



St. Wilfrid's RC College
Behaviour for Learning Policy
2023-24

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Introduction

The Governors of St. Wilfrid's RC College wish to maintain the highest standards of civilised behaviour in the school. In achieving this, the Governors seek the support of parents and carers for the Headteacher and staff.

This policy has been developed to take into consideration our Catholic ethos as well as local and national policy and guidance.

The College's policy for behaviour and discipline in general, seeks to promote behaviour based on mutual respect between all members of the College community and Governors ask that parents and carers support the Head Teacher and staff to achieve this.

Intention

1. To have the highest expectations of student behaviour in order to ensure all learners, including the most disadvantaged students and students with SEND, are provided with the knowledge, skills and cultural capital they require for future learning and employment.
2. To ensure all students develop excellent learning habits that they need to be successful in school and life.
3. Realise and celebrate the potential of all students through promoting independence, high self-esteem and enabling students to reach their full potential.
4. Have a zero- tolerance approach to bullying, online bullying/abuse and sexual abuse or harassment and any form of discriminatory behaviour. We work hard to create a positive and safe learning environment.
5. To create a culture focused on excellence in which students are enabled to become mature, self-disciplined, industrious people who are able to accept responsibility for their own actions.
6. To form an active partnership with families to encourage excellent behaviour and to establish improved patterns of behaviour where there are difficulties.
7. To form an active partnership with parents and carers to support their child's learning.

These aims are supported by regular and appropriate in-service training, close parental and community links, student organisation which takes into account ethnic and cultural background, the boosting of students' self-esteem through positive reinforcement and enrichment activities and St Wilfrid's RC College social events aimed at pulling together the different life experiences of groups within the community.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following College policies:

- Code of Conduct
- Safeguarding and Child protection Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Equality Policy
- PSHE Policy
- SEN and Code of Practice
- Uniform Policy
- Acceptable use
- Remote Learning Policy
- Exclusions guidance (LA and DfE)

The policy is underpinned by the following legislation and guidance:

- DfE Behaviour and Discipline in Schools (January 2016)
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- Guidance on the suspension and permanent exclusion of pupils from local-authority-maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units. September 2023
- Education Act 1996 (revised 2011)
- Equality Act 2010 (revised 2018)
- The Health Act 2006
- Section 175 of the Education Act 2002
- Section 90 and 91 of the Education and Inspections Act (2006)
- Schedule 1 Education Regulations (2010)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023
- DfE Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges 2018
- DfE Mental Health and Behaviour in schools
- Searching, Screening and Confiscation at Schools (January 2018)
- Schools (Specification and Disposal of Articles) Regulations (2012)
- DfE Use of Reasonable Force in School 2013 (reviewed 2015)

Behaviour Management for Learning

- The Deputy Head Teacher (Pastoral) leads on Behaviour for Learning.
- Subject Leaders take responsibility for behaviour and supporting staff within their departments: subject specific rules, rewards, detentions, removal timetable.
- Teachers prepare well- planned lessons with a focus on teaching which meets the needs of the individual. Learning starts immediately and there is a clear focus on **Respect and Routines**.
- Teachers are expected to take ownership of their classrooms to create a calm, orderly and engaging learning environment.
- Teachers support behaviour by being highly visible at lesson changeover and by being prompt and vigilant in their duty areas.
- Senior Leaders and Pastoral Leaders support behaviour by being present at social time and by carrying out SLT Tours throughout the St Wilfrid's RC College day.

Communication

- The school day starts with registration where form tutors promote high expectations and consistency and carry out checks on uniform, planners, equipment and attendance.
- Bulletins are sent out daily to staff and students and weekly to parents, with important news and reminders and to ensure consistency of expectations across stakeholders.

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Praise and rewards

Class teachers and form tutors can award Achievement points (credits) in recognition of positive behaviour or excellence.

Rewards are also available, in the form of 'Excellence awards' for significant achievement and/or effort in relation to the individual student's previous norms. Certificates and department commendation postcards are sent home for effort and outstanding work. Tutors have a 'star of the week' and this success is celebrated.

