

## HERNE JUNIOR SCHOOL GOOD BEHAVIOUR POLICY

(INCORPORATING EXCLUSION POLICY)

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#### **Rationale**

At Herne Junior School, we promote an ethos based on our agreed core values (see 'Harmony' section below). All members of the school community have a part to play in the promotion of our ethos and in the implementation of this behaviour policy. How adults treat the children is a huge factor in how the children react to praise and admonishment. There is so often a requirement to have an 'exchange of trust' between adult and child.

'I've come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It's my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humour, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or de-humanized.'

Haim Ginot 1972

#### A Culture for Learning at Herne

Working with children is a fundamentally human activity that requires four crucial elements:

- UNDERSTAND the human in front of you.
- Then you will improve their SELF-ESTEEM.
- If you do this, you will improve their SELF-CONFIDENCE.
- If you do that, they will feel emotionally ENGAGED with what you are doing...learning about our world, preparing them for the future.

If this is so for children, then we also have to model this for them, adult to adult. As human beings, we all have the need to feel **loveable and capable**, and so it is on this premise that we will help everyone at Herne to achieve to the very best of their abilities and demonstrate good behaviour.

All adults and children need a clear vision of the good behaviour to be expected within the school, together with a clear understanding of what kinds of behaviour are not acceptable. Whenever possible, good behaviour should be taught, modelled, discussed, praised and rewarded.

We aim to provide a curriculum and a learning environment, which is interesting and stimulating so that our children are motivated to learn and to behave well. We believe that children learn best when they are emotionally secure and balance self-awareness with self-esteem. We will offer care and support where children need it, to avoid problems arising from frustration and the fear of failure.

However, we also believe that all children have the right to learn, work and play in an environment that is happy, safe, fair and secure. In our school, we believe that everybody is responsible for upholding these rights. We acknowledge that children need to be made aware of the rights of others and to be encouraged at all times to respect those rights by working co-operatively and harmoniously. All those who work in our school community, or visit it, will be expected to act in accordance with this ethos.

#### **Aims**

- We value all children as individuals and help them to develop emotional security, selfawareness and positive self-esteem.
- We provide a learning environment that offers an appropriate balance of challenge and support for each child, in order to encourage the development of independence and selfdiscipline.

- We promote good manners and a caring and respectful attitude towards all members of the school community.
- We make it clear to the child that, if they misbehave, it is the behaviour that is unacceptable, not them.
- We investigate all incidents thoroughly before drawing conclusions or apportioning blame.
- We employ a consistent approach to the management of behaviour through the application of agreed strategies, incentives and sanctions.
- We involve all members of the school community in regular reviews of behaviour issues in order to ensure that all are aware of the expectations of behaviour at Herne Junior School.
- We share problems and good practice in order that we can all learn from each other.

#### **Objectives**

- We want our children to value themselves and develop a positive self-esteem.
- To value and appreciate one another, irrespective of age, gender, race, creed or ability, acknowledging that everyone has a part to play within our school community.
- To develop a reflective, caring and courteous approach in their behaviour and relationships with others.
- To listen to and respect the views of others.
- Be honest.
- Think independently.
- Share resources and work co-operatively and harmoniously with others.
- Accept responsibility for their choices and actions.
- Show a responsible attitude towards the environment, including the school grounds, buildings and everything in them.
- Adhere to the school's values (HARMONY) which are: Responsibility, Honesty, Enjoyment, Collaboration, Motivation and Respect.
- Uphold British Values: Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of other faiths and beliefs.

#### **Methods**

- A Home/School Learning Agreement for new pupils that sets out the expectations for
  effective learning at Herne Junior School has been drawn up in consultation with all
  members of the school community and is reviewed on an annual basis. Copies of the
  agreement will be signed by each child, their parents/carers, the Head teacher and the Chair
  of Governors.
- In addition, each teacher negotiates more specific rules for classroom behaviour with the children in their class, using a class charter based on UNCRC agreed protocols. These are reviewed on a regular basis.
- Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own behaviour, both individually and collectively.
- Opportunities to raise issues relating to behaviour are provided as part of the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and SMSC scheme of work.
- The Young Governors (who make up the School Council), other children with specific responsibilities (e.g. Lunchtime Buddies, Green Team, Year 6 Ambassadors, Sports Captains etc) and Year 6, as the oldest pupils, are expected to act as good role models for the rest of the school.
- Rewards are used for children whose behaviour is exemplary or who manage to achieve significant improvements in their behaviour over a specified period of time.
- Inappropriate behaviour is managed according to the procedures specified in the 'Behaviour Guidelines' below, which was drawn up in consultation with all members of the school community. These guidelines are reviewed on a regular basis.

