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Engagement and Behaviour Policy

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Ysgol Bro Elwern ac Ysgol Betws Gwerful Goch

Engagement and Behaviour Policy

In Ysgol Bro Elwern and Ysgol Betws Gwerful Goch our aim is to ensure that all learners become

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

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

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

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

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

School Expectations *(Please insert your own school expectations)*

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Behaviour management

At Ysgol Bro Elwern and Ysgol Betws Gwerful Goch we are committed to ensuring that effective teaching and learning takes place and good behaviour is compulsory in all aspects of school life. We seek to create a positive learning atmosphere through:

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

Recognition – An opportunity to reward Learners for their achievements.

- **Classroom level** – Teachers are highly skilled at identifying opportunities to praise Learners and recognise their successes.
- **Faculty Team** – Learners will be identified fortnightly by their teachers to receive recognition postcards for outstanding attainment and endeavour in their subjects.
- **Year Team** – Learners will be identified fortnightly by their Personal Tutor to receive a praise phonecall home from their Year Leader.
- **Senior Leadership Team** – Learners will be invited to meet with the Headteacher and team to recognise their achievements.
- Progress will be celebrated at **Celebration of Achievement Evenings**.

As at any school, almost all of our learners are polite and well behaved most of the time. They are keen to learn and participate fully in all aspects of school life. For Learners to achieve at the highest level of which they are capable, good attitudes, parental support and the establishment of the right conditions for learning are all essential. Acceptable standards of behaviour and respect depend upon the example of us all: we all have a positive contribution to make. Good order has to be worked for, it does not simply happen. Everyone at the school is here for a purpose and every person should be respected and treated as an individual. Relationships are vital – between everyone and at every level. We should all make an effort to:-

- Greet and be greeted
- Speak and be spoken to
- Smile and relate
- Communicate

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- Make a difference
- Show equality and fairness.

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Appendix A

Engagement and Behaviour

Rights and responsibilities with regard to staff

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Rights and Responsibilities:-

Ysgol < > and its staff have the right to:-

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

Classroom Expectations.

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

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

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

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(Schools will have individual procedures to include in this section of their policy)

- Always start and end a lesson on time.
- Always take a class register and make a note of any pupils who are late.
- Create a seating plan and adhere to it.
- Always state the learning objective on the white board and ensure resources are available.
- Remind the learners regularly of the expectations and consistently give praise.

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- Do not leave the classroom, unless there is an emergency.
- Keep learners on task throughout the lesson and do not let them leave the classroom, unless there is an emergency.
- Identify the classroom hot spots, and strategically locate ourselves in response to this.
- To know the name of all pupils who are in our care.
- Take responsibility for discipline.
- Every day is a new start
- Every lesson is a new start.
- To hold reconciliation meetings.
- Use praise postcards weekly.
- Create a recognition board.

All staff should:

- Model good behaviour.
- Maintain emotional control – give yourself time to think before reacting
- Uphold your dignity to sustain a relationship with the child.
- Be calm.
- Be confident.
- Be consistent.
- Show compassion.
- Maintain a professional relationship – separate the behaviour from the child.
- Understand they can influence change and that when an adult changes ,everything changes.
- Recognise that everything depends on the adults' behaviour.
- Be proactive in ensuring you keep up to date on individual pupil needs
- Share good practice and success

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

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

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- Hold a grudge

Behaviour Management Strategy, to create a positive learning environment.

1. **Plan Lessons for good behaviour**

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- **High Expectations**

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

- **Differentiate**

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

- **Good pace in a lesson**

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

- **An organised learning environment**

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

2. **Staff-Pupil Relationship**

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

3. **The teacher's passion**

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

4. **The teacher is ready for the lesson**

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

5. **Praise**

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

6. **Language**

Staff should always use positive language. E.g. rather than saying "will you stop talking" you can say "I want everyone to listen now!", rather than "Dylan, don't turn around to talk to Bethan", you can say "Dylan, thank you, I need you to face me and focus on your work'. Try not to use uncertain questions, give polite and courteous instructions.

7. **Be consistent**

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

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treated equitably.

Beyond the classroom

All staff have a collective responsibility to promote positive behaviour beyond their classroom

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Undirected time can contribute to a deterioration in the behaviour of learners.

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

We should expect to:

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

It is good practice to regularly discuss and review these procedures with all members of the school community.

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

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

Schools should insert their own list of expectations of behaviour beyond the classroom, eg Playground, toilets, dining room

Dealing with poor behaviour

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

- All staff should adhere to our whole school strategy for managing behaviour.
- If a learner seems to be “playing to the audience”, deal with them away from the audience.
- Convey to the learner that you have high expectations of them and are disappointed when they let themselves down.
- Make it clear to a learner that once an incident has been dealt with then as far as you are concerned it is finished. You expect normal relations to be re-established. Every lesson should be a chance to make a fresh start.
- The closer the sanction is in time to the misdemeanour, the more effective it is

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likely to be.

- Sanctions aimed at a learner rather than at the behaviour, should be avoided at all costs. Sarcasm, embarrassment, fear etc, will worsen matters rather than help them. Ask yourself how you would feel if you were in the same situation.
- Remember it is usually not personal.