At the end of the term, achievement assemblies recognise work done well by awarding certificates and prizes. In addition to these rewards, any Student's significant achievements and/or efforts may be rewarded by the work in question being put on display.

In class, teachers use verbal and written feedback and a focus on positive relationships. The member of SLT on the Tours Rota can be invited into a lesson to celebrate the individual achievements of students.

Class charts is the College's electronic behaviour management system.

Staff use class charts to record positive and negative behaviour points, issue consequences and provide parental notification of detentions.

All students and all parents and carers have access to personal class charts accounts via the free app or any internet enabled device.

SLT, the pastoral team and subject leaders regularly check class charts to recognise positive conduct and support behaviour management.

Achievement points are recorded on Class Charts for positive performance, improvement and excellence. Short Reports to parents on a termly basis show an Attitude to Learning grade for each subject.

Managing Disruptive Behaviour and Sanctions

All staff are expected to employ:

- High expectations
- Positive relationships
- Consistent application of the College Behaviour Policy and the staged response
- High expectations regarding uniform and equipment
- Effective classroom management
- Targeted interventions
- Praise and rewards
- Sanctions

Low level teacher strategies include:

- Staged Behaviour Process
- Verbal and non verbal cues
- Movement of seats
- 'Time out' to allow for thinking time/ time to self-regulate
- Loss of break or lunch time

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- Department after-school detentions
- Internal department support e.g. with Subject Leader
- Department Room Removal Timetable

Additional whole school strategies include:

- Intervention meetings with students
- Use of restorative practice
- Student-parent meetings
- Lunchtime and after school detentions
- Behaviour support including a mentor, or a Pastoral Support Plan
- SENDCo assessment and support plan
- Monitoring reports: Staged Traffic Light report card system
- SLT on call
- Internal suspension
- Fixed term Suspension
- The involvement of external agencies

Students with SEND needs

Where a student is identified as having SEND needs or where there is the possibility of underlying or emerging needs the school will make reasonable adjustment to ensure that the needs of the individual are met.

SEND strategies to support behaviour include:

1. Behaviour Policy specifically considers the needs of SEND students, students where there is a possibility of unidentified SEND need and students where there may be an emerging SEND need. School will ensure that those needs will be taken into account and reasonable adjustments made to ensure the individual needs of the student are met
2. Individual Student Support Plans: individual overview of each student and their needs and the strategies teachers must use to support access to learning and positive behaviour
3. The Wellbeing room: dedicated supported safe space in school for students with SEND (such as students with sensory needs who may use it if they are experiencing sensory overload) or Mental Health Wellbeing needs. The wellbeing room is coordinated by the SENDCo and students access this space in an agreed format to minimise disruption to learning. Specialist SEND and mental health wellbeing support is available alongside a focus on completing work provided by the student's teachers
4. Whole school staff training has been delivered regarding the specific needs of students and strategies for supporting them.
5. We use EduKey (Sept 2022) which holds our SEND student support plans and is regularly updated with advice from external agencies and student/parent voice to include strategies to manage behaviour for learning in the classroom. The STW hub shared drive is also updated with ways to manage specific students' needs at social times for SLT and staff on duty, alongside specialist resources which support positive behaviour for learning for students with SEND.

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6. The SENDCo may have a target in a student's SEND support plan to support their behaviour in lessons with identified provision that school provides to support with the target.

Mental Health Wellbeing

As a school we recognise that students with disruptive behaviours may be exhibiting these behaviours as a result of a social, emotional or mental health need. A lot of the support needed within the College is for students with emotional/behavioural difficulties, some of whom may or may not have an EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan). Pastoral Leaders, SENDCo and support staff offer individual support to students who experience emotional/behavioural difficulties and their teachers, sometimes within the classroom. The St Wilfrid's RC College ethos supports the premise that the establishment of a good teacher/student relationship is central to working effectively with all students, especially those who experience emotional/behavioural difficulties. Teaching which exhibits adaptation, mutual respect and effective classroom management is conducive to building and maintaining good relationships between staff and students. Emotional and behavioural difficulties take many forms:

- A Student may become withdrawn and unable to make friends,
- A Student may be unable to concentrate on classwork or homework,
- A Student may become disruptive and/or aggressive in a class.