- Under the Education & Inspections Act 2006, paid members of staff have the right to regulate behaviour by giving instructions and orders. They may also impose disciplinary penalties/sanctions for misbehaviour. The majority of our Teaching Staff, have completed appropriate training, and are therefore permitted to restrain pupils and use such force 'as is reasonable in the circumstances' to prevent a pupil causing injury/personal damage or committing an offence (see separate Physical Intervention Policy).
- Bullying in any form will not be tolerated (see separate Anti-Bullying Policy).
- Harmony Weeks, held annually, promote good behaviour.

#### **Behaviour Guidelines**

- Each classroom has a coloured board with five characters or symbols representing a scale, as seen on the right. All the children start the day in the middle then can move right or left according to good or poor behaviour.
- If a child makes it to the top (furthest right) they
  will be rewarded with a House Point. Furthermore,
  they will receive a Special Values Time ticket to
  have the chance of being selected by the class to join
  the Deputy Head and Assistant Head for 'Special
  Values Time'.



This is an example of a Behaviour Board from Year 3 where this class's theme is The Lion King. Each class can choose their theme at the beginning of the school year.

- For excellent work pupils can also be rewarded with a House Point. This must be initialled on the child's House Point Card by the adult who gave the point. A maximum of three House Points can be awarded at one time.
- For poor behaviour, or a lack of effort, a child can be moved down the scale (furthest left), with a 3-minute cool off between each move. If a child hits the bottom of the board they lose 4 minutes off their 'Values Time'.
- A serious misdemeanour in class can result in being directly placed on the bottom of the board but will not mean being sent out at that stage. Being sent out will only happen if another issue has caused their name to be moved off the board.
- If poor behaviour persists then they take their name to their year leader (or pre-arranged other teacher) where their name is placed back in the middle of this new class's board. Lost Values Time can be regained with I minute of values time regained if they can move back up to the +I and 2 minutes of value time can be regained if they can get up to the +2.
- In some cases, a 'Think Card' will be used to support pupils who require closer vigilance regarding their conduct in lessons and throughout other times of the school day. A pupil should only be kept on a Think Card for a maximum of two weeks and if their behaviour is not improving, will move onto a 'Report Card'. (See ANNEX 3)
- In more serious cases, children who have had this closer monitoring, but have not responded positively by modifying their behaviour will have a Report Card. This excludes them from representing the school in events
- The Think Card and Report Card system is designed to keep track of those children who could be at risk of exclusion. A running record of pupils who have received these cards will be kept in the Think Card section of the Behaviour Folder in the head's office. There is a small chart in the Staffroom which shares who in the school is on a Report or Think Card.
- The maximum amount of time a child is on a Think Card is for two successive weeks, after which, if their behaviour is still causing concern, they will move onto a Report Card. The criteria for a good week is 85% 'good' or 'satisfactory' (34 sessions out of 40) for a Think Card. 50% of those sessions (20 sessions) must be 'good' ©.
- If a pupil moves onto a Report Card, a letter about 'Risk of Exclusion' (Behaviour File, ANNEX 5) will be sent to the parents by post. If a child is on a Report Card for two

- successive weeks, then there will be a consideration for excluding them on the basis that they have been persistently disruptive. On a Report Card, we raise the bar so that 95% must be 'good' or 'satisfactory' (38 sessions) and 60% must be 'good' (24 sessions) ©.
- Note that if a child comes off a Think Card but is then referred back to have another card within 2 weeks of coming off, then they will go onto a Report Card.
- 'Risk of Lunchtime Exclusion Letter' (see ANNEX 4) is used when children are at risk of a lunchtime exclusion. These are triggered when pupils are continuously getting lunchtime detentions but this is not having the desired effect of improving their behaviour. This letter warns parents if their child is at risk of being excluded from lunchtimes. It can sometimes be the case that the pupil could have received breaktime detentions as well. These letters are NOT sent 'out of the blue' because we will have already alerted parents to issues at lunchtimes previously.
- It is the school's aim to use exclusion of pupils in only the most extreme of instances (see ANNEX I for our *Exclusion Policy*).
- It is the school's aim to 'use reasonable force' against pupils in only the most extreme of instances (see Use of Reasonable Force Policy).
- See ANNEX 2 for our 'Serious Incident Flow Chart'.

