

# Behaviour for Learning & Relationships Policy

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These procedures are based on model guidance provided by Lancashire County Council. The implementation of these guidelines will be monitored by the Governing Body. The guidelines should be read in conjunction with all relevant personnel policies that are publicly available on the school website.

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#### **BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

#### Rationale

Up Holland High School supports the right of every child to be able to achieve their potential and the Behaviour for Learning & Relationships Policy plays an integral part in helping each child to do this. It is a statement that emphasises the school's aim to create a positive, motivated environment in which every child has the right to learn and develop academically, culturally and socially. Equally, it allows every teacher to teach and to promote the good practice that encourages individual learning and development.

**Up Holland High School aims to** create a climate in which students' self-esteem is raised and misbehaviour becomes a less attractive way of obtaining attention so that the school can:

- Encourage every student to take responsibility for their behaviour and achievement and to respect the right of others to learn
- Ensure that each student has the opportunity to achieve their highest academic standard
- Ensure that each student achieves his or her full potential across a balanced academic, cultural and social curriculum
- Create a school in which staff, students and parents share a positive attitude towards learning
- Recognise, celebrate and encourage diversity
- Create a school in which all students and staff feel valued, supported and fulfilled.
- Create a strong school community through positive behaviour which shares a sense of pride in the school and its wider community



#### Aims of the policy:

- > To create an environment where the ethos of good attendance and good behaviour is the norm.
- > To ensure that effective teaching and learning can take place in a safe and well-ordered environment.
- > To promote positive behaviour and consistency of practice to reinforce awareness of the school's expectations of high standards of behaviour and being Dedicated to Excellence.
- > To create an atmosphere of mutual respect and co-operation.
- To gain the support of students, all staff and parents.

#### Legislation, statutory requirements and statutory guidance

The policy is based in legislation and advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff 2024
- Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022
- The Equality Act 2010
- Keeping children safe in education 2024 (publishing.service.gov.uk)
- Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and student referral units in England, including student movement 2023
- Use of reasonable force in schools
- Supporting students with medical conditions at school
- Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice

#### In addition, this policy is based on:

- > Section 175 of the <u>Education Act 2002</u>, which outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of its students
- > Sections 88 to 94 of the <u>Education and Inspections Act 2006</u>, which requires schools to regulate students' behaviour and publish a behaviour policy and written statement of behaviour principles, and gives schools the authority to confiscate students' property
- > Schedule 1 of the <u>Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014</u>; paragraph 7 outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, paragraph 9 requires the school to have a written behaviour policy, and paragraph 10 requires the school to have an anti-bullying strategy
- ▶ <u>DfE guidance</u> explaining that academies should publish their behaviour policy and antibullying strategy
- > This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.



#### **Principles**

The Governing Body of Up Holland High School believes that good behaviour in all aspects of school life is essential for effective teaching and learning to take place and for the school to continue to raise standards. It supports a safe, caring and learning environment in the school by:

- > Promoting regular attendance and positive behaviour within the school.
- Promoting self-esteem and self-discipline alongside our LORIC values
- Expecting positive relationships based upon a mutual respect.
- Promoting early intervention and fairness of treatment for all.
- Encouraging consistency of response to both positive and negative behaviour.
- > Providing a safe environment for all, free from disruption, violence, bullying and any form of harassment or discrimination.
- Ensuring that all students receive their entitlement to an inclusive education service where each individual's needs are met.
- Encourage a positive relationship with parents and carers to develop a shared approach and involvement in the implementation of the school's policy and associated procedures.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

- a. The Governing Body, in consultation with the Headteacher, staff and parents/carers will support the policy for the promotion of good behaviour and learning and keep it under review. It will also ensure that it is communicated to all staff, students, parents and carers, is non-discriminatory and that its expectations are clear. The Governors will support the school in maintaining high standards of behaviour.
- **b.** The **Headteacher**, with the support of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) responsible for behaviour, will be responsible for implementing the policy and for its day-to-day management and the management of relevant procedures. It is also the responsibility of the Headteacher and SLT to support staff members faced with challenging behaviour.
- c. All staff, including teachers and support staff, will be responsible for ensuring that the policy and procedures are followed and applied consistently and fairly. It is important that mutual support is given in the implementation of the policy and that staff members teach self-discipline and good behaviour by example and by making the school's expectations clear to all students. All staff members have a key role in advising the Headteacher on the effectiveness of the policy and procedures. They must also create, with the support of the Headteacher and SLT, a stimulating and high quality learning environment.
- **d.** The **Governing Body, Headteacher and staff** will ensure that there is no differential application of the policy and procedures on any grounds, particularly ethnic or national origin, culture, religion, gender, disability or sexuality. They will also ensure that the concerns of students are listened to and appropriately addressed.



- e. Parents and carers will take responsibility for the behaviour of their child inside and outside of school. They will be encouraged to work in partnership with the school and to assist the school in maintaining high standards of behaviour. They will have the opportunity to raise with the school any issues arising from the implementation of the policy and procedures. Parents are under a legal duty to ensure that their child (aged 5-16) receives a suitable full-time education either at a school or by making other suitable arrangements. Parents have a clear role in making sure their child is well behaved at school. Parents must take responsibility for their child, if excluded, and ensure that they are not in a public place without good reason during school hours within the first five school days of any suspension. If they do not, the school or local authority may issue a penalty sanction. Parents must also ensure that their child attends the suitable full time education provided by the school governing body or the local authority from the sixth day of any suspension. Parents are expected to attend a reintegration interview following and any fixed period suspension from secondary school.
- **f. Students** will take personal responsibility for their choices and behaviour and they will be made fully aware of the school policy, procedures and expectations of them. Students must also ensure that incidents of disruption, violence, bullying and any form of harassment are reported to the appropriate staff members.

#### Code of Conduct inside and outside the classroom

The central aim of this Code of Conduct is to encourage students to develop responsibility for their own behaviour, both inside and outside of the classroom, and it can be applied to an infinite number of situations.