In such cases the causes of the emotional/behavioural difficulties should be determined and strategies may well be needed to build or rebuild the teacher/student relationship. Counselling may be offered to encourage the student to express issues of concern and feelings and to determine appropriate actions to deal with the situation. The College and pastoral team in particular believe in the importance of working together with the student, parents and any outside agencies. This encourages mutual respect and fosters self-responsibility in the student. The use of Behaviourist Psychological Approaches often leads to short term improvements which in turn improve the teacher-student relationship and greater self-motivation.

Close liaison with all concerned individuals and agencies, e.g. Parents, form tutors, Key Stage Staff, The SENDCo, Social Services, etc. may assist effective modification of the student's behaviour.

The Code of Conduct

All students are expected to actively adhere to the Code of Conduct and our staff are expected to promote and model the high expectations we hold for attitude and behaviour.

Principles:

There are two related principles on which the 'Code of Behaviour' is based. The two principles are explored in more detail below.

- 1. All members of the College community have the right to be treated with respect and to work in a clean, calm and safe environment.**

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This means:

a) Show respect for others by working sensibly in lessons and do not disrupt the learning of others. For example:

- When your teacher talks to the whole class you must be quiet and pay attention.
- Put up your hand to answer questions. Do not call out.
- Do not distract or annoy others in the lesson.
- Bring the right equipment to lessons – books, folders, pens, pencils, ruler, coloured pencils and planner etc.
- Do not chew, eat or drink during a lesson.
- Go to the toilet during breaks rather than during the lesson.
- Only 'pack away' when your teacher tells you.
- Make sure the area where you have worked is clean and tidy before you leave the room.
- Do not leave the lesson at any time without the teacher's permission.

b) Show consideration for others by moving around the building quietly and carefully. For example:

- Walk on the left hand side of the corridor.
- At break/lunch stay in designated areas.
- Do not run or push others.
- Open/hold open doors for other people.

c) All members of the College community should treat each other with respect and consideration. For example:

- At lunchtime follow the rota unless you have a priority pass.
- Clear your table. Do not leave a mess for others to clear up.
- Do not bring chewing gum to the College.
- Do as you are asked first time you are asked, be it be by a teacher, lunchtime supervisor or any staff member. Be polite if you wish to express your opinion.

d) Do not say or do anything that encourages bullying. For example:

- Do not punch, kick, hit, spit, etc. at anyone.
- Do not join in any 'name calling'.
- Do not exclude others from your discussions/activities.
- Do not damage or steal or threaten to damage or steal other people's property.
- If you think you are being bullied talk to your form tutor or a member of the Pastoral Team. Remember, silence is the bully's greatest weapon.

2. All Students and teachers must be punctual and well prepared for their lessons if the Students are to make the most out of their time at St Wilfrid's.

This means:

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- a) **Come equipped for the day wearing the correct uniform and bring everything you will need for your lessons:**
- Come to St Wilfrid's wearing St Wilfrid's uniform.
 - Bring all the necessary writing equipment, books, folders and P.E. kit.
 - Do not wear make-up or jewellery.
 - Do not bring items such as tippex .
 - Mobile phones must be kept turned off and put away during the school day.
 - Do not bring valuable items to school..
- b) **Attend St Wilfrid's RC College regularly and arrive in plenty of time for the start of your lessons, eg.**
- Arrive on time for registration and lessons. Apologise for being late to the teacher in charge and give your explanation.
 - If you have been absent you must bring a note in your planner to show your form tutor.

Outline and guide to St Wilfrid's RC College sanctions:

At St Wilfrid's, we expect the very highest standards of our students and we are clear with students about what these are. If students do not meet these expectations, a number of supporting measures will be put in place to help them do so. All sanctions will be an opportunity for students to understand, reflect upon and correct what went wrong.