#### **Lunchtimes - Specific Behaviour Guidance**

#### **Low Level Incidents**

- Ignoring instructions.
- Not having kind hands and feet (pushing, poking, winding up another person intentionally).
- Inappropriate language.
- Being disrespectful to adults or other children.

When appropriate a verbal warning may be given first so that a child has a chance to self-regulate. Sanction - 'Time In' for the child. Having to walk with the SSA (or other supervisor) for a period of time.

#### All low level incidents at lunchtimes to be recorded in the Blue Books in the staffroom.

#### **Serious Breaches**

- Persistent disruptive behaviour and violation of school rules.
- Defying an adult (inc. walking/running away).
- Verbal abuse that constitutes threatening behaviour against another pupil or adult.
- Violent behaviour, including the physical assault of another pupil or adult. \*
- Bullying (inc. prejudicial-based and discriminatory bullying). \*
- Damage to school or personal property belonging to any member of the school community.
- Theft.

\* See KCSIE - Sept 2023 (part 1): p.10 (Child-on-child abuse).

Keeping children safe in education 2023 - part one (publishing.service.gov.uk)

# Any one of these behaviours can be deemed to warrant a Report Card by one of the SLT and will be recorded on CPOMS.

#### **Supervision Indoors at Lunchtimes**

Use the class whiteboard in the classroom to write name up - follow up by the teacher, who may use the Behaviour Board as a follow-up.

PIP - Praise in Public.

#### **Behaviour Management Responsibilities**

#### Headteacher (Susan Sayers) & Deputy Head (Peter Castle)

- Responsibility for decisions and paperwork regarding serious misbehaviour, including exclusions.
- To monitor school behaviour via:
  - Records of lunchtime incidents in the Lunchtime Detention Log Book.
  - Records of misbehaviour in class that leads to children being referred to a Year Leader or other senior teacher (usually an Upper Threshold teacher) in the Class Behaviour Log
  - Records of violent incidents, racial incidents and incidents of bullying in the Bullying
     & Racial Incident File (in Headteacher's office).
  - Exclusions records.
- This is all overseen by the school Governors and some data is reported anonymously to the Local Authority (e.g. Racist Incidents).

#### Assistant Head/SENCo (Erika Marshall)

- Support the Headteacher and Deputy Head with the above.
- Support all staff in encouraging good behaviour.
- Where necessary, help support children at lunchtimes to make sure that *all* children have a positive experience.
- When needed, support staff to make behaviour charts and agreements with children and parents regarding their behaviour.
- Liaise with outside agencies to help support children and their families, in consultation with the Home School Link Worker.

#### Home School Link Worker (Sonja Balmer)

- Liaise with outside agencies to help support children and their families, in consultation with the Assistant Head/SENCo.
- Organise emotional wellbeing support for children one-to-one and in groups through ELSA, TALA, Nurture or Forest School (or from an outside agency) to improve their self-esteem
- Make sure all children, who need one, have an Individual Behaviour Plan (IBP).

#### **Year Leaders & Upper Threshold Teachers**

- Help and support their team members with encouraging good behaviour in class
- Accept and deal with children referred to them where pupils have been sent to them by a class teacher
- Provide a mid-point of authority for pupils in their year groups
- Refer to Headteacher, Deputy Head or Assistant Head/SENCo in cases of extremely good or poor behaviour.

#### 'Harmony' at Herne

At Herne Junior School we believe that children's positive behaviour is influenced more by praise, rewards and encouragement, rather than by punishment and sanctions.

#### **Our Harmony Values**

- RESPECT We have the right to be respected.
- COLLABORATION We work together as a team to achieve more.
- ENJOYMENT We enjoy our learning.

- HONESTY We are open and honest.
- MOTIVATION We are motivated to succeed.
- INDEPENDENCE We take responsibility for our actions and try to think for ourselves.

