



Prestatyn High school Engagement and Behaviour Policy

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Prestatyn High School

Engagement and Behaviour Policy

Prestatyn High School is dedicated to ensuring that our school environment supports learning and the wellbeing of pupils and staff through a strong sense of community. Cooperation, support and respect are the foundations of our community and we work hard to provide a safe school where pupils feel included in every aspect of school life and are comfortable to voice their opinions. Success and hard work is recognised and rewarded.

This policy outlines what we expect from all our pupils in terms of their behaviour and consequences of not doing so. Good behaviour and self-discipline have strong links to effective learning and are essential lifelong skills for pupils to carry with them both during and after their school years.

In Prestatyn High School our aim is to ensure that all pupils become

- Ambitious, capable pupils, ready to learn throughout their lives.
- Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work.
- Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world, ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.
- Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

To achieve the best outcomes for our pupils it is essential that strong collaboration and partnerships exist between the pupil, the school and home.

Pupils learn best in a disciplined and orderly atmosphere where they are often reminded of expectations. Our rules are clear and set the standards that pupils should aspire to, in and out of the classroom. Good discipline is of whole school importance and the responsibility of each member of staff at all times. A consistent and firm response from our staff to promote positive behaviour, and tackle unacceptable behaviour, reinforces our expectations of the pupils.

Problems are normal whenever people interact, especially when young people are learning and testing the boundaries of acceptable and agreed behaviour. Success can be judged not by an absence of problems but by the way we deal with them. We should always endeavour to distinguish between the problem and the person. Young people will always make mistakes and when they do, there needs to be a response, not a reaction.

Our expectations also outline the behaviour, attitude and order each member of our school community should follow at all times.

1. Aims

Prestatyn High School believes that all pupils should be aware of the standards of behaviour that are expected of them and that they take responsibility for promoting these standards. We hope that by encouraging positive behaviour patterns we can promote good relationships throughout the school built on trust and understanding, and that through the use of this policy we can support all of our pupils in developing a high level of social awareness. Our aim is to ensure that all our pupils leave the school with the skills they need to continue to progress to the best of their ability in all areas of life.

School Expectations

- Ready – Everyone should arrive at school with the appropriate attitude, equipment and appearance which prepares them for success.
- Respectful – Our school appreciates the dignity of each member of our community. Everyone should show respect towards themselves and all members of the school community
- Safe - Everyone has a collective and individual responsibility to ensure our behaviour promotes effective learning and the safety of the school community. Everyone needs to take responsibility for their own actions and the safety of others.

In order to follow these simple rules, the following list is an example of how pupils can adhere to them:

- Always be on time and ready to learn
- Keep your appearance smart and tidy and wear appropriate school uniform, that has the school logo, at all times to and from school
- Be respectful to others by not using rude, derogatory, racist or defamatory language
- Be considerate of your peers and the extended community.
- Do not run through hallways and corridors, do not shout out during lessons, or shout to one another in hallways or when in public places
- Be polite and respectful at all times. This applies to staff, other pupils, any visitors to the school and to members of the general public

- Take care of your environment, both on the school site and outside and keep it tidy. Do not litter and do not vandalise property in any way
- Unauthorised absence from school will not be tolerated
- Health and safety equipment is only for use in emergency situations and should not be tampered with under any circumstances
- Obey staff at all times
- Display appropriate behaviour to and from school

Behaviour management

At Prestatyn high School we are committed to ensuring that effective teaching and learning takes place and good behaviour is compulsory in all aspects of school life. We seek to create a positive learning atmosphere through:

- Promoting good behaviour and discipline.
- Promoting self-respect, self-discipline, respect towards authority.
- Promoting positive relationships which are based on mutual respect.
- Promoting consistency whilst responding to positive and negative behaviour.

The school understands that the first step to modelling good behaviour is to lead by example. All staff, volunteers and adults should act responsibly and professionally, and should not belittle pupils or colleagues. We work hard to ensure that discipline is consistent across the school so that behaviour boundaries and consequences are clear to all. These are applied fairly, proportionately and without discrimination, taking into account additional learning needs and disabilities as well as the additional challenges that some vulnerable pupils may face. Staff are trained to deal with behavioural strategies as part of their professional development.

We work with parents/carers to understand their children and their behaviour and believe that in conjunction with behaviour boundaries and consequences, that good support systems and praise and rewards are an important part of building an effective learning community. The school will report behaviour, good or bad, to parents / carers regularly. We encourage parents / carers to communicate with the school if they have a concern about their child's behaviour and we will do as much as is possible to support parents / carers as and when they need it. We promote good behaviour within the school and reminders of school rules and expected standards of behaviour are up on walls in classrooms and situated around the school.

Staff will be a constant presence around the school, in-between classes, during breaks in the school day, and at lunch times, to check that pupils are using the school grounds respectfully and behaving appropriately.