These sanctions may include:

1. Detentions
2. Staged daily reporting
3. Contact with parents
4. Meetings with parents
5. Removal of social time
6. Suspensions (internal and external)
7. Permanent exclusion from school

In deciding on the nature of a sanction, the school will decide based on the evidence in relation to the balance of probability. This means that a student may be given a sanction for an action/involvement in an incident that they deny. We will always conduct a thorough investigation and, when deciding the nature of sanction for a more serious incident, previous behaviour/information will be taken into consideration.

Sanctions

The school has a sanctions policy based on consistent, non-negotiable, and escalating consequences for failure to meet the behaviour expectations. Some behaviours will automatically warrant a sanction, we call these "Red Line Incidents", while others will first

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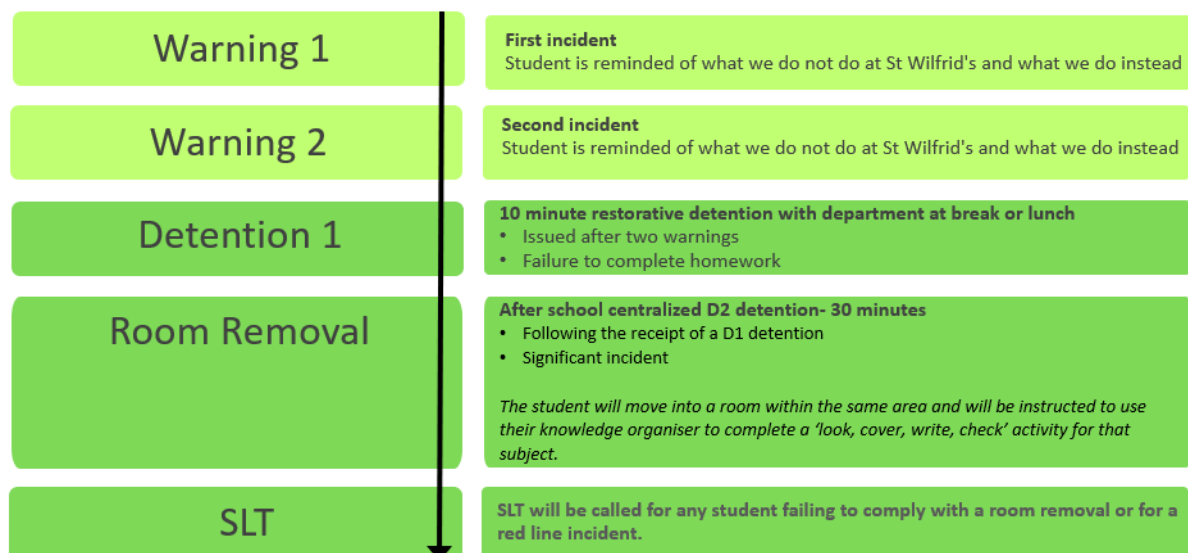
elicit a staggered approach – based upon an assertive discipline system. Serious behaviours elicit another set of consequences. Repeated behaviours on the part of the same student will elicit escalating consequences, in order to provide greater incentive for the student to modify their behaviour.

Where necessary the school reserves the right to search a student should they believe that a contraband item that puts their own safety in danger, for example knives, drugs, vapes and cigarettes that have been brought onto the premises.

In order to modify behaviour most effectively, it is important that the sanction occurs as soon as possible to the infraction. Students who receive an after-school detention will be expected to serve it the following day.

WWDR

In lessons, staff follow the staged sanction system of WWDR. This is outlined in the diagram below:



Warnings

Warnings within lessons can be administered for any of the following (list not exhaustive):

1. Lateness to lesson
2. Any off-task behaviour
3. Pen-tapping or fiddling when empty hands gesture and reminder has been issued
4. Talking over the teacher or another pupil
5. Swinging on chairs
6. Poor presentation of classwork or uniform

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D1 Detention

A D1 detention is a 10-minute consequence given as a result of the student failing to amend their behaviour following the receipt of two warnings. A D1 detention is an opportunity for the student to have a restorative conversation, during a break or lunch time, with their teacher to help them to understand why their behaviour needs to be corrected.