#### **GENERAL BEHAVIOUR**

We are a school that values:

Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication

## We expect every student to:

- Attend regularly and to be punctual
- Be well behaved, polite and respectful towards others both in school and as ambassadors
  of the school when outside of it so that students enhance its reputation at every
  opportunity
- Wear the correct school uniform and to be tidy in appearance
- Arrive at lessons properly equipped and on time
- Enter and leave rooms in an orderly manner
- Remain seated until asked to move
- Try to always work to the best of their individual ability (Attitude to Learning ATL)
- Listen to and follow instructions when given to them



- Respect their right and the right of others to learn and the right of staff to teach effectively
- Complete home learning properly and on time
- Make the most of opportunities offered by the school
- Contribute fully to school life
- Respect the school environment, for example: classrooms, corridors and grounds and to keep the school free from litter
- Regard any form of bullying as unacceptable and to support this view
- Not to bring items into school for selling purposes such as energy drinks, sweets, crisps etc
- Not bring items into school, which can cause damage to school buildings, personal property and members of the school. These may include fireworks, chewing gum, glass bottles, penknives, blades, cigarette lighters, aerosols, vapes and laser pens
- Not to bring in or consume energy drinks/sugary drinks on school premises
- Only bring small amounts of essential money into school. If a large amount is brought into school parents accept this is the child's responsibility
- Not bring into school any alcohol, tobacco products, electronic-cigarettes, illegal drugs, or substances, or any drugs paraphernalia that may be harmful to your health or the health of others. There will be serious consequences for doing so.
- Not enter the school grounds or premises outside of normal school hours

These expectations must also be applied to behaviour on school buses, any means which students travel to and from school i.e. walking, car, taxi, bike, trips and other activities. A lack of application of these expectations may mean in that the coach company/school may refuse travel on school buses. In line with the schools consequence system trips and other activities will not be available given failure to follow the system, and school will be the final arbiter in these decisions.

<u>Uniform and Appearance - Please see Uniform Policy for full guidance.</u>

It is important students are dressed smartly and presentable on a daily basis for school.

Without exception the school will be the final arbiter regarding suitability of dress and appearance

NOTE- Up Holland High School adopts DfE policy on Searching and Screening. The Headteacher or in his absence the Deputy or Director of Standards can direct staff to search students without parental permission for banned items that have been known or believed to be brought into school.

The Head/Deputy or Director of Standards can also direct staff to search students and their bags if deemed necessary. School will dispose of these banned items as it so wishes. This also includes any items brought into school to sell to other students, the items will not be returned, and monies procured from selling will be donated to charity.

Subject to the exception below, the authorised member of staff carrying out the search will be of the same sex as the student, and there will be another member of staff present as a witness to the search.



An authorised member of staff of a different sex to the student can carry out a search without another member of staff as a witness if:

- > The authorised member of staff carrying out the search reasonably believes there is risk that serious harm will be caused to a person if the search is not carried out as a matter of urgency; **and**
- > In the time available, it is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out by a member of staff who is the same sex as the student; **or**
- > It is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out in the presence of another member of staff

When an authorised member of staff conducts a search without a witness, they should immediately report this to another member of staff, and make sure a written record of the search is kept.

If the authorised member of staff considers a search to be necessary, but not required urgently, they will seek the advice of the Headteacher, designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) or pastoral member of staff who may have more information about the student. During this time the student will be supervised and kept away from other students.

A search can be carried out if the authorised member of staff has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the student is in possession of a prohibited item or any item identified in the school rules for which a search can be made, or if the student has agreed.

An appropriate location for the search will be found. Where possible, this will be away from other students. The search will only take place on the school premises or where the member of staff has lawful control or charge of the student, for example on a school trip.

Before carrying out a search the authorised member of staff will:

- Assess whether there is an urgent need for a search
- Assess whether not doing the search would put other students or staff at risk
- Consider whether the search would pose a safeguarding risk to the student
- Explain to the student why they are being searched
- Explain to the student what a search entails e.g. "I will ask you to empty your pockets and remove your coat"
- Explain how and where the search will be carried out
- Give the student the opportunity to ask questions
- Seek the student's co-operation

If the student refuses to agree to a search, the member of staff can give an appropriate behaviour sanction.

If they still refuse to co-operate, the member of staff will contact the Headteacher/DSL/Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes to try to determine why the student is refusing to comply.



The authorised member of staff will then decide whether to use reasonable force to search the student. This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration whether conducting the search will prevent the student harming themselves or others, damaging property or causing disorder.

The authorised member of staff can use reasonable force to search for any prohibited items identified in this policy, but not to search for items that are only identified in the school rules.

The authorised member of staff may use a metal detector to assist with the search.

An authorised member of staff may search a student's outer clothing, pockets, possessions, desk or locker.

'Outer clothing' includes:

- > Any item of clothing that isn't worn wholly next to the skin or immediately over underwear (e.g. a jumper or jacket being worn over a t-shirt)
- > Hats, scarves, gloves, shoes or boots

# Searching students' possessions

Possessions means any items that the student has or appears to have control of, including:

- Desks
- Lockers
- Bags

A student's possessions can be searched for any item if the student agrees to the search.

If the student does not agree to the search, staff can still carry out a search for prohibited items (listed in this policy) and items identified in the school rules.

An authorised member of staff can search a student's possessions when the student and another member of staff are present.

If there is a serious risk of harm if the search is not conducted immediately, or it is not reasonably practicable to summon another member of staff, the search can be carried out by a single authorised member of staff.

## Informing the designated safeguarding lead (DSL)

The staff member who carried out the search should inform the DSL without delay:

- Of any incidents where the member of staff had reasonable grounds to suspect a student was in possession of a prohibited item as listed earlier in this policy
- If they believe that a search has revealed a safeguarding risk

All searches for prohibited items (listed in this policy), including incidents where no items were found, will be recorded in the school's safeguarding system.

## Informing parents/carers

Parents/carers will always be informed of any search for a prohibited item (listed in this policy).