We recognise that where individual pupils are engaging in continuing disruptive behaviour this can be as a result of mental health needs. If such needs are identified we will do all we can to ensure that the pupil receives appropriate support. We recognise our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010 in respect of pupils with ALN and/or disabilities. Whilst all pupils identified with ALN and/or disabilities are covered under this behaviour policy, we recognise that these pupils often require support which is different from, or in addition to, that required by their peers in order to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to all pupils. An Individual Behaviour Plan, Pastoral Support Plan and / or Individual Reactive Strategy may be used for pupils who can display challenging behaviour where they have ALN. The school has a successful model of multi-agency working to support the needs of the more vulnerable pupils and value this. Advice will be sought from external agencies where necessary to assist with appropriate support strategies, which will be monitored and reviewed. Please read the school's special educational needs policy for more information.

The school will take all reasonable measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils and staff and this includes protection from bullying. We aim to combat bullying and other harmful behaviour using, amongst others, preventative strategies through the active development of pupils' social, emotional and behavioural skills.

Consistency lies in the behaviour of adults and not simply in the application of procedure. The school believes that a sustainable consistent approach comes from all members of staff supporting the system firmly. When pupils feel treated as valued individuals they respect adults and accept their authority.

Middle Leaders

Middle leaders should not deal with behaviour referrals in isolation. They should support colleagues but not take over the behaviour management.

- Celebrate staff and pupils whose efforts go above and beyond expectations

- Support staff in returning pupils to learning by leading restorative conversations if necessary and supporting staff with this process
- Be a visible presence in the department/year and on corridors to encourage appropriate conduct including during lesson changeovers
- Share good practice within the department/year
- Enforce effective department referral system
- Ensure staff training needs are identified and targeted
- Ensure supply teachers are supported

Senior Leaders

Senior leaders should not deal with behaviour referrals in isolation. Rather they should stand alongside colleagues to support, guide, model and show a unified consistency to the pupils.

- Celebrate staff, leaders and pupils
- Be a visible presence around the site and at changeover time
- Support middle leaders in managing pupils with more complex or negative behaviour
- Regularly review provision for pupils who have exceptional needs
- Monitor and evaluate patterns of behaviour to inform intervention
- Report data and behaviour to relevant authorities and governing body

Recognition – An opportunity to reward Pupils for their achievements.

- **Classroom level** – Teachers are highly skilled at identifying opportunities to praise Pupils and recognise their successes. Teachers are to identify a minimum of 2 pupils per timetabled lesson (daily average) to award praise points to. This is attached to their register for ready to learn achievement points.
- **Form Tutor** – It is a requirement for form tutors to have SIMS conduct summary tracking set up on their home page for the appropriate registration

group or bubble. Pupils are to complete the 'Pupil Conduct Summary Tracker Booklet' once a week. Pupils therefore should be aware of their NET point score and attendance.

- **Departmental Team** – Pupils will be identified fortnightly by their teachers to receive recognition postcards for outstanding attainment and endeavour in their subjects. Heads of department should use SIMS tracking to identify classes for praise and recognition using praise points and engagement levels. Reviews of the data should be weekly and feedback should be provided to departments to determine targets at department meetings.
- **Year Team** – Provide weekly updates to tutors to identify the highest achieving registration groups within the year. Track daily conduct summary for the year group assessing high achievers. Promote a positive culture and recognise those pupils who regularly achieve praise and recognition points. End of term rewards for praise points and attendance to be completed by each year group. Assess Bronze / Silver and Gold data (praise points, attendance and engagement score) at the end of each term. Rewards to be determined by each HoY.
- **Senior Leadership Team** – Pupils will be invited to meet with the Headteacher and team to recognise their achievements.
- Progress will be celebrated at **Celebration of Achievement Evenings**.

As at any school, almost all of our pupils are polite and well behaved most of the time. They are keen to learn and participate fully in all aspects of school life. For Pupils to achieve at the highest level of which they are capable, good attitudes, parental support and the establishment of the right conditions for learning are all essential. Acceptable standards of behaviour and respect depend upon the example of us all: we all have a positive contribution to make. Good order has to be worked for, it does not simply happen. Staff are expected to recognise the engagement of the pupils as a priority regardless of their academic ability. Pupils should be rewarded for consistently engaging in learning using short term recognition and applying praise points on SIMS, and in turn this will result in long term rewards issued by the year teams. Everyone at the school is here for a purpose and every person should be respected and treated as an individual. Relationships are vital – between everyone and at every level.

Appendix A

Engagement and Behaviour

Rights and responsibilities with regard to staff

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Rights and Responsibilities:-

Prestatyn High School and its staff have the right to:-

- Enforce the school's behaviour policy including rules and disciplinary measures.
- Expect pupils and parents cooperation in maintaining an orderly climate of learning.
- Expect pupils to respect the rights of other pupils and adults.
- Not tolerate abusive or violent behaviour.
- Involve outside agencies as appropriate.

Classroom Expectations.