Room removal

A student will be removed from the lesson if their negative behaviour continues following the receipt of a D1 detention or a significant incident. The student will move into a room within the same area and will be instructed to use their knowledge organiser to complete a 'look, cover, write, check' activity for that subject. A room removal will automatically result in an after school 30-minute detention (this is a D2 detention).

SLT will be called for any student failing to comply with a room removal or for a red line incident.

Groundings

Groundings is a 50-minute lunchtime detention which is issued and supervised by the Pastoral Team. During this detention KS3 students will be instructed to copy our school's Code of Conduct to ensure that they are reminded of our high expectations. KS4 students will be instructed to use their knowledge organisers to complete a 'look, cover, write, check' activity.

Groundings will be issued by the Pastoral Team for anything which fails to comply with our school Code of Conduct. Examples include:

- Failure to comply with our uniform policy
- A significant number of W2 sanctions within a week
- Significant number of W1 sanctions for lateness to lesson
- Failing to meet expectations of staged daily reporting

After School Detentions

Students will arrive promptly at the end of the school day to sit their detention.

After-school detentions are centralised, and teachers should not feel the need to hold their own after-school detentions.

There are two types of after-school detention: these are D2 and D3.

- D2 detention is a 30-minute centralised detention which can be issued for:
 - Failure to attend D1 detention
 - Failure to complete homework following support provided during D1 detention
 - Room removal
 - Absconding from a lesson
 - Lateness (issued by pastoral team)

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- Pastoral incident
- D3 detention is a 60-minute SLT detention on a Friday evening. This can be issued for:
 - Failure to attend a D2 detention
 - Any incident that the Deputy Head (Pastoral), Head of School or Executive Headteacher deem worthy of this sanction.

Sixth-Form: Please see Appendix One which outlines the Staged Behaviour System for Sixth-Form students.

Staged Behaviour Report.

Where a student collects multiple warning in one week, the Head of House will then interview that student to discover the reasons for their behaviour. Where a student continues to behave in a negative manner, the Head of House may decide to contact the parents, give detention, or place the child in internal exclusion. Lunchtime detentions (groundings). Detentions are also held after school if necessary. The Head of House may decide that the student needs to be put on report, in which case the student will be required to carry a 'Report Card' to each lesson so that the teacher can comment on behaviour, attitude to work etc.

Form teachers also monitor report cards daily and the Head of House checks the report at the end of the day. Parents should also sign the report on a daily basis. Report cards are kept for students who have previously misbehaved.

Crucially: the report system allows for the tutor, classroom teachers and Head of House/Senior Leader to record praise comments on a daily basis to support students with re-engaging with their learning and the school community.

Additional Information

Uniform

The St Wilfrid's RC College has used the non-statutory guidance on school uniform and recognises that 'uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone... and encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up'. If a student is in breach of the Uniform Policy then they will either be given some temporary uniform to wear, sent home to change or will be in internal isolation until their uniform is correct. We do this to ensure that students take pride in their appearance.

Please see our Uniform Policy for further information.

Mobile Phones

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Mobile phones are not permitted in the St Wilfrid's RC College for students in Years 7-11. If a student wishes to carry a phone to and from school for safety reasons, it must be switched off and safely stored in a bag during the school day. We cannot accept any responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged phones (or any other items).

If a student is seen using their mobile phone it will be confiscated by a member of staff and placed in the school safe. The student will be issued with a sanction following the Staged Behaviour System.

Mobile phones can be searched by senior members of staff if this is thought to be appropriate following DfE guidance.

Anti-Bullying

At St. Wilfrid's RC College, in line with our Ethos, we believe that all of our students have the right to learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment without the fear of being bullied.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour towards others include:

- Physical (including sexual assault)
- Verbal abuse (name calling) by teasing or making offensive remarks
- Cyber bullying: use of it by an individual or individuals in a way intended to upset or exploit others.
- Emotional torment: excluding from social groups or spreading rumours.
- Theft or the deliberate destruction of property.
- Any deliberate displays of intolerance on the grounds of difference e.g. race, sexuality, appearance, gender etc.