A member of staff will tell the parents/carers as soon as is reasonably practicable:

- What happened
- What was found, if anything
- What has been confiscated, if anything
- What action the school has taken, including any sanctions that have been applied to their child

## Support after a search

- Irrespective of whether any items are found as the result of any search, the school will
  consider whether the student may be suffering or likely to suffer harm and whether any
  specific support is needed (due to the reasons for the search, the search itself, or the
  outcome of the search).
- If this is the case, staff will follow the school's safeguarding policy and speak to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The DSL will consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

# Strip searches

The authorised member of staff's power to search outlined above does not enable them to conduct a strip search (removing more than the outer clothing) and strip searches on school premises shall only be carried out by police officers in accordance with the <u>Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) Code C.</u>

Before calling the police into school, staff will assess and balance the risk of a potential strip search on the student's mental and physical wellbeing and the risk of not recovering the suspected item.

Staff will consider whether introducing the potential for a strip search through police involvement is absolutely necessary, and will always ensure that other appropriate, less invasive approaches have been exhausted first.

Once the police are on school premises, the decision on whether to conduct a strip search lies solely with them. The school will advocate for the safety and wellbeing of the student(s) involved. Staff retain a duty of care to the student involved and should advocate for student wellbeing at all times.

## Communication and record-keeping

Where reasonably possible and unless there is an immediate risk of harm, before the strip search takes place, staff will contact at least one of the student's parents/carers to inform them that the police are going to strip search the student and ask them whether they would like to come into school to act as the student's appropriate adult. If the school are unable to get in touch with the parents/carers, or they are not able to come into school to act as the appropriate adult, a member of staff can act as the appropriate adult (see below for information about the role of the appropriate adult).



The student's parents/carers will always be informed by a staff member once a strip search has taken place. The school will keep records of strip searches that have been conducted on school premises, and monitor them for any trends that emerge.

#### Who will be present

This subsection and the one directly following apply to strip searches that involve the exposure of a student's intimate body parts, but you may decide to follow these procedures for other searches. If so, amend these subsections accordingly.

For any strip search that involves exposure of intimate body parts, there will be at least 2 people present other than the student, except in urgent cases where there is risk of serious harm to the student or others.

One of these must be the appropriate adult, except if:

- The student explicitly states in the presence of an appropriate adult that they do not want an appropriate adult to be present during the search, **and**
- The appropriate adult agrees

If this is the case, a record will be made of the student's decision and it will be signed by the appropriate adult.

No more than 2 people other than the student and appropriate adult will be present, except in the most exceptional circumstances.

The appropriate adult will:

- > Act to safeguard the rights, entitlements and welfare of the student
- > Not be a police officer or otherwise associated with the police
- > Not be the Headteacher
- > Be of the same sex as the student, unless the student specifically requests an adult who is not of the same sex

Except for an appropriate adult of a different sex if the student specifically requests it, no one of a different sex will be permitted to be present and the search will not be carried out anywhere where the student could be seen by anyone else.

#### Care after a strip search

After any strip search, the student will be given appropriate support, irrespective of whether any suspected item is found. The student will also be given the opportunity to express their views about the strip search and the events surrounding it.

As with other searches, the school will consider whether the student may be suffering or likely to suffer harm and whether any further specific support is needed (due to the reasons for the search, the search itself, or the outcome of the search).

Staff will follow the school's safeguarding policy and speak to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The DSL will consider whether, in addition to pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.



Any student(s) who have been strip searched more than once and/or groups of students who may be more likely to be subject to strip searching will be given particular consideration, and staff will consider any preventative approaches that can be taken.

## Response to alleged incidents of sexually harmful behaviour

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

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

Detail any other measures you have in place to prevent child-on-child abuse.

The school's response will be:

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

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

- > Responding to a report
- > Carrying out risk assessments, where appropriate, to help determine whether to:
  - Manage the incident internally
  - o Refer to early help
  - Refer to children's social care
  - o Report to the police

Please refer to our Safeguarding/CP policy for more information [link it here].

# Malicious allegations

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

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

In all cases where an allegation is determined to be unsubstantiated, unfounded, false or malicious, the school (in collaboration with the local authority designated officer (LADO), where relevant) will consider whether the student who made the allegation is in need of help, or the



allegation may have been a cry for help. If so, a referral to children's social care may be appropriate.

The school will also consider the pastoral (safeguarding/mental health) needs of staff and students accused of misconduct.

# **REWARDS**

This is a positive Behaviour for Learning Policy resulting in appropriate behaviour being encouraged, celebrated and rewarded. It is therefore essential that praise and rewards have considerable emphasis within the school and that students receive recognition for their positive behaviour, achievement and contribution to school life. It can include good academic work and effort, good behaviour and attendance, help and support to others and contribution to other aspects of school life, these are supported via our LORIC values: (Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication)

In the classroom, staff will apply this at all times so that **all** students' achievements are recognised and rewarded accordingly. By **consistently applying** this policy, it is expected that good standards of behaviour will be encouraged and developed by students.

#### Rewards

These should be used as often as possible, both for and to encourage good behaviour, good attendance, effort, academic and social achievement and to develop self-esteem:

- Verbal praise and encouragement should be a key feature in lessons, personal development time and in assemblies. It is important that this approach is used as much as possible
- Comments on work should also be a regular feature, offering praise, encouragement and appropriate advice and guidance for further improvement
- Students' work should be displayed
- Postcards or texts/letters home to parents or carers
- Stickers
- Departmental awards
- Students will receive reward points for appropriate behaviour, attitude to learning and separate house points for demonstrating our LORIC values, which will be themed throughout the year
- Attendance Awards for consistent or improved attendance handed out in weekly, half & termly assemblies. This also includes free toast, first in the dinner queue and vouchers
- Certificates
- Non-uniform days
- Headteacher Awards
- Sport Awards



- Participation in end of term reward trips (attendance must be at least 92% except students with medical conditions and/or at the discretion of the pastoral team)
- Extra-curricular activities and clubs. etc.
- Presentation assemblies
- House Competitions
- Headteacher's Afternoon Tea
- LORIC awards
- Wheel of Names
- Recognition Postcards
- Recognition Certificates within Synergy
- 1:1 broadcasts to parents
- Parent phone calls
- Wonderful week enrichment week
- Zero sanctions early celebratory lunch

#### IN THE CLASSROOM

**Basic Principles:** All students have the right to learn without disruption All teachers have the right to teach without disruption

## Students have the right:

- > To expect a positive learning environment in which their achievements are recognised and rewarded.
- ➤ To have the correct level of help from all staff, including clear guidelines for their behaviour and the prevention of being bullied by others
- To choose how to behave and to know and understand the consequences of not following the behaviour code

#### All staff have the right:

- > To create a safe and positive learning environment for all students
- > To have expectations of appropriate behaviour that is explained clearly to the students so that they can meet these expectations. This will allow a positive social and educational environment to develop in which all students can learn and achieve
- ➤ To receive appropriate levels of support from parents, carers and the Headteacher so that they can do their job effectively and to the best of their ability



Students need to learn the consequences of their choices and actions and recognise that they are responsible for them. Just as doing something well should gain a reward, doing something wrong should carry a consequence.