The rules of the classroom need to be referenced regularly by the classroom teacher. Pupils should be questioned about the rules and asked to offer reasons why we have such rules. The rules will only remain effective if all the teachers use them on a regular basis.

It is vital that we manage our expectations based on the pupil's ability and understanding.

All staff should follow the **same procedures** :

- Always start and end a lesson on time.
- Always take a class register and make a note of any pupils who are late.
- Create a seating plan and adhere to it.
- Remind the pupils regularly of the expectations and consistently give praise.
- Do not leave the classroom, unless there is an emergency.

- Keep pupils on task throughout the lesson and do not let them leave the classroom, unless there is an emergency.
- Identify the classroom hot spots, and strategically locate ourselves in response to this.
- To know the name of all pupils who are in our care.
- Take responsibility for discipline.
- Every day is a new start
- Every lesson is a new start.
- To hold restorative meetings.
- Identify a minimum of 2 pupils per timetabled lesson to award praise points to.

All staff should:

- Meet and greet pupils at the door
- Model positive respectful behaviours and build relationships.
- Maintain emotional control – give yourself time to think before reacting
- Uphold your dignity to sustain a relationship with the child.
- Be calm and allow time for pupils to act and respond when working through the system.
- Be confident.
- Be consistent.
- Show compassion.
- Maintain a professional relationship – separate the behaviour from the child.
- Understand they can influence change and that when an adult changes everything changes.
- Recognise that everything depends on the adults' behaviour.
- Be proactive in ensuring you keep up to date on individual pupil needs
- Share good practice and success
- Be a visible presence around the site and at change over time
- Plan lessons that engage, challenge and meet the needs of all pupils
- Ensure praise outweighs any negatives (a ratio of 5:1)
- Follow up after an incident of negative behaviour. Retain ownership and engage in reflective dialogue with the pupils and take part in restorative work
- Use the praise and reward system in all lessons

We should follow all of the above to ensure we don't:

- Humiliate

- Shout – it belittles others and diminishes impact
- Over-react or act impulsively
- Punish everyone in a group, or punish something you can't prove.
- Use sarcasm.
- Abuse your authority.
- Use empty threats
- Make empty promises
- Hold a grudge

Behaviour Management Strategy, to create a positive learning environment.

1. Plan Lessons for good behaviour

High Expectations

If there are high expectations for all pupils, they will be more likely to succeed. You must set clear boundaries and you must re-visit them frequently.

Differentiate

Excellent teaching can reduce behaviour problems, but this is not always the case. Research shows that clear explanations and tasks which are matched to the needs of the learners improve attitudes towards learning.

Good pace in a lesson

A well paced lesson can help ensure pupils are engaged and productive throughout.

An organised learning environment

An orderly and tidy learning environment can help promote good concentration and avoid distraction.

2. Staff-Pupil Relationship

You should ensure that everyone is treated fairly and with consistency. **Every lesson is a new start.**

3. The teacher's passion

If a teacher has passion for the subject, this will be conveyed to the pupil.

4. The teacher is ready for the lesson

If a teacher is in the classroom ready to greet the pupils and engage in eye contact, this is an advantage and gives control and control of the classroom. You should consider an appropriate seating plan for each class or follow the one put in place.

5. Praise

Staff should consider using praise three times to every one reprimand, this can change an individual's attitude during a period of 2/3 weeks. **'Catch them being good'**.

6. Language

Staff should always use positive language. E.g. rather than saying "will you stop talking" you can say "I want everyone to listen now!", rather than "Dylan, don't turn

around to talk to Bethan”, you can say “Dylan, thank you, I need you to face me and focus on your work’. Try not to use uncertain questions, give polite and courteous instructions.

7. Be consistent

Whatever your behaviour strategy, you must be consistent, and everyone should be treated equitably.

Beyond the classroom

All staff have a collective responsibility to promote positive behaviour beyond their classroom. Undirected time can contribute to a deterioration in the behaviour of pupils.

We can all promote good behaviour through positive interactions at every opportunity.

We should expect to:

- Enjoy relating to one another.
- Welcome all members of the school community.
- Start a conversation at every opportunity.
- Deal with poor behaviour, to ignore is to condone.
- Set high standards of speech, manner and dress.

The behaviour around the school and the late arrival of pupils can have a detrimental effect upon your lesson and other lessons going on within the school.

The following is to be used as basic guidance for the behaviour around school. Ensure as much as possible that you reinforce the procedure below.

The same expectations of behaviour and conduct apply to pupils either on or off the school site during the time when the school duty of care applies. This will usually mean during term time when the pupil is readily associated with the school and / or on other special occasions. These include behaviour on activities arranged by the school such as work experience placements, educational visits and sporting events; behaviour on the way to and from school; and behaviour when wearing school uniform in a public place.

Consequences in line with the Ready to Learn policy will be applied in proportion to the severity of the misbehaviour; the extent to which the reputation of the school has been affected; whether the pupil(s) in question were readily identifiable as members of the school; the impact on the orderly running of the school and / or threat to another pupil or member of staff and the impact on future opportunities for other pupils.

