

# Invictus Positive Conduct Policy



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## The Principles

The school conduct policy is based on the premise that good conduct is essential to learning and that all staff are committed to working together, ensuring the school provides an orderly environment for effective learning.

Everyone in our school community has the right to feel safe, respected and valued. Everyone must be free to enjoy their learning. This policy shows the strategies we use to create and sustain constructive conduct expected from all, in order to guarantee the best conditions for learning. Good conduct should be identified and acknowledged; unacceptable conduct must be challenged and changed.

## Roles and Responsibilities

The Deputy Headteacher will establish, in consultation with the Headteacher, a policy for the promotion of desired conduct and keep it under review. They will ensure that this is communicated to students and parents, is non-discriminatory and the expectations are clear.

Governors will support the school in maintaining high standards of desired conduct of students and staff.

The Headteacher along with support with the Deputy Headteacher will be responsible for the development, implementation and day-to-day management of the policy and procedures.

The Deputy Headteacher will play a proactive and pastoral role in positive conduct management. Key role in monitoring conduct and ensuring appropriate support systems are implemented.

## Legislation and Statutory Requirement

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- Behaviour and discipline in schools
- Searching, screening and confiscation at school
- The Equality Act 2010
- Use of reasonable force in schools
- Supporting Students with medical conditions at school
- Safeguarding - Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England September 2017

It has also been formed in correspondence with the special educational needs and disability (SEND) code of practice, 2015.

In addition, this policy is based on:

- Schedule 1 of the Education Regulations 2014; 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

This policy is linked to other Leasowes High School and Invictus policies:

- Attendance policy
- Safeguarding and child protection policy
- Invictus student behaviour and exclusion policies
- Antbullying Policy
- Reasonable force policy

## Introduction and Aims

This document sets out the framework of Leasowes High School's approach to encouraging good behaviour known as '**Positive Conduct**'. It is expected that our framework for conduct will successfully address or improve a number of areas, and result in the standards of conduct that we aspire to.

The framework should be successful in:

1. Providing much greater understanding of the conduct process for students, parents/carers, teachers and governors;
2. Ensuring that all students, regardless of ability, age and gender are involved, whenever possible, in the process of praise, recognition and rewards;
3. Supporting staff in the classroom ensuring that teachers can get on with teaching students who want to learn and who behave in a satisfactory manner. Furthermore, teachers should not have to suffer constant disruption;
4. Reducing staff workload through the increased efficiency and effectiveness of the conduct system;
5. Creating the best learning environment.

## The Home School Agreement

Leasowes High School believe children learn best when parents, teachers and children work together to promote achievement. This agreement will help make that partnership clear and assist in the development of good relationships between home and school. Communication will be via a number of platforms such as policies, the website, letters and emails. A copy of the home school agreement is in the appendix. A mandatory signature is required.

## Positive Conduct in the Classroom and Around the School

In order to maintain a well-ordered environment, all staff will apply the school conduct system, ensuring a consistent approach when dealing with unacceptable conduct. Students know what is expected of them, the consequences of negative conduct and, where possible, how they can put it right (before or after sanctions have been applied). The expectations of students within school have

been outlined already in this policy. In terms of establishing a key set of rules for the classroom and around the school, we recognised the importance of simplicity.

### **Positive Conduct in the classroom**

The Leasowes High School praise and consequence pyramids (see appendix) will be displayed in all teaching spaces. It is expected that the great majority of students will simply choose to spend their time with us operating the reward framework.

Teachers should be at the classroom door to meet and greet students (positive instruction), where possible. Upon entering the room, with group instructions/corrections, the students will meet the classroom expectations (**SMILE**).

- I. **Show respect by sitting correctly and being polite.**
- II. **Maintain focus on learning throughout the lesson.**
- III. **Involved by asking and answering questions.**
- IV. **Listen and look at the speaker**
- V. **Every time, first time, do as asked.**

In terms of classroom-based consequences five key phases are identified. It is expected that all students, parents/carers and teachers understand this framework and its consequences.

Each member of staff must seek to operate within the framework. We, as a school, cannot tolerate a situation in which students are removed from classes for seemingly trivial reasons. We must operate within a logical and well-planned structure.

When students do disturb the academic progress of others or make the working life of the teacher difficult and/or unpleasant, then they must be removed from that class.

When a particular misdemeanour takes place an identified consequence or consequences must follow. The identified consequence is not open to negotiation or debate. This is the key area of consistency.