#### The following rules make a basic code of conduct for each lesson:

Students are expected to: (Routines for Learning)

- 1. Bring the required equipment and stationery to each and every lesson.
- 2. Be on time for school and every lesson.
- 3. Always adhere to the classroom seating plan.
- 4. Be prepared to learn, be challenged and take an active part in lessons.
- 5. Be attentive, curious and resilient.

Demonstrate a 'Growth Mindset' and not a 'Fixed Mindset' Students are expected to: (Behaviour for Learning)

- 1. Adhere to the behaviour and uniform policies.
- 2. Pay attention and follow instructions.
- 3. Treat everyone with mutual respect.
- 4. Ensure that mobile phone(s) are switched off within a school bag.

NB. If rule 1 is broken on the routines for learning in a subject, this will mean that the student cannot participate in the lesson, e.g. no PE kit, or ingredients for Food Technology etc, this will automatically result in a C4 unless there is a parental letter of explanation which is deemed to be a valid excuse.

Staff members will verbally make their expectations clear to all students in lessons and employ various normal behaviour management strategies to control students' behaviour during the lesson before resorting to the sanctions or **consequences** for misbehaviour. It is essential that an individual student is verbally warned about inappropriate behaviour, that it is explained what is expected of them and that the student is given time to remedy their behaviour before using the **consequences for misbehaviour**.



Failure to meet expectations after this will lead to:

# Consequences for classroom misbehaviour

C1 First Warning	First verbal warning.
C2= Verbal Warning	Second verbal warning. The student will be encouraged to think about their behaviour and meet expectations set by the teacher. No record of behaviour on synergy.
C3a/C3b= Subject Detention	Continuance of poor behaviour choices will lead to a C3a which automatically triggers a 10 minute subject detention at break with the subject teacher, logged on Synergy. Failure to attend the detention will result in a C3b detention (15 minutes) Failure to attend this will result in a lunchtime detention (C4).
C4= 20 minute detention	Persistent low level disruption or more serious misbehaviour will result in a student being <u>exited</u> from the lesson and a 20 minute detention at lunchtime in AT3. Home will be informed by text. If a student does not turn up for the detention, it will lead to a Pastoral detention from 3.10-4.10pm the following day. Any removals during period 5 will be served during lunch the following day.
	5 x C4s IN A HALF TERM WILL LEAD TO AN SLT DETENTION 10 x C4s IN A HALF TERM WILL LEAD TO A ONE DAY REFLECTION If a student has either a Pastoral Detention, SLT Detention, Reflection or Seclusion (time spent at another school in the West Lancashire area) in a half term they will not be able to attend the Rewards Trip.
C5= 9.45am - 4.15pm Reflection	More serious offences will result in a C5 AUTOMATIC EXIT to Reflection. Home will be informed by the member of staff and parents may be called in to meet with the pastoral team, at their discretion. Misbehaviour whilst in Reflection can lead to suspension.
	5 x C5 REFLECTIONS IN ONE HALF TERM WILL RESULT IN A 2 DAY SECLUSION (time spent at another school in the West Lancashire area)  Further misdemeanour's will result in a suspension & possibly a Managed Transfer to another school.



Where an abuse of the learning environment takes place, e.g. dangerous behaviour in a science laboratory or misuse of the internet, this will result in at least a C4/SLT or possible Reflection.

Home Learning is dealt with as a separate issue to 'behaviour'. See Home Learning Policy.

#### BEHAVIOUR OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Good behaviour is expected at all times as students are representing the school, whether journeying to or from school or whilst on school activities and trips. Where misbehaviour occurs, it will be judged individually, consistently and fairly. Students will normally receive a verbal warning for minor misdemeanours. Should the behaviour warrant more than this a C4/SLT or Reflection will be issued depending upon the severity of the incident.

Parents/carers will be notified via the detention letter/text in the usual way. Failure to attend will result in Reflection.

Serious incidents will automatically lead to Reflection. Parents/carers may be required to come into school to discuss the incident before the student can return to lessons.

#### Social Removal

Good behaviour is expected at all times, if any student, at unstructured times, makes incorrect choices or displays unruly behaviour may result in Social Removal at the discretion of the staff member.

The Headteacher may also discipline for misbehaviour at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, where that behaviour:

- 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

# Travelling to and from school

Students are expected to behave appropriately on the way to and from school. Students, who behave in an inappropriate manner and bring the school into disrepute, will face serious sanctions at the Headteacher's discretion.

#### Social Media

Students are expected to behave in an appropriate manner on social media, whereby students behave in an inappropriate manner and bring the school into disrepute, they will face serious sanctions detailed below. Please be aware if this involves staff images or names etc being posted online this may also become a matter for the Police, if the staff member decides to report it:

1st incident/stage - posting images/comments that affect the school's reputation - a day in Reflection



- 2nd incident/stage continuing to post images/comments online or posting images of a member of staff (with no comments by the student without staff consent) 2-day suspension.
- ➤ 3rd incident/stage a continuation of posting images/comments throughout their school time at Up Holland High School and/or a student posts an image of a member of staff and modifies it with offensive/inappropriate comments managed transfer/longer suspension/permanent exclusion.

\*The Headteacher will retain the powers to escalate the sanctions more rapidly if the incident is deemed serious enough which could ultimately lead to a permanent exclusion.