The school will also take an interest in behaviour it does not regulate through liaison with the local authority, police and other appropriate agencies. Examples of the above include dropping litter; graffiti; throwing objects; smoking; foul language or other forms of anti-social behaviour; intimidating behaviour such as sitting on residents' walls or blocking pavements.

Dealing with poor behaviour

While responding to unacceptable behaviour, staff should take note of the below advice:

- All staff should adhere to our whole school strategy for managing behaviour.
- If a pupil seems to be "playing to the audience", deal with them away from the audience.
- Convey to the pupil that you have high expectations of them and are disappointed when they let themselves down.
- Make it clear to a pupil that once an incident has been dealt with then as far as you are concerned it is finished. You expect normal relations to be re-established. Every lesson should be a chance to make a fresh start.
- The closer the sanction is in time to the misdemeanour, the more effective it is likely to be.
- Sanctions aimed at a pupil rather than at the behaviour, should be avoided at all costs. Sarcasm, embarrassment, fear etc, will worsen matters rather than help them. Ask yourself how you would feel if you were in the same situation.
- Remember it is usually not personal.

Disciplinary consequences

Section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 introduced a statutory power for teachers and certain other staff to discipline pupils. Prestatyn High School operates using the following disciplinary measures:

Sanctions are adapted relating to the seriousness and frequency of the behaviour.

The Warning System

- Warnings can be issued to warn the pupil against any behaviour that is deemed inappropriate or disruptive in that lesson.
- Warnings will be given clearly and the pupil will be informed of why a warning has been given. Other strategies will be implemented by the staff member to encourage the pupil to modify their behaviour in between the issuing of warnings.
- Warnings must be given one at a time with reflection / action time.

- Warnings can be issued in a class to support disruption within any single lesson.
- If a pupil receives 3 warnings in a lesson, they will be asked to leave the classroom and attend the '3rd warning referral room'. Pupils will be advised which room to go to. Currently this is picked up by patrol and the pupil is taken to another room in the year bubble.
- If there is continued negative behaviour once a pupil has been removed from a class and further strategies and interventions have meant that a pupil still has not altered their behaviour, a 4th warning may be issued by the member of staff in the referral room, this will need to be referred to the Head of Department or currently due to Covid restrictions, the staff member in the referral room will decide if a pupil is to then attend the Isolation Room. On occasion this decision a member of patrol may ask for further clarification.
- The issuing of warnings may lead to a detention. If a pupil fails to attend this detention, there consequences for this.

The Isolation Room

- Pupils will be sent to the IR by the HoD/HOY/AHOY if they have failed the 3rd warning referral and received a 4th warning by the member of staff in the referral room and the HOD/HOY feels that it is appropriate.
- Pupils will spend the remainder of the lesson in the Isolation Room. Senior members of staff may adjust this time depending on the nature of the incident if required.
- When in the IR pupils will undertake curriculum and reflection work.
- Members of the pastoral team will notify parents/ carers if a pupil has been sent to the Isolation Room via a phone call.
- Pupils will not be allowed their phones when in the IR and they will be asked to hand their phones in.
- There will be consequences if a pupil fails to complete their time in the IR.

Emergency Referral

- On rare occasions, more serious incidences may require the use of an Emergency Referral system where a pupil is referred to the IR immediately.

The patrol member of staff will support with removing pupils from a class if necessary.

Consequences for swearing

- Swearing will not be tolerated and consequences will be imposed to all pupils who swear causing disruption to the learning environment.
- If a pupil swears directly at a member of staff, they will receive an internal exclusion of usually one day unless there are extenuating circumstances where this would not be appropriate. Use the patrol system to remove pupil from the class.
- Staff should use their judgement if a pupil is swearing in the peer group without the intention of causing offense to a member of staff. It may be appropriate to issue a warning.

Restorative work

A restorative meeting should take place following a negative incident and before the next lesson where possible. In following up an incident personally, the member of staff is better placed to have an impact on the behaviour of the pupils in future. If the pupil does not attend or the reconciliation is unsuccessful, the member of staff should call on support from their line manager who will aid the restorative process. For further guidance on restorative work members of staff can consult the staff handbook 'Ready to Learn'

Detentions

A pupil may receive a break and/or lunch time detention for receiving warnings or not following the school rules.

If an after-school detention is issued parents / carers will be given 24 hours' notice and they are required to collect the pupil. Failure to complete after school detentions will result in further consequences being issued.

Patrol

There will be a member of staff on 'patrol' at all times. They will assist with supporting in maintaining the calm and orderly manner of the corridors during lesson times. They will also assist in escorting pupils who have been sent to a referral room or the IR by the HOD/HOY.

Exclusions

The school reserves the right to exclude any pupil internally or externally for a fixed period. The length of any fixed term external exclusion will depend on the type and severity of the incident. For further details on exclusions please see the school's Internal and External Exclusion policies.

