



## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

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At EK Outreach Services, we have high expectations of Students' behaviour. Appropriate behaviour will be acknowledged. Staff at EK Outreach Services will use positive behaviour management techniques to address behaviour that is unsatisfactory. This approach is based on both students' and staff's right to learn and teach, and be respected. Along with these rights come responsibilities for students and staff. We are all responsible for ensuring that our teaching and learning environment is safe and that everyone is treated with respect and integrity. These principles are reinforced daily.

There will be incidents of poor behaviour from time to time. When these occur, EK Outreach Services has adopted very clear guidelines about the consequences for given behaviours. Staff and Students should be made familiar with these expectations during their induction to the provision.

### **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **RIGHTS**

- Students will be safe
- Students have the right to learn
- Students will be treated with respect
- Adults will plan appropriate work for students
- Adults will listen to students
- Students' property will be safe

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Listen carefully to staff and others
- Students have the responsibility to allow others to learn
- Respect others' property
- Respect others' feelings
- Work hard towards your targets
- If you have a problem, speak to an adult.

## **POSITIVE MANAGEMENT OF BEHAVIOUR**

### **Encouraging a positive ethos**

We encourage a positive ethos for teaching and learning by using the following strategies:

- Setting boundaries and rules through a shared understanding
- Positive feedback, praise and rewards
- Differentiated activities
- Activities to develop self-esteem
- Facilitating regular communication with parents/carers
- Celebrations
- Outings
- Good modelling by adults

### **Positive strategies used to reward behaviour**

We use rewards in order to:

- Encourage good behaviour
- Place emphasis on and reinforce positive achievements
- Raise self-esteem
- Reinforce and teach desired behaviour
- Acknowledge that staff notice and value pupil efforts
- Encourage responsibility
- Send positive messages to parents

### **Rewards used**

- Praise
- Body language e.g. thumbs-up, smile
- Ticks and positive comments on work
- Positive comments to parents
- Certificates
- On completion of units/course parents/guardians will be notified

Our aim is to catch students being good as frequently as possible and to praise/reward them accordingly. We ensure that the positive feedback given is personal, specific, genuine and appropriate.

### **The types of behaviour that we reward include:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Following instructions</li> <li>✓ Completing tasks</li> <li>✓ Quality of work</li> <li>✓ Making an effort</li> <li>✓ Positive attitude</li> <li>✓ Unit/Course completion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Kindness</li> <li>✓ Sharing</li> <li>✓ Caring</li> <li>✓ Listening</li> <li>✓ Staying on task</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Finishing work</li> <li>✓ Concentrating</li> <li>✓ Responsible behaviour</li> <li>✓ Sensible behaviour</li> <li>✓ Making appropriate choices</li> <li>✓ Honesty</li> <li>✓ Thoughtfulness</li> </ul>
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## Sanctions

Using the positive behaviour management principles teachers will use the language of choice to enable the focus of control to remain with the learner. Where students make inappropriate choices and behaviour is poor, staff will carry out the sanction offered in the language of choice and a STAR form will be completed. Incidents will be discussed with the head of Outreach in the first instance and decisions will be taken about informing parents. Our overwhelming principle is to keep students safe and to ensure that our response reflects the meaning of the behaviour.

Sanctions will be appropriate to the misdemeanour. Examples of possible sanctions:

Type of behaviour	Strategy	Sanction
Refusal to work	Language of choice	Parents may be informed if student does not respond to strategy.
Rudeness and poor language	Language of choice, social story	Parents may be informed if student does not respond to strategy. Session may be ended prematurely.
Violent language	Explanation about what is and is not acceptable	Parents/carers will be informed. Sessions may be suspended until a conversation takes place between Head of outreach and the parent.
Threats of violence/violence against another person/bringing weaponry/drugs or other intoxicants into school	When a student is violent, positive handling techniques may be used. Immediate notification given to parents/carers; session ended.	Student and parent to be seen by the Head of Outreach before sessions are re-commenced. In very serious cases it is possible the student will be permanently excluded.

## **Serious Breaches**

A serious breach is an incident that may lead to an exclusion, fixed term or permanent exclusion. It may include persistent minor breaches. Serious breaches must be referred immediately to the Head of Outreach. (See Exclusion Policy).

**In the first instance the session will cease to allow time for the student to think about what has happened. The student will be made aware of the reason for this course of action.**

**If the behaviour persists, the student will be told that a discussion will take place with the parent and student.**

**If the behaviour does not improve, the student could be excluded for a session and the parent will be informed with reasons given.**

**In extreme cases of damage to property or violence to a staff member, exclusion may be for a number of sessions and a meeting will be held with parents or carers.**

**If violent behaviour or persistent damage to property continues, a decision may be taken to permanently exclude the student.**

The following are examples, it is not an exhaustive list. Other issues may be judged to be equivalents by the service:

- Malicious communications, including those sent electronically or via Social Media
- Endangering others
- Possession (or being under the influence) of any substance that impairs judgement or decision making or is being used against its intended purpose (i.e. illegal drugs, legal highs, alcohol, non-prescribed medication, aerosols etc.).
- Wilful damage to property
- Bullying, including cyberbullying
- Sexual misconduct
- Theft
- Making a malicious allegation against a member of staff or another student
- Assaults or fighting
- Discriminatory conduct on the basis of the Equality Act 2010, including actions that are sexist, homophobic, racist or on the basis of religion/belief
- Possession of offensive weapons\*

\* The organisation determines that, in addition to legislative guidance, any knife, irrespective of length, constitutes an offensive weapon and should not be brought to a tutoring session. In addition to knives, axes, BB guns, air guns, GATT guns, catapults, slings, etc., will also be deemed to be offensive weapons. Other types of offensive weapons will include lengths of pipe, bats, other blunt instruments, or items judged by the organisation to be carried with the intention to inflict injury on another individual - this includes fireworks, blades etc.

If deemed necessary, EK Outreach Services may call the police to intervene/investigate.

## Student Code of Conduct

- Respect others, their property and their personal space – (i.e. use appropriate language at all times; no bullying/intimidation, no play fighting, no touching others)
- Listen to and act on staff instructions
- No drugs, alcohol or weapons when in a tutoring situation
- Phones should not be used during tutoring sessions unless agreed with staff for teaching purposes
- Clear up kitchen items if you have used them
- Arrive to sessions on time
- Access only appropriate media whilst in tutoring sessions i.e. offensive media containing inappropriate content (e.g. racist/homophobic/sexist language or media promoting gang culture/extremism) will not be tolerated; no tunes are allowed in class (unless it's a music lesson!); if you arrive for a session in a bad mood, you are allowed to listen to a tune for 5 mins or engage in other calming activity in order to calm down
- Behaviour on trips will be respectful and good at all times.