#### **Bullying**

The school is committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our students so that they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Bullying, in any form, is unacceptable and instances of proven bullying will be recorded and disciplinary sanctions will be imposed, which may include C4, SLT detention, Reflection, Seclusion, Suspension or Permanent Exclusion, dependant on either the severity or persistent nature of the incident. If a student is witnessed name calling another student it will result in a C4 sanction. The school wants an ethos in which students regard bullying as unacceptable. Students are also encouraged to report if appropriate via Synergy to alert staff. Please see separate Anti-Bullying Policy for further guidance.

#### Searching

Headteachers and staff they authorise have a statutory power to search a student or their possessions where they have reasonable grounds to suspect that the student may have a prohibited item listed below or any other item that the school rules identify as an item which may be searched for.

The list of prohibited items is:

- knives and weapons
- alcohol
- illegal drugs
- stolen items
- any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be used:
  - o to commit an offence, or
  - to cause personal injury to, or damage to property of; any person (including the student).
- an article specified in regulations
- tobacco and cigarette papers
- fireworks
- pornographic images
- vapes

## **Smoking and Electronic Cigarettes/Vapes**

Students involved in smoking on the school premises/on school buses will receive support from outside agencies such as the school nurse and parents will be contacted. An SLT detention will be



issued on the first incident of possession of cigarettes/vapes. If offences are persistent, then further sanctions will be given. A student caught smoking/vaping/ inside the actual school building will be suspended. Students suspected to have smoking materials on their persons will be searched by SLT in accordance with the screening and searching policy.

#### Mobile Phones, Electronic Devices. Earphones/Earpods and Smart Watches

The use of all electronic devices is banned in school between the hours of 8.40am and 3.15pm and will be kept by school for 24 hours if they have been used in school and a C4 issued. Refusal to hand over a mobile phone, electronic devices, earphones/earpods and smart watches will result in Reflection. See separate information on Mobile phones, Electronic devices and Smart Watches, included in the Uniform and Appearance Policy. If the student misuses their mobile phone on more than one occasion during a term parents/guardians will be expected to collect the device, there will be no exceptions to this rule.

#### **Reflection Room**

If the seriousness of the incident (either inside or outside the classroom) merits it, the student will be sent to the Reflection Room e.g. for physical aggression or verbal abuse to staff members or for persistent refusal to follow instructions, etc. For incidents outside of the classroom, a student will be placed in Reflection via a member of SLT responsible for behaviour or the Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes. The use of Reflection is a last resort and therefore leads to formal suspension as the next consequence. Parents and carers of students in reflection will be informed by telephone or text.

As it states in our policy, Reflection is a last resort and is usually given for extremely serious incidents.

#### Procedure

If a C5 incident occurs, the member of staff checks with a member of SLT/Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes that the incident merits a C5 Reflection.

- Parents are then informed by telephone/text about the reason(s) for the C5
- Students are then sent to the Reflection Room
- It is very rare that a student who is on a C5 will not be in in the Reflection room. However, there may be times when this is not appropriate in its entirety and may need to be adapted i.e. SEND/Mental Health issues. This may involve time in Reflection alongside time in the Phoenix. This will be on an individual basis and discussed at the time.
- The Reflection room has its own set of rules and students who do not adhere to these will serve a repeat on the following day.
- Work is provided for students in Reflection room by their normal teachers. Work will be a
  mixture of live lessons and class work set on Synergy. Staff will assist students where work
  set is proving difficult to complete.
- Work may also be set by staff supervising the room from a bank of resources.
- Staff members supervising will also spend a period of time working with students to reflect on their behaviour with the aim of identifying any barriers and if necessary, making any referrals to the appropriate staff.
- Students who receive multiple C5s may be at risk of a managed transfer/permanent exclusion



#### **Behaviour and Attitude Plans**

School on a weekly basis analyses behaviour data and a Behaviour and Attitude Plan may be devised for a student who has exhibited poor behaviour over a period of time and other interventions have not seen a change in behaviour. Parents/Carers will be invited into school to discuss alongside their child any barriers to learning and work together with school. A plan will then be drawn up in agreement with all parties with specific targets for the student alongside support/interventions the school will also undertake, ensuring all are working together in the best interest of the young person. If no further improvements are seen in behaviour consideration may be given in the first instance to a meeting in school including the Headteacher and/or Director of Standards or failing this and if applicable a referral to the external West Lancashire Panel for a possible Managed Transfer to another school.

## Suspension

A Headteacher may exclude a student for up to 45 school days (nine school weeks) in a school year. For the first five days of any suspension it is the parent(s) carer(s) responsibility to provide care and supervision for their child. After the fifth day the school must make provision for the student. Sometimes school will arrange provision in another local school's Reflection Unit and this arrangement will be discussed with the parents of the student before commencement.

Students on a suspension will receive work to complete and return to the school for review. The offences listed below may lead to suspension (or Reflection – depending on the nature of the incident). This list is not exhaustive and cannot pre-empt all incidents that may occur. Some of these incidents can lead to permanent exclusion if they are repeated or deemed to be severe by the Headteacher.

- Violent or aggressive behaviour, either physically or verbally, towards another student or member of the public either in school, on the journey to or from school, or at any other time; (may include referral to Police)
- Violent or aggressive behaviour, either physically or verbally, towards a member of staff either in school, on the journey to or from school, or at any other time; (may include referral to Police)
- Making false/malicious allegations against a member of staff
- Serious defiance
- Persistent disruptive behaviour
- Racial/sexual/homophobic harassment
- Racial incident directed at a person will result in suspension
- Bullying/Cyber bullying
- Derogatory and/or discriminatory verbal comments/abuse towards another student/staff
- Theft
- Possession of illicit substances or materials (including pornography, cigarettes, vaping materials, over the counter medicines such as caffeine tablets)