Malicious allegations

If an allegation is made against a teacher the quick resolution of that allegation should be a clear priority to the benefit of all concerned. At any stage of consideration or investigation, all unnecessary delays should be avoided.

Allegations should be dealt with using appropriate policies and procedures.

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Pupils have the right to:

- Be treated with respect and listened to.
- Be taught in an environment that is safe and conducive to learning.
- Expect appropriate action from school staff when dealing with any incident of bullying, violence, discrimination or harassment.
- To use relevant school procedures i.e. complaints, if you feel a situation has not been resolved satisfactorily.

Pupils are expected to take responsibility to:

- Meet the behaviour expectations of our school.
- Conduct themselves around the building in a responsible manner and show regard to others.
- Arrive on time to lessons.
- Bring equipment appropriate for the lesson.

- Follow reasonable instructions given by staff , obey rules and accept sanctions.
- Behave in a respectful and polite manner to all.
- Show respect for the opinions and beliefs of others.
- Complete all class work in the manner required.
- Hand in homework at the time requested.
- Show respect for the school environment.
- Demonstrate collective responsibility and respect for the school environment.
- Act as representatives of the school when away from the building.
- Not bring inappropriate items to the school.
- Never harm, denigrate or bully other Pupils or staff.

Items not permitted:-

Under no circumstances should illegal or inappropriate items be brought into school and all pupils will respect and look after the school premises and environment.

The following items are not allowed in school under any circumstances:

- Weapons of any kind
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and legal highs
- Material that is inappropriate or illegal for children to have; such as racist or pornographic material
- Whilst we accept that mobile phones are now part of pupils lives, they should only be used during break and lunch times but must never be used to record images of other pupils at an time.
- Music devices, games devices or any device deemed to have a negative impact on learning will be confiscated.
- Headphones are not permitted to be worn inside.
- Fizzy drinks/energy drinks are not permitted in the school.
- IT equipment other than that issued or approved by Ysgol < > and inclusive of cameras and recording equipment.
- Cigarettes/tobacco/e-cigarettes, matches and lighters.
- Gambling is not allowed on school property

Pupils will be expected to:-

- Adhere to the school uniform policy.
- Eat only in the canteen and designated outside eating areas.
- Not engage in any commercial activity on the school premises.
- Respect property belonging to others.
- Not engage in activities likely to endanger the safety of others

Advice to pupils:-

- Do not bring valuables or money into the school. Should you need to bring money into the school bring the smallest amount possible.
- Do not bring expensive items of clothing and equipment into the school. The school will not be liable for any damage or loss.
- Use bags for school which are a suitable size and strong enough to carry books and other equipment.
- Contact your Head of Year or Assistant Head of Year if you need clarification on any issue.

Additional expectations

The school expects all of its pupils to show respect to one another, to school staff and anyone else that they may meet. Incidents of bullying or bringing intentional harm to other pupils or staff will not be tolerated. Pupils are ambassadors of our school even when off school premises and we expect them to act accordingly. They are expected to obey school rules, listen, follow instructions by staff, respond respectfully to staff and accept and learn from any sanctions that they receive. This extends to any arrangements put in place to support their behaviour such as Individual Behaviour Plans and Pastoral Support Plans. School work and homework should be well presented, completed to a high standard and handed in on time. Failure to hand in work on time will lead to disciplinary sanctions. If pupils are struggling to meet the requirements of their workload for any reason, they should discuss this with their Head of Year, Assistant to the Head of Year or group tutor who will work with them to draw up a support plan. The school asks that pupils carefully read and then sign a **home-school agreement** to show that they have understood what is expected of them and acknowledge the responsibility that they have for their own behaviour.

Fighting

Fighting is unacceptable for any reason anywhere and will not be tolerated. A fight is defined as a physical altercation occurring between two or more pupils. The physical nature of a fight could include but is not limited to hitting, punching, slapping, poking, grabbing, pulling, tripping, kicking, and pinching.

Whilst the school reserves the right to exclude a pupil/pupils for fighting, before any decision is made an investigation will take place to see whether an individual's participation in a fight was self-defence or they were the instigator. If it is deemed that the actions were self-defence, then a lesser punishment may be issued to that participant. Where it is clear who the aggressor was a fixed term exclusion will be

issued to that person depending on the severity of the attack. Where it is clear that two people were involved in pushing and shoving each other and there was no escalation in the level of violence staff are encouraged to use the normal Ready to Learn policy.

Recording a Fight

The act of recording/videoing a fight between other pupils is not permitted. If a pupil is caught recording a fight with their mobile phones, then the following disciplinary procedures will be followed:

- The school may ask a pupil to show a senior member of staff footage of any recording. In some instances, the school will ask for a copy of the footage.
- The phone may be confiscated until the end of the day.
- The video will be deleted from the phone, including any copies.
- The person responsible for recording the fight may be internally/externally excluded for a fixed period.
- Parents will be consulted as to whether they consent to their child being spoken to by the police
- In addition, anyone who is caught forwarding the video to other pupils/persons may be externally excluded.
- Finally, any pupil who posts the video on YouTube, Facebook, or any other social networking page, may be reported to the police.

