day ahead
- respect the views, rights and property of others, and behave safely in and out of class
- co-operate in class with the teacher and with their peers
- work as hard as they can in class
- conform to the conventions of good behaviour and comply with College policies and procedures
- seek help if they do not understand or are in difficulties
- accept ownership for their own behaviour and learning and to develop the skill of working independently

### Staff have a right to:

- be valued as members of the College community
- be treated fairly, consistently and with respect
- be consulted about matters that affect them, have their views listened to and, as far as is reasonable, acted upon
- a suitable career structure and opportunities for professional development
- support and advice from senior colleagues and external bodies
- adequate and appropriate accommodation and resources

### Staff have a responsibility to:

- behave in a professional manner at all times
- ensure that lessons are well prepared, making use of available resources, and that homework is appropriately set and constructively marked
- show interest and enthusiasm in their role and in their students' learning
- listen to students, value their contributions and respect their views
- be sympathetic, approachable and alert to students in difficulty or falling behind
- identify and seek to overcome students' barriers to learning
- share with the parents/carers any concerns they have about their progress or behaviour
- expect high standards and acknowledge effort and achievement
- pursue opportunities for personal and professional development

### Parents/carers have a right to:

- be valued as members of the College community
- be treated fairly, consistently and with respect
- be consulted about matters that affect them, have their views listened to and, as far as is reasonable, acted upon
- a safe, well-managed and stimulating environment for their child's education;
- reasonable access to the College, and to have their enquiries and concerns dealt with sympathetically and efficiently
- be informed promptly if their child is ill or has an accident, or if the College has concerns about their child
- be well informed about their child's progress and prospects
- be well informed about College policies and procedures
- a broad, balanced and appropriate curriculum for their child
- be involved in key decisions about their child's education
- a suitably resourced school with adequate and well-maintained accommodation

### Parents/carers have a responsibility to:

- ensure that their child attends school in line with the College's Attendance Policy
- ensure that their child arrives in good time each day, with homework done, and suitably equipped for the lessons in the day ahead
- be aware of College policies and procedures, and encourage their child to abide by them
- show interest in their child's classwork and homework and, where possible, provide suitable facilities for studying at home
- act as positive role models for their child in their relationship with the school
- attend planned meetings with teachers and support College functions
- provide the College with all the necessary background information about their child, including telling the College promptly about any concerns they have about school, or any significant change in their child's medical needs or issues outside school

### INTERVENTION TABLES

## Level 1 - Low Level Bullying Behaviour (Page 20-27)



## INTERVENTION TABLES

# Level 2 - Intermediate Level Bullying Behaviour (Page 28 - 36)

Pupil Displaying	The Pastoral	Interventions	Targeted	Target
Bullying Behaviour	Curriculum		Pupil	Interventions
Following assessment if the bullying behaviour continues and/or is considered more severe, select one or more of these Level 2 interventions which may comprise part of an Individual Behaviour Support Plan.  If the pupil is resistant to change, schools may choose to place the pupil on the COP Stage 2.  Parents/carers will need to be informed of this decision and involved in providing support.	Select whole- class approaches such as circle time to explore issues around bullying and identify possible solutions in a non-threatening way enabling views to be acknowledged, respected and valued. Whole- class strategies work best when planned, timetabled and implemented within: PDMU  PD / LLW  Citizenship lessons www.ccea.org.uk/	SMALL GROUP INTERVENTIONS Involving 6-8 pupils (max) who have agreed to participate and meet regularly to effect a change in the behaviour of the pupil who is bullying. The agreement of the child experiencing bullying is essential.  Parents/carers of participating members will need to be informed. It is essential to keep accurate records of meetings to enable outcomes to be monitored regularly.  These interventions work best when staff are trained.  Quality Circles: Volunteers agree to meet regularly with a member of staff to focus on a specific bullying topic such as racism, homophobia, exclusion etc and proceed to develop, suggest, present solutions to Senior Management Team who subsequently implement and evaluate solution(s).  THE SUPPORT GROUP METHOD  This is a seven step, participative long-term approach which supports the target, involves volunteers from the peer groups of both the target and the young person displaying bullying behaviour and focuses on changing the behaviour of the pupil that is bullying and those who collude with him/her. Similar but not identical to timetabled class circle time.  Solution Focused Support Group (p32)  Individual Behaviour Support Plan (COP Stage 2/SENCO)	Pupil whose reaction to the bullying behaviour presents a higher level of concern.  Some additional needs and risk factors may be present at this stage.	Meet to:  - Gain bullied pupil's consent to enable the situation to be discussed with peers in his/her absence.  - Receive feedback on intervention outcomes.  - Agree, teach and practice coping skills (e.g. Fogging).  - Strength-Building Plan for Pupil  - If a trained effective Buddy / Peer Mediation support programme is available and used this should be recorded and outcomes