- Possession of illegal drugs will result in permanent exclusion (except in very exceptional circumstances)
- Graffiti or property damage (NB: Parents will be billed for wilful damage to property)
- Indecent behaviour towards other students/members of staff
- Bringing or using an inappropriate item in school
- Displaying unwanted sexualised behaviour towards another student or member of staff, including sexual assault
- Smoking/Vaping
- Failure to follow staff instructions
- Failure to complete time in the Reflection Room
- Any other incident of inappropriate behaviour identified by the Headteacher

#### Student welfare during a suspension

- 1. The student may not go to school or into the school grounds
- 2. The school will set work, if feasible given the length of suspension, but it is the parent/ carers' responsibility to collect the work and return it to school
- 3. Parents/carers are responsible for the student during suspension and the student should not be in public places during school hours
- 4. After day five of a suspension the school will arrange for alternative temporary education

Following a suspension there will be a reintegration meeting with the Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes/Director of Standards and or the Headteacher. This will remind the student of the school's expectations and will be an opportunity for strategies to be discussed to enable the student to avoid a recurrence. Failure to attend a reintegration meeting will mean the student not being allowed to return until the meeting can be rearranged.

#### Incidents off site/ Managed Transfers/Seclusion at another school

All teachers have a statutory authority to discipline students for misbehaviour. This includes the power to discipline students when they are not at school or in the charge of a member of staff. This could be as a result of incidents witnessed by a member of staff or reported to the school.

Following repeated disruptive behaviour the school may recommend a Managed Transfer, Respite or Seclusion at another school in the local area as a strategy to try and change or modify a student's behaviour. If a Managed Transfer is appropriate an application form will be submitted so the student can be discussed at the West Lancashire Managed Transfer panel (once a half term) and a place will be offered for a 6 week period at the chosen school, then either the student will be placed on the full role of the school or the period will be extended for a further 6 weeks (12 weeks in total . The order in which these sanctions would normally be used would be respite, seclusion then managed transfer. However, some incidents may require a managed transfer or seclusion being considered immediately, given the nature or severity of an incident.

This placement should be supported by a letter of direction to the off-site provision and to the parent/carer as per DfE Guidance on Suspension from maintained schools, Academies and student referral units in England 2012 (Part 3, para 14)



Section 89 (5) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 states;

(5) The measures which the head teacher determines under subsection (1) of the above Act may, to such extent as is reasonable, include measures to be taken with a view to regulating the conduct of students at a time when they are not on the premises of the school and are not under the lawful control or charge of a member of the staff of the school.

Therefore, a failed Managed Transfer or incident off site could result in a permanent exclusion if this direction is the final strategy used by the Headteacher.

UHHS believes that there is a need for an overall set of objectives for regulating behaviour off the school premises for the following reasons:

- To maintain good order as students travel to and from school, education visits or other placements such as work experience or college courses.
- To secure behaviour that does not threaten the health and safety of students, staff or members of the public.
- To provide reassurance to members of the public about school care and control over students and thus protect the reputation of the school.
- To provide protection to individual staff and students from harmful conduct by students of the school when not on school site.

UHHS will act reasonably both in relation to expectations of student behaviour and in relation to any measures used to regulate behaviour of students when off the school site and not under the lawful control or charge of a school staff member.

UHHS will consider carefully what is taken into account in deciding whether a rule or sanction is reasonable and justified. These could include (not all may apply):

- The severity of the misbehaviour
- The extent to which the reputation of the school has been affected
- Related to the above, whether the student(s) in question was wearing school uniform or was otherwise readily identifiable as a member of UHHS
- The extent to which the behaviour in question would have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- The extent to which the behaviour in question might pose a threat to another student or member of staff (e.g. bullying, violence, threats or insulting members of the school community)
- Whether the misbehaviour in question was on the way to or from school, outside the school gates or otherwise in close proximity to the school
- Whether the misbehaviour in question was whilst the student was on work experience taking part in a college or similar course as part of a school programme or participating in a sports event with another school, where a student might be expected to act as an ambassador for the school, which might affect the chances of opportunities being offered to other students



#### **Permanent Exclusions**

This is an inclusive school and a decision to permanently exclude a student will only be taken:

- In response to a serious breach, or persistent breaches, of the school's behaviour policy;
   and/or
- Where allowing the student to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the student or others in the school
- On the specific issue of drugs: the school has a firm and consistent policy on illegal drug use.
   Anyone found or suspected to be in possession of drugs, under the influence of drugs or
   otherwise involved in their supply faces a real prospect of a permanent exclusion. The school
   also reserves the right to inform the Police and to support any relevant Police action.
   Furthermore, this policy is not solely restricted to students whilst on school premises and is
   for the protection of the whole school community and to protect the school's reputation.
- Anyone bringing in a knife or similar device that could be deemed a weapon, also faces the prospect of a permanent exclusion, particularly if it is proven to be with intent to harm.

The student's parents will always be fully involved and given the opportunity to make representations.

The decision to exclude permanently is a serious one. There are two main types of situations for which permanent exclusion may be considered.

- The first is a final, formal step in a concerted process for dealing with disciplinary offences following the use of a wide range of other strategies, including suspension, and or managed transfers which have been used without success. It is an acknowledgement that all available strategies have been exhausted and is used as a last resort. This would include persistent and defiant misbehaviour, including bullying (which could include racist or homophobic bullying) or use of an illegal drug on school premises.
- The second is where there are exceptional circumstances, and it is not appropriate to implement other strategies and where it could be appropriate to permanently exclude a student for a first or 'one off' offence. These might include:
  - Serious actual or threatened violence against another student or member of staff Policies (P) 17
  - Sexual abuse or assault
  - o Carrying a weapon
  - o Arson
  - o Being found in possession of illegal drugs or drugs paraphernalia
  - Distribution of illegal drugs
  - o Inappropriate behaviour outside of school bringing the school into disrepute
  - Any other behaviour/action deemed by the Headteacher to warrant a permanent exclusion

Student welfare following a permanent exclusion



- 1. The student may not come to school or into the school grounds unless invited in
- 2. Parents/carers are responsible for the child during a permanent exclusion and the student should not be in public places during school hours or at the school gates before or after school
- 3. After day five of a permanent exclusion the Local Authority will arrange for alternative temporary education usually at the Student Referral Unit Acorns School based in Ormskirk.