Bullying may involve complicity that falls short of direct participation by, for instance, manipulating a third party to tease or torment someone. It may be overt and intimidatory but is often hidden and subtle. It includes actions or comments that are racist, religious or cultural, homophobic, transphobic, sexist, sexual or which focus on disabilities or other physical attributes or any reference to Special Educational Needs and/or disability.

The seriousness of bullying cannot be emphasised enough. Bullying is among the top concerns that parents have about their children's safety and well-being at and on the way to and from school. Bullying is also a top concern of children and young people themselves. Bullying makes the lives of its victims a misery: it undermines their confidence and self-esteem and destroys their sense of security and can be psychologically damaging. Bullying impacts on its victims' attendance and attainment at school, marginalises those groups who may be particular targets for bullies and can have a life-long negative impact on some young people's lives. At worst, bullying has been a factor in student suicide.

Proven instances of bullying will be taken very seriously.

Please see our Anti-Bullying policy for further information.

Sexual Abuse or Harassment

At St. Wilfrid's RC College we have a zero-tolerance approach to any form of peer-on-peer sexual abuse or violence or harassment or discrimination.

Staff actively uphold this zero-tolerance stance by following the SCAR approach:

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STOP: stop when you notice.

CHALLENGE: challenge the comment or behaviour.

ADDRESS: let the child or young person know that it is not appropriate or acceptable.

REPORT: all incidents should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead particularly low level or first offences; it helps to build a picture. Any incidents or actions taken will be done so in line with the school's safeguarding policy.

All incidents will be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead in line with the St Wilfrid's RC College Safeguarding policy.

Please see our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies.

Types of conduct that are prohibited in the St Wilfrid's RC College and may constitute sexual harassment under this policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unwelcome sexual flirtations or propositions, invitations or requests for sexual activity
- Sexual comments, such as making lewd comments or sexual remarks about clothing and appearance, and calling someone sexualised names
- Sexual "jokes" or taunting, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments or sexually degrading descriptions
- Unwelcome communication that is sexually suggestive, degrading or implies sexual intentions, including written, verbal, online etc.
- Physical behaviour, such as deliberately brushing against, grabbing, massaging or stroking an individual's body
- Taking, displaying, or pressuring individuals into taking photos of a sexual nature
- Exposing, or causing exposure of, underclothing, genitalia, or other body parts that are normally covered by an individual, through means including, but not limited to, mooning, streaking, "upskirting", "down blousing", or flashing
- Purposefully cornering or hindering an individual's normal movements
- Engaging in the improper use of school-owned devices and the internet including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Accessing, downloading or uploading pornography
 - Sharing pornography via the internet, email or mobile phones
 - Creating or maintaining websites with sexual content
 - Participating in sexual discussions through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, social media, mobile phone or tablet apps, or any other form of electronic communication

Punishments for incidents of sexual harassment will be determined based on the nature of the case, the ages of those involved and any previously related incidents. The St Wilfrid's RC College will address the effects of harassment and will signpost counselling/support services if the harassment has affected performance or well being.

Leaving Site

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Once at school, students are not allowed to leave site unless collected/ organised by a parent or carer.

Students must remain in their designated areas at all times.

Harmful substances/weapons

Under no circumstances can students bring alcohol, tobacco/vaping or drugs onto the school premises. No items that can be used as a weapon are to be brought onto the school site.

Serious Incident

When a more serious behaviour incident takes place the member of staff will log the incident on CPOMS and alert the appropriate members of SLT/the pastoral team. If the incident cannot be dealt with using the departmental sanctions, then the member of SLT on-call should be contacted.

For serious incidents the student will be instructed to work in isolation while investigations are carried out or for a suitable, fixed amount of time as a sanction for the incident. Parents will be informed.

If a fixed-term suspension is warranted, students will not move back in to classrooms until a reintegration meeting has been held to discuss the reasons for the suspension and the expectations of the St Wilfrid's RC College following the return of the student.