The purpose of the sanction process is to encourage that this conduct is not carried out again. In the event of this becoming a repetitive offence. the staff member concerned can decide upon an appropriate follow up strategy. This is not specific and could involve contact home, communication with other staff members such as line managers and pastoral leads. This list is not exhaustive and allows for flexibility and bespoke intervention.

#### **Phases:**

If a student is not following the positive behaviours, they will receive a VERBAL WARNING (C1) from the member of staff. The words 'verbal warning' are to be used by staff. This results in their name being added to the pyramid, which cannot be worked off. The verbal warning, though not recorded on Aspire, has two clear purposes:

- to indicate to students they have done, or are doing, something which is unacceptable;
- to form a link with phase two, which is more serious.

If the student continuously fails to follow positive behaviours, then a second warning, with the words 'last chance' being used, will be issued and the student's name will be placed on the pyramid

for a second time (C2). This will result in a negative being placed on Aspire, at the end of the lesson, with a severity rating two.

A third warning will result in the student reaching C3, which will again see the student's name added to the pyramid, but also triggering a 15-minute detention. This will be served at the earliest opportunity which includes on the same day. The negative and detention will be placed on the system at the end of the lesson.

If a further misdemeanour is recorded in the same lesson, the student will move up to C4 and will be removed by Head of Department to another room as they have caused considerable disruption and inconvenience. The student will receive a 30-minute detention to be sat with the Head of Department at the earliest opportunity and a restorative conversation must take place with the member of staff.

If the student fails to follow the instruction of the Head of Department, a senior member of staff/on-call staff will be called for raising the student to a C5. The student will also receive a Senior Leadership detention of 60 minutes and a restorative conversation must take place with the Head of Department.

If a more serious incident occurs, then a C4/5 sanction can be applied, immediately. This is at the discretion of the teacher who has been suitably trained for such situations.

Water and other non-fizzy bottled drinks can be consumed with permission in class. Chewing and food are not allowed in class. These will be recorded as a negative point and monitored by tutors and Head of Year. Relevant sanctions will be put in place at the discretion of staff.

### **Around the school rules**

Students must conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner when on school site (**CALM**)

- I. **C**almly and quietly walk around school.
- II. **A**lways wear your uniform correctly and with pride.
- III. **L**isten to and follow instructions first time, every time.
- IV. **M**ake sure you respect your school environment.

Breaches of these rules will result in a student receiving a negative point on Aspire by the member of staff who has witnessed the event.

Three CALM related negatives in a term will result in a Head of Year detention of 30-minutes.

Serious breaches can result in more severe sanctions than a negative point and be moved to a C4/C5 straight away.

Litter must not be dropped. A natural consequence (if litter is dropped, the sanction can be litter pick) can be implemented if this is done. This applies to other behaviours where this is fitting. Chewing gum and energy drinks are banned from being brought into school. These will be confiscated from the student and disposed of.

## Rewards at Leasowes High School

Praising students and reinforcing when they have been successful and done something well is perhaps the most powerful behaviour management strategy of all. The motivating impact of recognition and rewards should never be underestimated. We believe that students thrive on encouragement and that achievement and high standards should be recognised. Students are consulted on a regular basis via School Council.

Leasowes High School operates three different levels of recognition and rewards which run concurrently.

In order to reward students for the high standards of conduct that the school expects, students may receive:

### Classroom level

- Verbal praise from the teacher
- Positive comments on Aspire
- Phone calls to Parents/Carers
- Informing Head of Year
- Reward points
- Responsibilities

### Department level

- Postcard/Letter sent home
- Photographic evidence in displays or workbooks
- Student of the month

### Whole school

- Termly Celebration assemblies
- Reward trips and vouchers
- Reward and celebration of attendance and achievement
- Behaviour record over all years will be considered when conferring upon positions of responsibility (prefect, form captain, school council etc)

Leasowes High School are mindful of being inclusive for all students, so they are able to achieve and be recognised for their positive conduct. As such, rewards may, at times, at the discretion of Senior Leadership and the pastoral team, be tailored to meet individual needs, optimising inclusivity.

## Support Structures

Every member of staff will look to support every pupil, both academically, and in establishing and shaping the positive behaviour expected in our school.