The Headteacher (or in her/his absence the Deputy Headteacher/Director of Standards) has the power to exclude a student for a suspension. In relation to a permanent exclusion this decision would be taken by the Headteacher following a full investigation of the incident. The Headteacher will consider all of the circumstances, the evidence available and the need to balance the interests of the student against those of the whole school community.

These instances are not exhaustive but indicate the severity of such offences and the fact that such behaviour seriously affects the discipline and well-being of the school.

# SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Apart from rewards there are a number of systems in school that are available to those students who need help and support to have a more positive attitude towards behaviour and attendance and to encourage them to become more responsible for their own actions.

- Exit Passes issued in certain circumstances by SENDCo/Director of Standards/Lead for Behaviour & Standards for some time out
- Red card strategy used by classroom teachers
- Access to Phoenix
- Personal Development Tutor meet with students to discuss issues
- Monitoring Report cards
- Participation in extra-curricular activities and trips.
- Outside agencies in school e.g. School Nurse, Connexions, Adaction, Signposts, etc.
- Counselling service
- Referral to UHHS Mental Health Continuum of Need Level 1/2
- > Early Help Assessment and subsequent TAF Meetings
- Referrals to CAMHS
- > Contact with parents and carers first day absence and telephone calls or letters of concern to promote early identification.
- Compass Bloom Mental Health in Schools Support Team
- Children & Family Wellbeing Service

## **SUPPORT FOR STAFF**

All staff members are involved in helping to manage and deal with minor and occasional misbehaviour and poor attendance at the time and wherever it occurs in the school. However, if a



member of staff is having difficulty with an individual or class they should inform their Progress Leader.

- > The Progress Leader will always endeavour to help and support staff at all times in matters concerning attendance, behaviour and achievement
- > 'Students of concern' are monitored and discussed via pastoral meetings and all staff can nominate individuals or groups to be discussed
- > Weekly year team briefings are used to raise issues regarding individual students
- 'Synergy' will be used to keep a register of students' behaviour and achievements and used for analysis and trends in respect of behaviour – this is used both at department level and whole school

#### **PARENTAL SUPPORT**

- ➤ Parents and carers are encouraged to be involved in their child's education with regular communication regarding behaviour through partnership evenings, synergy updates, telephone calls and letters
- Parents also agree to support school in the implementation of the school's behaviour & consequence policy. They support the use of after school detentions under the consequence system
- Completion of Early Help Assessment if appropriate
- Referral to outside agencies such as Triple P teens

## Power to use reasonable Force

All staff should be aware of the following definitions:

Reasonable Force - can be used to prevent students from hurting themselves or others, from damaging property or causing disorder. It can mean either passive physical contact (e.g.: standing between students or blocking student's path) or active physical contact (e.g.: leading a student by the hand or arm, or ushering a student away by placing a hand in the centre of the back).

#### In School force is used for two main purposes – to control students and to restrain them.

Restraint will involve a member of staff physically preventing a student from continuing what they were doing after they have been told to stop. The use of restraint techniques is usually used in more extreme circumstances, such as when two students are involved in a fight and physical intervention is needed to separate them. Physical Control/Restraint- This will involve the use of reasonable force when there is an immediate risk to students, staff or property. Reasonable force may also be used if a disruptive student refuses to leave a classroom situation after being told to do so. Usually in this instance reasonable force would be carried out by trained members of staff in Team Teach. All such incidents will be recorded. An entry will be on Synergy to record the incident.

Physical Intervention - This may be used to divert a student from a destructive or disruptive action, for example guiding or leading a student by the hand, arm or shoulder with little or no force.



The decision by staff to physically intervene in a situation is down to the professional judgment of the staff member concerned and will always depend on individual circumstances.

Considerations will be made by all members of staff using control or restraint for students with Special Educational Needs or Disabled Students.

School does not require parental consent to use reasonable force on a student that staff deem fall into any category requiring physical control/the use of reasonable force or restraint.

All members of staff have a legal power to use reasonable force. It will also apply to any member of staff whom the Headteacher has put in charge of students e.g.: unpaid volunteers or parents accompanying students on a school organised visit.

The 1996 Education Act (Section 55O A) stipulates that reasonable force may be used to prevent a student from doing, or continuing to do any of the following:

- Engaging in any behaviour prejudicial to maintaining good order and discipline at the school
  or among any of its students, whether the behaviour occurs in a classroom during a teaching
  session or elsewhere (this includes authorised out-of-school activities). In an instance where
  a student absconds from a class or tries to leave school reasonable force is only acceptable
  if a student could be at risk if not kept in the classroom or at school)
- Self-injuring or placing himself or herself at risk
- Injuring others
- Causing damage to property, including that of the student himself or herself.
- Committing a criminal offence. In the event of this situation the school will make a professional judgement concerning the involvement of the police
- Physical intervention uses the minimum degree of force necessary for the shortest period of time to prevent a student harming himself, herself, others or property.
- The use of any degree of force can only be deemed reasonable if it is warranted by the particular circumstances of the incident, it is carried out as the minimum to achieve the desired result, the age, understanding and gender of the student, SEN and or disability of the student are considered and it is likely to achieve the desired result
- Wherever possible assistance should be sought from another member of staff before intervening

Some examples of where reasonable force might be used are:

- To prevent a student from attacking a member of staff, or another student, or to stop a fight between two or more students;
- To prevent a student causing deliberate damage to property;
- To prevent a student causing deliberate harm to themselves
- To prevent a student causing injury or damage by accident, by rough play, or by misuse of dangerous materials or object;
- To ensure that a student leaves a classroom where the student persistently refuses to follow an instruction to do so:
- To prevent a student behaving in a way that seriously disrupts a lesson;
- To prevent a student behaving in a way that seriously disrupts a school sporting event or school visit.



The list of examples of situations where school will use reasonable force is NOT exhaustive This form of physical intervention may involve staff: physically interposing themselves between students, blocking a student's path, escorting a student, shepherding a student away.

Where physical intervention has been used to manage a student, a record of the incident may need to be kept. Where physical control or restraint has been used a record of the incident will be kept.