## INTERVENTION TABLES

## Level 3 - Complex Bullying Behaviour (Page 37 - 44)

Pupil Displaying Bullying Behaviour	The Pastoral Curriculum	Interventions: Co-ordinated by Pastoral Co-ordinator / SENCO Advice/Support by ELB Officer	Targeted Pupil	Target Interventions
Following	Select whole-	INDIVIDUAL PUPIL INTERVENTION	Pupil whose	Individual Pupil Work
assessment, if the	class approaches	Monitoring by key member of staff.	reaction to	<ul> <li>Monitoring by key member</li> </ul>
bullying behaviour is	such as circle	Behaviour Management Programmes, including	the bullying	of staff.
more complex and/or	time to explore	Individual Behaviour Plan (support and strengthening),	behaviour is	
resistant to change.	issues around	target setting with incentives and consequences.	severe.	- Individual Support Plan for
:	bullying and	Social and Emotional Mentoring by an identified		strength and emotional well-
Pupil presenting with	identify possible	member of staff.		being building programmes.
many additional	solutions in a	Individualised strength and emotional well being building		
needs and risk	non-threatening	programmes eg:		- Peer support/mentoring and
ractors.	way enabling	Conflict resolution		befriending/ mediation.
	views to be	Solution focussed conversations		
	acknowledged,	Empathy training, mood management, anger		<ul> <li>Support Group Method.</li> </ul>
	respected and	management		
	valued.	Peer support/befriending/mentoring/mediation.	Many	- PIKAS interview.
		The Method of Shared Concern (PIKAS) interview.	additional	
	Whole-class		needs and	Parental Involvement
	strategies work	PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT	risk factors	At this level, it is most likely
	best when	At this level it is most likely that the narent/s) have already	present.	that the parent(s) have
	planned,	heen contacted and are working in narroership with the		already been contacted and
	timetabled and	school and/or with external agencies to effect change		are working in partnership
	implemented	מסוסטו מוומוס אונון כאנפוזומן מספוזטנט נט פוופטן טומווסס.		with the school and/or with
	within:	ADDITIONAL ADVICE/SUPPORT FROM ELB SERVICES		External Agencies to effect
	PDMU	AND EXTERNAL AGENCIES		change.
	PD / LLW	Independent Counselling Service for Schools.		And the control of the land of the A
	Gitizensnip	Restorative meetings. Contact relevant ELB.	ų	from ELB Services and
			ni.	External Agencies
	www.ccea.org.uk/			Is there a need for parent to
				consult with GP about child?



### ni Northern Ireland ABF Anti-Bullying Forum

# Level 4 – High Risk Bullying Behaviour (Page 45 – 46)

INTERVENTION TABLES

Pupil Displaying Bullying Behaviour	The Pastoral Curriculum	Interventions: Co-ordinated by Pastoral Co- ordinator /SENCO/ Designated Teacher for Child Protection. Advice/Support by ELB Officer	Targeted Pupil	Target Interventions
Pupil presenting with significant concerns including mental health, criminal and/or	Select whole-class approaches such as circle time to explore issues around bullying and identify	Refer to relevant investigative agencies: PSNI Health and Social Care Trust	Pupil presenting with significant mental health, criminal and/or child	Refer to relevant investigative agencies:
child protection concerns.	possible solutions in a non- threatening way enabling views to be acknowledged,	Gateway Teams. Refer to the school's Discipline Policy and scheme	protection concerns.	PSNI Health and Social Care Trust
	respected and valued.	for the suspension and expulsion of pupils.		- Gateway Teams.
	Whole-class strategies work best when planned, timetabled and implemented within:			
	PDMU			
	PD / LLW			12
ě	Citizenship lessons			
	www.ccea.org.uk/			