Members of staff have the power to use reasonable force to prevent students from committing an offence, injuring themselves or others, damaging property and to maintain good order in the classroom.

Serious misbehaviours may include but are not restricted to:

- Peer on peer abuse
- Any behaviour which is discriminatory in nature (e.g. discriminates on the basis of disability, gender, race, religion, age, sexuality and/or marital status)
- Harassment-behaviour towards others which is unwanted, offensive and affects the dignity of the individual or groups of individuals including racist, sexist and homophobic or transphobic behaviour
- Is involved with bullying of another student including cyber-bullying; prejudice-based bullying and discriminatory bullying
- Uses ICT or audio/visual recordings in a way which could be construed as harassment and/or bullying of other members of the school community, or an invasion of their privacy
- Sexually abuses or harasses another student
- Sexually abuses or harasses staff
- Makes false accusations against a member of staff, which could precipitate action by the Police or Safeguarding Children's Board
- Is involved with illegal drugs or alcohol or tobacco

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- Smoking/Vaping
- Possession of banned items (including but not limited to) knives or bladed articles, fireworks, firecrackers
- Truancy
- Steals school property or property belonging to a member of the school community
- Damages school property
- Brings an offensive weapon into school
- Swears at, or is personally insolent to a member of staff
- Defiant to staff
- Physically assaults another student or is physically aggressive to another student
- Physically assaults a member of staff or is physically aggressive towards a member of staff
- Persistent misbehaviour
- Misbehaves in any way whilst on Red Report or whilst on a Behaviour Contract
- Is involved in activities which are prejudicial to the health and safety of member(s) of the school community
- Uses an inordinate amount of staff time

Suspensions

Suspensions are issued in response to red line incidents or failure to comply with the staged behaviour policy.

There are two types of suspension: internal suspension is an ISC placement; external suspension involves the student being removed from school for a period of time.

Internal suspension

- Time in isolation reflects the severity of the incident/ behaviour.
- Only pastoral staff (AHOH and above) or members of SLT can direct a student to internal isolation.
- Isolation is held in a designated area under the supervision of a teacher.
- If a child is in isolation they will lose social time with their peers.
- Pupils will not be dismissed from isolation until 4 pm each day.
- Parents are informed.
- A range of strategies and support will be put in place by the class teacher, head of department and pastoral team to prevent a reoccurrence of the incident.
- The SENDCo will be consulted where necessary.

Our Individual Support Centre is a dedicated space in school for restorative work to take place. Students will be reminded of our high expectations and supported to be reintegrated into their lessons. Students will begin their day at 8.40am and their day will end at 4pm.

Activities in the ISC include:

- Use of knowledge organisers for 'look, cover, write, check' activities
- Restorative conversations
- Bespoke restorative work
- Bespoke subject-specific work in line with the curriculum

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The ISC is also used as a space for investigations to be conducted by the Pastoral Team following a red line incident. If a student is placed in the ISC during the school day for this reason, they will end their day at the usual time.

Any pupil refusing to follow senior staff instructions to enter the ISC is at risk of external suspension

Suspension (External)

- Punitive and also restorative with reintegration support.
- Parents are informed verbally and in writing.
- The length of an external suspension is determined on an individual student basis by the Pastoral Team, Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral), Head of School or Executive Headteacher.
- Prior to the return to school a reintegration meeting is held with parents led by the Assistant Head Pastoral or the Deputy Head Teacher with HOH (and SENDCo if appropriate). The Head Teacher may attend the meeting depending upon the nature of the incident.
- Support is offered from the school and any concerns aired.
- Support offered may include a SENDCo assessment for a possible unidentified or emerging SENDCo need
- The students will be placed on the appropriate level of monitoring report.

Permanent exclusion is only ever a last resort in response to a serious breach or persistent breaches of the school's behaviour policy and where allowing the student to remain in school would seriously damage the education or welfare of the student or others in the school.

External suspensions:

The length of an external suspension is determined on an individual student basis by the Pastoral Team, Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral), Head of School or Executive Headteacher.