#### Consultation

The Headteacher will seek the widest possible agreement for this policy and will report annually to the governing body on its implementation.

# MONITORING AND EVALUATION

## **Monitoring:**

- > The school monitors behaviour incidents in order to identify issues and trends
- ➤ This data is also shared with the Governing Body at both Full Governing Meetings and relevant sub committee meetings
- Further reporting is also shared with the Local Authority on a termly basis
- The school makes effective use of ICT to support the policy via 'Synergy'
- > Staff will receive individual and collective feedback, as appropriate, on outcomes
- > The school monitors incidents of disruptive behaviour in terms of:
  - A. Type of incident including racist, discriminatory or protected characteristic incidents Any incident of racial harassment will not be tolerated and all incidents will be recorded with details of the incident and action taken. Parents or carers and governors will be informed of any incident and action taken. The governing body will inform the LEA annually of the pattern and frequency of such incidents.
  - B. Critical days and times
  - C. Critical places
  - D. Students involved
  - E. Profile of students involved e.g. ethnicity, age, gender, SEN
  - F. Timing of the response and action
  - G. Outcomes
    - ➤ The school ensures that its student record systems provide analysis of the impact of the behaviour policy on particular groups of students and in respect of special educational needs, disability, ethnic origin, gender and children in public care.
    - ➤ The school ensures confidentiality when necessary.



# **APPENDIX** – brief summary of rewards and consequences for parents

For more detailed information please see the full policy:

## **REWARDS**

School aim to promote first and foremost rewards. As a school we acknowledge the importance of re-enforcing positive behaviours first than consequences and that are inclusive to all. Below are a number of ways you will see your child rewarded at UHHS.

- Verbal praise and encouragement should be a key feature in lessons, personal development time and in assemblies. It is important that this approach is used as much as possible
- Comments on work should also be a regular feature, offering praise, encouragement and appropriate advice and guidance for further improvement
- Students' work should be displayed
- Postcards or texts/letters home to parents or carers
- Stickers
- Departmental awards
- Students will receive reward points for appropriate behaviour, attitude to learning and separate house points for demonstrating our LORIC values, which will be themed throughout the year
- Attendance Awards for consistent or improved attendance handed out in weekly, half
   & termly assemblies. This also includes free toast, first in the dinner queue and vouchers
- Certificates
- Non-uniform days
- Headteacher Awards
- Sport Awards
- Participation in end of term reward trips (attendance must be at least 92% except students with medical conditions and/or at the discretion of the pastoral team)
- Extra-curricular activities and clubs, etc.
- Presentation assemblies
- House Competitions
- Headteacher's Afternoon Tea
- LORIC awards
- Wheel of Names
- Recognition Postcards
- Recognition Certificates within Synergy
- 1:1 broadcasts to parents
- Parent phone calls
- Wonderful week enrichment week
- Zero sanctions early celebratory lunch



# **CONSEQUENCES**

Behaviour is monitored on a weekly basis, below are the consequences for classroom mis behaviour. Parents can view all student's behaviour on Synergy via the parent portal. In signing up to the Home School Agreement parents are supporting and working together with school in the following system:

# Consequences for classroom misbehaviour

C1 First Warning	First verbal warning.		
C2= Verbal Warning	Name on the board or second verbal warning. The student will be encouraged to think about their behaviour and meet expectations set by the teacher.		
C3a/C3b= Subject Detention	Continuance of poor behaviour choices will lead to a C3a which automatically triggers a 10-minute subject detention at break with the subject teacher, logged on Synergy. Failure to attend the detention will result in a C3b detention (15 minutes) Failure to attend this will result in a lunchtime detention (C4).		
C4= 20-minute detention	Persistent low-level disruption or more serious misbehaviour will result in a student being <u>exited</u> from the lesson and a 20-minute detention at lunchtime in AT3. Home will be informed by text. If a student does not turn up for the detention, it will lead to a Pastoral detention from 3.10-4.10pm the following day. Any removals during period 5 will be served during lunch the following day.		
	5 x C4s IN A HALF TERM WILL LEAD TO AN SLT DETENTION 10 x C4s IN A HALF TERM WILL LEAD TO A ONE DAY REFLECTION If a student has either a Pastoral Detention, SLT Detention, Reflection or Seclusion (time spent at another school in the West Lancashire area) in a half term they will not be able to attend the Rewards Trip.		
C5= 9.45am - 4.15pm Reflection	More serious offences will result in a C5 AUTOMATIC EXIT to Reflection. Home will be informed by the member of staff and parents may be called in to meet with the pastoral team, at their discretion. Misbehaviour whilst in Reflection can lead to suspension.		
	5 x C5 REFLECTIONS IN ONE HALF TERM WILL RESULT IN A 2 DAY SECLUSION (time spent at another school in the West Lancashire area)		



Further misdemeanours will result in a suspension & possibly a Managed
Transfer to another school.

Where an abuse of the learning environment takes place, e.g. dangerous behaviour in a science laboratory or misuse of the Internet, this will result in at least a C4/SLT or possible Reflection.

Further intervention may be needed if misbehaviour continues. These could include the following:

- Phone call home from PD tutor to discuss concerns
- Phone call home from Head of Year
- Meeting in school to identify barriers to learning with Head of Year and Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes
- Meeting in school with Director of Standards and/or Headteacher
- Seclusion at another school short term
- Managed Transfer 12-week intervention placement at another school

As a result of the above there may be the following put in place to work with and support both the young person and the parent/carer:

- Monitoring report card subject specific or whole school
- Behaviour and Attitude Plan with clear targets and interventions, followed by a review
- Wellbeing Hub referral to the hub
- Phoenix referral to the SEND team
- UHHS Continuum of Need Level 1 mental health programme
- UHHS Continuum of Need Level 2 Fearless programme
- School Counsellor
- Signposting Kooth/Lancashire Mind/Nest (Victim Support)/We are with You (Substance Misuse Group)
- Early Help Assessment if identified wider family support needed followed by regular TAF meetings – parenting support Triple P, Twinkle House, Bereavement Support
- Referral to CAMHS
- Mental Health Support Team in Schools