Malicious allegations

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

Allegations should be dealt with using appropriate policies and procedures.

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Appendix B

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Learners have the right to:

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

Learners are expected to take responsibility to:

- Meet the behaviour expectations of our school.
- Conduct themselves around the building in a responsible manner and show regard to others.
- Arrive on time to lessons.
- Bring equipment appropriate for the lesson.
- Follow reasonable instructions given by staff , obey rules and accept sanctions.
- Behave in a respectful and polite manner to all.
- Show respect for the opinions and beliefs of others.
- Complete all class work in the manner required.
- Hand in homework at the time requested.
- Show respect for the school environment.
- Demonstrate collective responsibility and respect for the school environment.
- Act as representatives of the school when away from the building.
- Not bring inappropriate items to the school.
- Never harm, denigrate or bully other Learners or staff.

Items not permitted:-

- Mobile phones (if seen or heard outside the designated areas and times) may

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be confiscated – they are only to be used during break and lunch in the canteen or outside.

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- Music devices, games devices or any device deemed to have a negative impact on learning will be confiscated.
- Headphones are not permitted to be worn inside.
- Fizzy drinks/energy drinks are not permitted in the school.
- Sweets and items deemed unhealthy by the school
- IT equipment other than that issued or approved by Ysgol < > and inclusive of cameras and recording equipment.
- Cigarettes/tobacco/e-cigarettes.
- Illegal items or other drugs/substances.

Learners will be expected to:-

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

Advice to learners:-

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

Travelling to and from the school

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

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Behaviour outside the school

We value our learners' experiences, both inside and outside of the school, and as such we will expect our Learners to behave in a manner that promotes Ysgol< >. However on occasions Learners' behaviour may not be up to the expected standard and as such they may be subject to action from the school.

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Malicious allegations by Learners

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

Allegations should be dealt with using appropriate policies and procedures.

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

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Rights and responsibilities of parents and carers

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We treat each other with kindness and respect when supporting your children, and we expect you to do the same when working with us. We need to work in partnership - collaboration and consistency between parents and the school will lead to improved outcomes for your child.

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

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Support the school. You have trusted us with your child's education and welfare. Sometimes we have to make difficult decisions that you may not agree with, but we always make them with positive intent.
- Be a positive role model for your children in all interactions with the school; be polite, proportionate, and courteous at all times. Set a good example in your own speech and behaviour.
- Adhere to all our school policies and procedures.
- Work in partnership with staff to ensure good behaviour.
- Maintain appropriate communication
- Inform staff of any concerns, but please always be proportionate and courteous. We will deal with your concerns, but we ask that you allow us a reasonable time to respond.
- Respond to concerns raised by members of staff courteously.
- Ensure pupils come to school on time, correctly equipped, and prepared to work.
- Approach the school directly with your concerns and allow us to resolve the issues with you. Please do not use social media to discuss your concerns. Maintain appropriate communication using the agreed channels to the school
- Always adhere to socially acceptable standards of behaviour, as described below.

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To support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including sports fixtures.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.

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- Threatening to inflict actual bodily harm on a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer, or pupil regardless of whether the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication.
- Defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils, parents, or staff of the school, on Facebook or other social sites. Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to a member of staff in school, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately, and effectively for all concerned.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child.
- Approaching someone else's child to discuss or chastise them because of the perceived actions of this child towards your own child. Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences. This includes contacting a child via social media, games consoles, other electronic devices, or over the phone.
- Coming onto the school site smoking or under the influence of alcohol or other recreational drugs.
- Dogs being brought on to school premises without permission.
- Insisting on a response to requests in an unreasonable time limit or outside normal school hours.
- Seeking to avoid or attempting to challenge the safety arrangements and staff instruction around the school during drop off and pickup times.
- Attempting to record any communication with staff including phone calls or meetings without prior discussion and agreement.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school may feel it is necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and if necessary, even ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds. We have an Unacceptable Stakeholder Behaviour Policy which we will use in these cases.

We trust that parents and carers will assist our school with the implementation of this policy, and we thank you for your continuing support of our school.

Malicious allegations made by parents

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Our school is committed to dealing effectively with concerns and complaints. We aim to clarify any issues about which you are not sure. If possible, we will put right any mistakes we have made, and we will apologise. We aim to learn from mistakes and use that experience to improve what we do.

Allegations will be dealt with using appropriate policies and following the correct process outlined in our School Complaints Procedures. Please do not jump stages of

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the policy because this could delay our ability to deal with any concerns in a timely manner.

Parents or other adults that are found to have made malicious allegations are likely to have breached the Unacceptable Behaviour Policy.

If found to be in breach of either Policy, we will take sanctions if deemed serious enough, which may include contacting the police if there are grounds for believing a criminal offence may have been committed.

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Appendix E

List of relevant policies: All available through the DCC website

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

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

Child Protection/ Safeguarding in Education

Use of Reasonable Force & Physical Intervention

Preventing Misuse of Substances Policy: Primary schools

Complaints

All Wales Child Protection Procedures

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

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

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

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Appendix F

ACE list

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

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

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

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