The school will not tolerate any form of physical assaults whether they are in school or whilst travelling to and from the site.

Smoking

The school will not tolerate the smoking of cigarettes, e-cigarettes or other substances on school site, during off-site school activity or on the way to and from school. There are consequences in place if a pupil is caught in the possession of or in the act of smoking. More information of this can be found in the Substance Misuse Policy.

Drugs

The school will not tolerate illegal drug use of any sort on school property or during off-site school activities. The school takes its Substance Misuse policy very seriously and will discipline any person found to be in possession of illegal drugs. This includes solvents and any other substance that can be misused or harmful. Pupils may be permanently excluded if they are found to be involved in drug-related incidents. This includes supplying, possessing or taking drugs. Details of the sanctions can be found in the Substance Misuse Policy.

Medication

We are aware that it may be necessary for some pupils to take medication during the school day. Parents/carers should make the school aware of this in writing as soon as their child starts taking the medication. The school first aiders will be made aware of this. Medication will need to be kept within and administered by the first aider. Separate forms will need to be completed for this to take place. Details of this is covered in the school's Managing Pupils with Healthcare Needs Policy.

Alcohol

Consuming, carrying or supplying alcohol is strictly prohibited. Any pupil involved in any alcohol-related activity may be excluded. Details of consequences can be found in the Substance Misuse Policy.

All of these rules also apply when travelling to and from school and on school visits.

Searching and confiscation

Following guidance set out by the Education and Inspections Act 2006, our members of staff are authorised to use confiscation as a disciplinary sanction if it is lawful. This means that staff may confiscate or seize items in the possession of pupils that are illegal or banned by the school. It is our first priority to ensure that pupils are in a safe and secure environment when they are in our care and any items that may jeopardise the safety of other pupils or themselves will be taken off pupils without notice.

A teacher or someone who has lawful control of the child can search a pupil **with their permission** to look for any item that the school's rules say must not be brought into school. Headteachers and other members of staff authorised by them have the power to search a pupil **without the pupil's consent** if they suspect they are in possession of 'prohibited items' such as knives or weapons. Prohibited items that can be searched for with consent include:

- alcohol
- illegal drugs
- "legal highs"
- stolen items
- e-cigarettes, tobacco and cigarette papers, lighters

- fireworks
- pornographic images
- articles that have been or could be used to commit an offence or cause harm.

If there is a strong suspicion that a pupil has any of the prohibited items on their person, a senior staff may request a search. If the pupil refuses then parents will be contacted. Any pupil refusing to allow a search will be externally excluded.

Appropriate consequences will be issued if a pupil is found in possession of these items. The school works closely with our police liaison officer and the local police teams and seek support and advice from them if it is appropriate to do so.

The Education Act 2011 allows for staff seizing an electronic device to examine any data or files on the device if they think there is good reason to do so. These data or files may be erased before returning the item if they believe there is good reason to do this.

Travelling to and from the school

- While pupils are travelling to and from the school they are representing the school and must act in a manner that does not damage the school's reputation.
- Pupils should respect the people and property in the local community and behave in a safe and responsible manner.
- Pupils who misbehave while travelling to and from the school may be subject to the school's sanctions, and/or those contained in the Denbighshire School Transport Policy.
- Pupils' behaviour outside of school that has an effect upon the education and welfare of pupils within the school may also be subject to disciplinary proceedings.

Behaviour during free time and outside the school

We value our pupils' experiences, both inside and outside of the school, and as such we will expect our Pupils to behave in a manner that promotes Prestatyn High school in a positive light. However, on occasions Pupils' behaviour may not be up to the expected standard and as such they may be subject to action from the school in line with our Ready To Learn Policy. All pupils whether they are in class on the yard or

on their way to and from school must follow our Ready To Learn policy. Failure to act in an appropriate way and not follow our policy will result in sanctions.

Malicious allegations by pupils

If an allegation is made against a Teacher the quick resolution of that allegation should be a clear priority to the benefit of all concerned. At any stage of consideration or investigation, all unnecessary delays should be avoided.

Allegations should be dealt with using appropriate policies and procedures.

Pupils that are found to have made malicious allegations are likely to have breached the school Behaviour Policy. The school should therefore consider whether to apply an appropriate sanction, which could include temporary or permanent exclusion (as well as referral to the police if there are grounds for believing a criminal offence may have been committed).

Appendix C

Engagement and Behaviour

Rights and responsibilities with regard to parents and carers

- Ready – Everyone should arrive at school with the appropriate attitude, equipment and appearance which prepares them for success.
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- Safe - Everyone has a collective and individual responsibility to ensure our behaviour promotes effective learning and the safety of the school community. Everyone needs to take responsibility for their own actions and the safety of others.