This is achieved through one of or a combination of the roles in school:

- Form Tutors
- Mentoring by staff
- Heads of Year
- Deputy Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher

- Learning mentor
- Reflection room
- Pastoral provision
- SEND
- Learning Support Department
- Outside Agencies
- Parental Involvement
- Inclusion Strategies
- Intervention Strategies
- External agencies

## Identifying Unacceptable Conduct

The following behaviours are unacceptable and will result in school agreed sanctions and strategies being applied, as appropriate.

The list below is illustrative, but not exhaustive. The school will exercise discretion over any conduct perceived as anti-social, or in any way harmful to the health, safety and welfare of other individuals, or the wider school community. The following are deemed to be C4/C5 BEHAVIOURS:

- Smoking or the use of e-cigarettes
- Substance abuse
- Possession and/or consumption of alcohol
- Possession and/ or use of any drug/ paraphernalia on the school site
- Repeated non-co-operation
- Disruption to learning, personal and that of others
- Physical assault
- Fighting
- Incitement
- Bullying
- Vandalism
- Verbal assault/ abuse
- Racist/ homophobic behaviour
- Swearing or use of inappropriate language
- Sexual abuse and harassment
- Extortion
- Theft
- Recording students or staff against their will
- Bringing offensive weapons to school
- Bringing the school into disrepute
- Inappropriate use of internet or other technology
- Possession of pornographic and inappropriate materials
- Dangerous behaviour
- Anti-social behaviour
- Truancy from school

- Truancy from lessons
- Going off the school site without permission
- Disruption to orderly corridor and stairwell environment
- Continued non-co-operation with school uniform policy and standards
- Continued non-co-operation with school jewellery policy
- Insolence and bad manners
- Use of mobile phone in school time

## Sanctions

Teachers will promote positive conduct and attitude to learning with the use of positive feedback and praise in lessons.

Leasowes High School will use sanctions to respond to unacceptable conduct. We will apply sanctions with fairness, consistency, flexibility and proportionality. Where sanctions are used we will: explain the reason for the sanction, the changes in conduct needed to avoid future sanctions, and that sanctions are a response to conduct, not the individual.

In accordance to The Equality Act 2010, responsible bodies, such as schools, are expected to make reasonable adjustments for students with identified needs. It is understood that such needs pose barriers or difficulties, when students access their educational settings, by comparison to peers of the same age. Consequently, it will be necessary to consider individual needs when applying school policies. For example, it would be deemed reasonable to suggest that a pupil who has been diagnosed with ADHD may require some adjustments when following a behavioural rule applied to active listening.

When considering the application of reasonable adjustments, the responsible body will refer to: The Equality Act 2010, the SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years, 2014, and the Children and Families Act 2014. Further information regarding reasonable adjustments are outlined in the school's SEND Policy.

When deciding on appropriate sanctions the school will consider: the age and the health of the student, specific needs the student may have, their previous record of behaviour, the severity of the unacceptable conduct and the likelihood of repetition, pressure exerted by others, the extent to which the unacceptable conduct may have affected others, where the unacceptable conduct took place, and whether the student was a part of a group.

Sanctions available to Subject Teachers and Tutors are:

- Verbal or written reprimand
- A negative comment recorded on the school system (Aspire)
- Detention
- Parental contact
- Removal from class
- Loss of privileges
- Tasks – e.g. tidy classroom, litter picking

- Tutor report
- Referral to Head of Department or Head of Year

Additional sanctions available to Head of Department/Head of Year are:

- Withdrawal from lesson and contact home
- Request for Reflection
- Loss of unsupervised time
- Subject detention
- Subject behaviour report
- Head of Year report
- Senior Leadership report
- Conduct contract
- Natural consequences

Senior Leadership Team have access to all sanctions.

Increasing of sanctions:

- Non-attendance to C3 (15 minutes) detention increases to C4 (30 minutes)
- Non-attendance to C4 (30 minutes) detention increases to C5 (60 minutes)
- Non-attendance to C5 (60 minutes) detention will result in a one-day reflection.
- Non-attendance or disruption in reflection may result in a fixed term exclusion or further reflection time.

Conduct incidents are recorded on the school system and regularly reviewed by the Tutor, Head of Year and Senior Leadership Team. Sanctions will be implemented for persistent disruptive conduct.

Within the support structure there is always a member of on call staff who is available to assist staff with any given situation, as well as the reflection room (on days in it is available) where Students work one to one with a member of staff for a variety of reasons, and are mentored to be phased back in to the classroom.

To support both Students and staff, the school operates a reflection room for those who require further intervention/sanctions for a set period of time.