External Agencies

We work closely with a range of external agencies and organisations to best support our students with their behaviour (and their families). Examples include:

- Social Services
- Early Help
- The Police
- CAMHS
- CYPS
- Autism Outreach
- Behaviour Support Services

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Discipline beyond the school gates

The Head Teacher will determine an appropriate legal response to the following:

Any unacceptable behaviour where the student is:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity
- Travelling to and from school
- Wearing school uniform
- In some other way identifiable as a student at the school

Or, misbehaviour at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, that:

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

The Head teacher and Leadership Team will consider each reported incident and deem a suitable or appropriate sanction where necessary. At that point a decision will also be made as to whether it is appropriate to notify the police or anti-social behaviour coordinator in the local authority. If the behaviour is criminal or poses a serious threat to a member of the public, the police will always be informed. In addition, school staff will consider whether the misbehaviour may be linked to the student suffering or being likely to suffer significant harm. In that case the school staff will follow the Safeguarding Policy Guidance.

Use of reasonable force

At St Wilfrid's RC College we follow the advice given in the following guidance:

DFE Use of reasonable force advice for headteachers, staff and governing bodies July 2013
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444051/Use_of_reasonable_force_advice_Reviewed_July_2015.pdf

Physical restraint

Staff at St Wilfrid's RC College follow the most up to date guidance in the event of having to use reasonable force to restrain a child. (There are also members of staff trained in Positive Handling restraint techniques to ensure pupils and staff are safe at all times.) DFE Use of reasonable force advice for headteachers, staff and governing bodies July 2013
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444051/Use_of_reasonable_force_advice_Reviewed_July_2015.pdf

Power to search pupils

The Headteacher and Governing Body follow the most up to date Government advice on searching pupils: DFE Searching, screening and confiscation Advice for headteachers, school staff and governing bodies January 2022
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1091132/Searching_Screening_and_Confiscation_guidance_July_2022.pdf

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Appendix One: Sixth Form Staged Behaviour System

Sixth Form Staged Behaviour Referral

Stage	Action	Review
Stage 1	<p>Conversation with Form Tutor.</p> <p>Form tutor report put in place.</p>	Review after 2 weeks.

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	<p>Parents/carers informed by Form Tutor (recorded on sims).</p> <p>Monitor behaviour.</p>	
Stage 2	<p>If no improvement.</p> <p>Meeting with Year Leader.</p> <p>Year Leader report put in place.</p> <p>Parents/carers informed by Year Leader (recorded on sims)</p> <p>Monitor behaviour.</p>	Review after 2 weeks.
Stage 3	<p>If no improvement.</p> <p>Meeting with Head of Sixth Form</p> <p>Head of Sixth Form report put in place.</p> <p>Parents/carer informed by Head of Sixth Form. (recorded on sims)</p> <p>Monitor behaviour.</p>	Review after 2 weeks.
Stage 4	<p>If no improvement.</p> <p>Formal meeting with Head of Sixth Form, Year Leader, student and Parents/carers.</p> <p>Minutes recorded and signed by all parties (recorded on sims)</p> <p>Monitor behaviour.</p>	Review after 4 weeks.
Stage 5	<p>If no improvement.</p> <p>Referral to SLT (DH Pastoral)</p> <p>Formal meeting with SLT, student and Parents/carers.</p> <p>Minutes recorded and signed by all parties (recorded on sims)</p> <p>Monitor behaviour.</p>	Review after 4 weeks.
Stage 6	<p>If no improvement.</p> <p>SLT agree for a Pastoral contract to be put in place.</p> <p>Minutes recorded and signed by all parties (recorded on sims)</p>	Review after 4 weeks.

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	Monitor behaviour.	
Stage 7	<p>If no improvement permanent exclusion may be considered.</p> <p>A decision to exclude a pupil permanently should only be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in response to a serious breach or persistent breaches of the school's behaviour policy; and • where allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the pupil or others in the school. 	N/A

If involved in a serious incident the serious incident/ suspension protocol will be followed.

(Depending on the nature of the behavioural issue, all or some of the above stages may also be recorded on CPOMS)

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