Parents / Carers

Parents / carers play a big part in ensuring that their children are responsible for their own behaviour in school. We ask that parents / carers to respect and support the school's behaviour policy and the authority of the school staff. Reinforcing the message that pupils need to respond to staff in a respectful manner and adhere to the three school rules. Building school life into a natural routine – ensuring that your child is at school on time, appropriately dressed, rested, and equipped – will encourage your child to adhere to school rules and procedures.

Parents / carers should work with the school in support of their child's learning, which includes informing the school of any special education needs or personal factors that may result in their child displaying unexpected behaviour. We ask that parents / carers be prepared to attend meetings at the school with staff or the headteacher to discuss their child's behaviour and to adhere to any contracts or plans that are put in place.

In the case of exclusions, we ask that parents / carers provide appropriate supervision for their child during the time that they are excluded from school and, if invited, to attend a reintegration interview at the school with their child.

Parents / carers can access school policies by contacting staff on the reception desk and requesting that a copy be sent to them. A list of available policies can be found on the school website.

Parents / carers should inform the school of any changes to their contact details.

Collaboration and consistency between parents and the school will lead to improved outcomes for your child.

We believe that all parents have a right to be heard, understood and respected. However, school staff and governors have the same right. We expect you to be polite and courteous. We will not tolerate aggressive, abusive or unreasonable behaviour.

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Support the school.
- Adhere to all school policies and procedures.
- Work in partnership with staff to ensure good behaviour.
- Maintain communication.
- Inform staff of any concerns.
- Respond to concerns raised by members of staff.
- Ensure pupils come to school correctly equipped and prepared to work.
- Resist discussing any concerns in front of your children or other parents.
- Avoid using social media as the front line for complaints.
- Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour at all times.

Malicious allegations made by parents

If a parent makes an allegation against a member of staff the quick resolution of that allegation should be a clear priority to the benefit of all concerned. At any stage of consideration or investigation, all unnecessary delays should be avoided.

Allegations should be dealt with using appropriate policies and procedures.

Parents that are found to have made malicious allegations are likely to have breached the Unacceptable Behaviour Policy. The school should therefore consider whether to apply an appropriate sanction or contact the police if there are grounds for believing a criminal offence may have been committed.

Appendix D

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Safeguarding

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Safeguarding

Prestatyn High School is committed to the safeguarding of all its pupils, staff and visitors. Safeguarding is a priority with arrangements in place to ensure pupils feel and are safe on school premises and off site activities. The pupil experience and individual achievement are paramount and safeguarding initiatives are developed to impact positively upon this.

The school will ensure that safeguarding legislation and guidance are adhered to and taken into account when developing and revisiting policies, procedures and associated arrangements. The school provides a safe physical environment for its pupils and staff, ensuring that the premises are of a good standard. Health & Safety arrangements are in place to ensure adherence to current legislation and guidance. For more information please see the Safeguarding Policy.

Bullying

Prestatyn High School wants to make sure that all pupils feel safe at school and accepted into our school community. Our ethos is one of inclusion and equality;

bullying of any kind is regarded as a serious breach of our behaviour policy and will not be tolerated. The school accepts DCC definition of bullying as follows:

There are many definitions of bullying, but they have three main things in common:

- It is deliberately hurtful behaviour (including aggression)
- Repeated, often over a period of time. It is not a “one-off” incident.
- Difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves.

Bullying frequently focuses on individual differences or anything that is implied to be different from the majority. Aspects of body shape or appearance and cultural or ethnically based lifestyles may all be the focus of bullying. It may also reflect upon race, gender, religion or nationality, or spring from parental ignorance, bigotry or community divides. In this respect bullying undermines the school’s work in promoting respect, equal opportunities and teaching social and commonly accepted moral principles. The school considers bullying via social media, cyberbullying, equally as seriously.

If an allegation of bullying does come up, the school will:

- take it seriously;
- act as quickly as possible to establish the facts;
- record and report the incident; depending on how serious the case is, it may be reported to the headteacher;
- provide support and reassurance to the victim;
- make it clear to the ‘bully’ that this behaviour will not be tolerated. It is important that children who have harmed another, either physically or emotionally, redress their actions and the school will make sure that they understand what they have done and the impact of their actions;
- ensure that if a sanction is used, it will correlate to the seriousness of the incident and the ‘bully’ will be told why it is being used; and
- consider an escalation of consequences in cases of repeated bullying.

For more information, please refer to the school’s anti-bullying policy.

8.2 Use of force

Section 93 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 enables school staff to use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances to prevent a pupil from doing, or continuing to do, any of the following:

- committing any offence (or, for a pupil under the age of criminal responsibility, what would be an offence for an older pupil);
- causing personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any pupil (including him or herself); or
- prejudicing the maintenance of good order and discipline at the school or among any pupils receiving education at the school, whether during a teaching session or otherwise.