## A Restorative Approach

A restorative approach plan will be used to avoid exclusions in some scenarios and circumstances. A restorative approach offers schools an alternative way of thinking about addressing discipline and conduct issues, offering a consistent framework for responding to these issues, with a zero tolerance for poor conduct.

The student is taken out of circulation and placed into the reflection area for a period of time, which have been agreed by Senior Leadership and Head of Year. They will not have contact with students

who are in school circulation and will take part in a restorative programme, which explore the following:

1. The incident (what happened and why it is not acceptable).
2. What the impact has been on those involved: i.e. who has been affected and in what ways. Strategies supporting an understanding of empathy and anger.
3. What needs to happen to put things right or to make things better in the future.

Next steps

A meeting/ phone call with parents/carers will take place.

There will then be an opportunity for a restorative mediation session between the student and the member of staff. This will allow staff to discuss the incident with the student and allow relationships to be rebuilt. It is the responsibility of the member of staff to arrange a time for this restorative conversation to take place, where possible it should be within 24 hours.

## Reflection

In some instances, a student will be placed in reflection, whereby the student remains in school where they can receive supervised education and the sanction is not notifiable to the local authority, as in the case of a Fixed Term Exclusion. The decision to place a student in reflection will be taken by Senior Leadership and Head of Year.

- Internal reflection can be in the reflection room, or at another Invictus school / campus
- If the reflection period is planned parents/carers will be informed.
- The duration of the day in the reflection room will be from 8.40am till 4.00pm.
- If a student is absent on the day of the reflection they will complete it on the first day of their return or as scheduled by the Senior Leadership.
- If a student arrives late without good reason, they will make up the time on the same day
- Failure to comply with reflection rules will result in that day being repeated.
- Where reflection is not successful, then the school reserves the right to formally exclude a student through the official FTE route.

## Exclusions

Excluding a student from school is an extremely serious matter and can only be authorised by the Head teacher. Leasowes High School will follow statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/921405/20170831\\_Exclusion\\_Stat\\_guidance\\_Web\\_version.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/921405/20170831_Exclusion_Stat_guidance_Web_version.pdf)

- \* *Fixed Period up to 5 days* – These will be used when a serious incident has occurred, and it is necessary to see a student's parents to discuss the incident before reintegrating. Most often this involves a violent incident, extreme rudeness, refusal to cooperate in reflection or very serious disruption. Or when a series of problems have occurred, and previous sanctions and

warnings have not been effective. It is the duty of the school to provide work, and for the parent to ensure they are at home during the hours of school.

- \* *Fixed period over 5 days* – Such exclusions are rare and usually have to be investigated further, or to allow more effective intervention by the school and other agencies. The school must provide alternative provision.
- \* *Permanent Exclusion* – Only used in the most serious cases and where a student's continuing presence in the school would either be detrimental to them or other students. This can be for a one-off serious incident.

## Managed Moves and Alternative Education Provision

It may be deemed appropriate, if a student fails to improve their behaviour despite significant support, that they are offered the chance of a new school environment or alternative education provision, such as our Greenhill campus or another school in the Trust. The consideration of offering an alternative school or placement does not come lightly, but if it is deemed to be in the best interests of the student concerned, this option will be investigated.

The school has the authority to direct students to alternative educational providers where they deem it necessary. Although the support of parents is sought it is not required. External alternative provisions will be sought both within the trust, the local authority, non-educational settings and online educational platforms.

Sometimes, with parental support, it is appropriate to modify a student's school day.

## Conduct off School Premises

Students are encouraged to meet the same expectations of conduct off site as well as on site. When on visits or trips all aspects of classroom conduct apply to students.

Where a student is off school site and not on a trip, for example on the way to and from school, then the school expects their conduct to be maintained. Where poor conduct is witnessed by staff or reported by a member of the public, it will be addressed in the same way as if it had happened in school.

This may not be restricted to journeys to and from school. The policy is enforceable where a student is wearing the school uniform, is easily identifiable as a student of the school, or has, through their actions, brought the school into disrepute.

In the event of a sanction being required, this will take place on the school site. Staff witnessing an incident off school site should not seek to sanction students at the time; they should report it through the established channels.

## Uniform

Leasowes High School uniform is designed to encourage a purposeful and effective climate for learning. All students and staff should be smart and take pride in their appearance, dressed appropriately within the ethos of a school working environment. All students should be aware that they represent the school, its ethos and its image, when wearing the school uniform inside or outside of school.

It is expected that all students wear full uniform at all times, unless directed otherwise by staff. Sanctions, predominately the use of negative points, are in place for inappropriate uniform. The top button of the shirt must be done up and tie, with the school badge clearly shown, at all times.

- A school blazer must be worn at all times. The blazer must be worn correctly and sleeves cannot be rolled up.
- Only plain black trousers or skirts are allowed. Skirts must be knee length, loose fitting and not made of lycra type material. Head of Year to contact home and if appropriate the student will be placed in reflection.
- Shoes must be only plain black polishable shoes. No trainers or trainer type are allowed. Head of Year to contact home immediately and if appropriate the student will be placed in reflection.
- Hoodies are not allowed to be worn at any time in the school building and will be confiscated if so. During school hours they must be placed in lockers or school bags.
- Bags must be of a suitable size to carry exercise books/A4 folders and appropriate for use within the school. Anything smaller is not appropriate and can be confiscated after warning.
- Hair must be cut in an appropriate manner and should not be extreme in colour. Hair must not include tramlines. Head of Year to contact home immediately and if appropriate the student will be placed in reflection.
- One pair of studs is permitted per ear lobe. No facial or body piercings are allowed. For any further breaches, Head of Year to contact home immediately and if appropriate the student will be placed in reflection.
- False nails/ nail extensions are not allowed. Head of Year to contact home immediately and if appropriate the student will be placed in reflection.

## Mobile Phones and Headphones

If staff see a student with one of the above they are to remind the student that they should not be seen, and should be confiscated and placed in the safe until the end of the day. A repeat of the appearance will lead to the item once again being removed and placed in the safe until the end of the day. A third repeat will lead to the item being collected by a parent.

If a student refuses a further sanction of a 30-minute detention is issued.

## Drugs

Leasowes High School is committed to the health and safety of all its members and will act to safeguard their well-being. The possession, use or supply of drugs in the school context, (which is

defined as on school premises or during any school activity and/in school uniform) is totally forbidden. Any such instance will be viewed as an extremely serious disciplinary matter.

The school will consider each drug related incident separately and consider the appropriate response, bearing in mind the circumstances of the case, and the need to balance the interests of the student concerned as well as the effect on the entire school body.

The Governing Body considers that it is essential that parents and students are clear about the expected/usual sanction that will be applied.

- The school takes a serious approach to the use or possession of drugs within school. Any student found in possession of, dealing/sharing, acquiring drugs for another person could face a permanent exclusion. Incidents of drug related behaviour outside of school can result in the same punishment. All incidents will be reported to the police.

There is a planned Drugs Education Programme in place to:

- Inform students about drugs and their effects
- Promote a positive attitude towards a healthy lifestyle
- Increase students' understanding of the health and social implications of the use and misuse of drugs.

## Searching, Screening and Confiscation

Leasowes High School has the right, under law, to search Students and confiscate their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting the pupil may have a prohibited item.

Prohibited items include:

- Knives and weapons
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Stolen items
- Tobacco and cigarette papers
- Pornographic images

The search will be conducted by two members of staff with at least one being of the same sex as the student.

School staff can seize any prohibited item found as a result of a search, or any item, however found, which they consider harmful or detrimental to school discipline. Confiscated items are disposed of at the discretion of the school. This may mean the item is destroyed. Where drugs, a weapon or extreme pornography are found, they will be delivered to the police as soon as possible. Carrying a weapon is illegal, even if it is not being carried with intent: any student who brings a dangerous

item/weapon into the school will receive an appropriate sanction. This could result in a student losing their place at the school.

The school will make every effort to inform parents/carers before the search, even though it is not a requirement, but contact will always be made after.

The school has the right to use reasonable force when conducting a search without consent. In most instances this will not be required. If necessary, an appropriate member of trained staff will be required. The school may refuse to have on school site any pupil who refuses to be searched or screened.

Leasowes High School follow guidance from:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/674416/Searching\\_screening\\_and\\_confiscation.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/674416/Searching_screening_and_confiscation.pdf)

## Reasonable Force

The term 'reasonable force' covers the broad range of actions, involving a degree of physical contact with students. Force is usually used in a school to either control or restrain.

Reasonable force should not be the first course of action and will only be used when the safety of that student and others around them is in jeopardy. The decision about whether or not to physically intervene is down to the professional judgement of the staff member concerned.