Prestatyn High School does not encourage the use of force and it will be used very rarely in special circumstances. There is no definition of when it is reasonable to use force and every situation will have to be judged by the person in charge at that time. The degree of force used should be the minimum needed to achieve the desired result. All staff including those given delegated responsibility have the authority to use force when necessary. This extends to staff when they are lawfully in charge of pupils but off the school premises – i.e., on a school trip.

Following serious incidents involving the use of force, the school will speak to the parents / carers concerned. It is up to schools to decide whether it is an appropriate occasion to report the use of force to parents / carers.

Such serious incidents involving the use of force will also be recorded by the school. Please refer to the Use of Reasonable Force and Physical Intervention Policy.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is required by law and Prestatyn High School takes attendance very seriously. There is a register taken daily and at the start of each lesson. Disciplinary action will be taken against any pupils who are discovered to be truanting or are repeatedly late. Parents or carers will be contacted to discuss possible reasons and school support systems that could help. Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued for unauthorised absences. More information can be found in the school's Attendance Policy.

Punctuality

Pupils are considered to be late if they are not in registration by 8:40 a.m. and in their period 4 lessons by the 2nd bell.

- The school records pupils who are late and will take action to address persistently late pupils.

- If a pupil arrives to school after 30 minutes of the registers closing, they will be marked down as having an unauthorised absence and will be coded as such.
- A Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued if a pupil has been late in more than 10 occasions in one term.

Lunchtime Attendance (Year 7-11)

All pupils are to remain in school at lunchtime unless they go home for lunch and in these rare circumstances, a contract will be set up between the school, the pupil and their parents to outline the clear expectations on pupils during this time if they are leaving the school site at lunchtime.

Uniform and appearance

Smart professional dress supports a sense of belonging and identity and helps to establish a workplace mentality. It helps to instil discipline and pride in appearance in pupils and reduces the risk of distraction in lessons. All pupils are expected to adhere to the uniform policy. For further details please see the PHS Uniform Policy.

Appendix E

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Rewards

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Pupil email notifications – pupils will be emailed with notifications of milestone NET scores where they will be placed on the Ready to Learn Praise Structure.

+65 Points = Bronze

+130 = Silver

+195 = Gold
+325 = Platinum

Pupil of the week – the highest praise point scorer in each year group from Monday – Friday will be awarded as pupil of the week for their year group. Certificate presentation with small gift awarded by Headteacher.

Praise Postcards – 2 praise postcards issued by each teaching member of staff per week. This is to be input accurately on SIMS stating the reason for the award, this will be then generated by the resource team to be sent home each Friday.

Gold Postcard - awarded for outstanding engagement or achievement in school at a member of staff's discretion. This is to be requested by emailing resources and inputting reward on SIMS stating reasons for the award.

Praise and Recognition Structure Awards – pupils to be ranked based on an accumulative score for engagement, praise points and attendance. This is completed through a report at each SA data. HoY to reward pupils at their own discretion at the end of each term based on the Gold / Silver and Bronze awards. Pupils who are ranked as Gold throughout the year are awarded a platinum score to be recognised by the Head Teacher at the end of the academic year.

Annual Awards Evening – annual awards to be presented by each department, year team and Head Teacher to individuals for outstanding achievements at an awards evening where pupils, parents/carers and staff are invited to celebrate the achievements of our pupils.

Appendix F

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Policies

List of relevant policies: All available through the DCC website

- Policy for dealing with unacceptable customer behaviour
- Schools managed transfer policy
- Pupil Transport Policy
- Collective Grievance Policy
- HR policies

School based policies (*school to insert list of relevant policies*).

Related policies

- 1) Prestatyn School Website - <http://www.prestatynhighschool.net/>
- 2) Internal/external exclusion policy
- 3) Substance misuse policy
- 4) Safeguarding policy

- 5) Anti bullying policy
- 6) Special Educational Needs policy
- 7) Use of Reasonable Force and Physical Intervention policy
- 8) Attendance policy
- 9) Managing pupils' healthcare needs policy
- 9) School complaints policy
- 10) Home/ school agreement

Complaints

The school has a standard complaints procedure. We encourage parents/carers to take any complaints or concerns to a member of staff and the school will do everything in its power to help resolve conflict or complaints swiftly and effectively. For details of the full complaints procedure see our school **Complaints Policy**.

All Wales Child Protection Procedures

<http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/policy-document/wales-child-protection-procedures-2008/>

North Wales Safeguarding Board Website that has all the individual policies and guidance which includes the resolving professional differences e

<https://www.northwalessafeguardingboard.wales/policies-and-procedures-children/>

Appendix G

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ACE list

- **Child maltreatment**
 - Verbal abuse
 - Physical abuse
 - Sexual abuse

- **Childhood household includes:**
 - Parental separation
 - Domestic violence
 - Mental Illness
 - Alcohol abuse
 - Drug abuse
 - Incarceration

(<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/88517>)