In some circumstances, staff may use reasonable force to restrain a pupil to prevent them:

- Causing disorder
- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property

Incidents of physical restraint must:

- Always be used as a last resort
- Be applied using the minimum amount of force and for the minimum amount of time possible
- Be used in a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned

Leasowes High School Sports College recognise students with SEN and disabilities have additional needs, which may, in turn, affect their behaviour and, therefore, special consideration should be applied when reasonable force may be used.

For further guidance on where reasonable force may be deemed appropriate, see the following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/444051/Use\\_of\\_reasonable\\_force\\_advice\\_Reviewed\\_July\\_2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444051/Use_of_reasonable_force_advice_Reviewed_July_2015.pdf)

If reasonable force is used the incident must be reported to the **Safeguarding Lead** on the same day the incident takes place.

## Malicious Allegations Against Staff

Where a student is proven to have made a malicious allegation against a member of staff, it will be reviewed on a case by case basis. It must be recognised that unless there is a significant reason otherwise, this will most likely result in the permanent exclusion from the school of that student. It may be possible to seek an alternate place for a student within the Invictus Trust or local authority through an agreed move.

Leasowes High School places the safety and security of all its students above anything else. We take all reports of staff misconduct seriously, imposing the correct measures whilst an investigation is ongoing. Similarly, we take the professionalism of our staff seriously. Where an allegation is made that has no truth to it, we must ensure our staff are protected, therefore, the sanction is amongst the strongest we can take.

## Training, Monitoring and Evaluation

Leasowes High School staff are provided with training on managing conduct as part of their induction process. Conduct management will also form part of continuing professional development. Where problems with conduct management arise, training will be sought for staff.

Senior Leadership and the Pastoral team will analyse and examine behaviour and rewards data to identify training needs, support those staff who may require it and identify students who might be at risk of exclusion, so early intervention can be put into place. Form tutors can always access data, which they use to guide and advise students about their conduct. The effectiveness of the policy will be evaluated regularly by Senior Leadership, staff, parents and students.

The positive conduct policy is reviewed every year by the Head Teacher, deputy Headteacher and the Governing Board.

## Appendices

- i. Home School Agreement
- ii. Consequence Pyramid
- iii. Praise Pyramid





## Home School Agreement

### Aims

**With a 'can do' attitude, anything is possible** - The aim of our Home School Agreement is for all of those invested in the student to demonstrate their commitment to them achieving their absolute best. We strongly believe that with a supportive and effective partnership every student will achieve success. By signing this declaration, you are committing to our key values, ethos and policies, which are all in place to create the best possible learning experience. Before signing this agreement please make sure you have read all of the relating school policies, as these could be referred to in future meetings or communication regarding your child.

<p><b>Parent/ Carer – I/We fully commit to helping my child achieve excellence through:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Support the schools aims, ethos and values of <i>Aspire</i> and <i>Achieve</i>.</li> <li>2) Ensure my child attends school each day, on time, and properly equipped. Any absence should be reported to school before 8.40am, and holidays should not be taken during term time.</li> <li>3) Encourage my child to maintain high standards of behaviour at all times, supporting the implementation of the positive conduct policy including detentions and sanctions.</li> <li>4) Make myself available to my child and school, address any concerns they may have, attending parent's evenings, information evenings and supporting celebration events.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Student – I fully commit to excellence in the following ways:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Uphold the school ethos of <i>Aspire</i> and <i>Achieve</i>.</li> <li>2. Attend school, arrive on time every day and bring all the necessary equipment.</li> <li>3. Wear the full and correct uniform to school.</li> <li>4. Follow the school's positive conduct of <i>SMILE &amp; CALM</i> at all times.</li> <li>5. Be a positive and active member of the school community and take advantage of the many opportunities offered.</li> <li>6. Respect and care for the school environment and the local area.</li> <li>7. Do my best at all times</li> </ol>	<p><b>School – We fully commit to help students achieve excellence in the following ways:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Re-enforce the importance of our values <i>Aspire</i> and <i>Achieve</i>.</li> <li>2. Encourage and reward good attendance and punctuality, contacting parents where issues arise.</li> <li>3. Create a positive climate for learning in order for students to reach their full potential.</li> <li>4. Assess, monitor and track student progress communicating regularly with parents.</li> <li>5. Provide a pastoral system that looks after the welfare and well-being of your child.</li> <li>6. Provide a range of extra-curricular activities and encourage student participation.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Together we will:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support students' learning, to help them to achieve their best</p>
<p><b>Parent / Carer signature:</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Student signature:</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Form Tutor signature:</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b></p>

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