#### **Harmony Weeks**

- Introduce our values.
- Introduce 'Rights, Respects and Responsibilities' and link to displays around school.
- Make clear our expectations of upholding British Values and challenging extremist views
- Promoting Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) qualities
- Overtly teach what our values mean through lessons and assembly.
- House Points given out for seeing good manners and excellent learning habits.
- Uphold our values, be polite and well mannered:
  - Opening doors.
  - Genuinely warm and welcoming.
  - Thinking about other people's feelings.
  - Being kind, thoughtful and generous.
  - Making other people's lives better.
- Have celebration assemblies every Friday with awards for the person who has upheld the values most in class - voted by their class.
- All staff model Harmony around the school.
- Awards for pupils (one per class) and one staff member, voted by the staff, who is considered the best at upholding the elements of 'Harmony'.
- Our 'House Point' system is linked to our 'Harmony Values'.

#### **Annual Review**

Approved by the Headteacher, in accordance with delegated responsibility conferred by the Full Governing Body, January 2024

This policy will be reviewed at least annually in line with relevant statutory guidance from Hampshire County Council.

Herne Junior School has adopted the guidance from the Department of Education publication 'Behaviour and discipline in schools':

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/behaviour-and-discipline-in-schools

Ratified by the Headteacher, Susan Sayers (to whom the Governors have delegated approval responsibility), in January 2024

Review Date: Autumn 2024



### ANNFX I

### **EXCLUSION POLICY**

At Herne Junior School we recognise that the decision to exclude a child from school is a serious one. Exclusions should only be given in response to serious breaches of the school's behaviour policy and/or if allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education/welfare of the pupil or others in the school.

#### **Reasons for Exclusion**

A child will only be excluded from Herne Junior School when **all other interventions have failed** and the child continues to behave in such a way that the safety and wellbeing of others in the school are seriously affected.

#### Serious misbehaviours include:

- Persistent disruptive behaviour and violation of school rules.
- Bullying, including racist and homophobic abuse.
- Verbal abuse or threatening behaviour against another pupil or adult.
- Violent behaviour, including the physical assault of another pupil or adult.
- Damage to school or personal property belonging to any member of the school community.
- Theft.
- The behaviour of a pupil outside school <u>can be</u> considered grounds for an exclusion if the behaviour is serious enough and if it is within the vicinity of the school (i.e. adjacent to the school grounds or paths leading to or from the school)

#### **Lunchtime Exclusions**

'Risk of Exclusion at Lunchtime letters (see ANNEX 5) are used when children are at risk of a lunchtime exclusion. These are triggered when pupils are continuously getting lunchtime detentions but this is not having the desired effect of improving their behaviour. Self-Regulation and other behaviour cards will have been used to try to improve their behaviour.

This letter warns parents if their child is at risk of being excluded from lunchtimes and aims to encourage parents to discuss their child's behaviour with them and hopefully act as a deterrent to continued misbehaviour.

#### The Headteacher's Responsibilities

- Only the Headteacher of a school can exclude a pupil and this must be on disciplinary
  grounds. A pupil may be excluded for one or more fixed periods (up to a maximum of 45
  school days in a single academic year), or permanently. A fixed period exclusion does not
  have to be for a continuous period. In exceptional cases, usually where further evidence has
  come to light, a fixed period exclusion may be extended or converted to a permanent
  exclusion.
- Pupils whose behaviour at lunchtime is disruptive may be excluded from the school premises for the duration of the lunchtime period.
- 'Informal' or 'unofficial' exclusions, such as sending a pupil home 'to cool off', are unlawful, regardless of whether they occur with the agreement of parents or carers. Any exclusion of a pupil, even for short periods of time, must be formally recorded.

- Whenever the Headteacher excludes a pupil they must, without delay, notify parents of the period of the exclusion and the reasons for it. They must also, without delay, provide parents with the following information in writing:
  - The reason(s) for the exclusion.
  - The period of a fixed-period exclusion or, for a permanent exclusion, the fact that it is permanent.
  - Parents' right to make representations about the exclusion to the governing board (in line with the requirements set out in paragraphs 52 to 60) and how the pupil may be involved in this.
  - How any representations should be made.
  - Where there is a legal requirement for the governing board to consider the exclusion, that parents have a right to attend a meeting, to be represented at that meeting (at their own expense) and to bring a friend.
- The Headteacher must, without delay, notify the governing body and the local authority of:
  - A permanent exclusion (including where a fixed period exclusion is made permanent).
  - Exclusions which would result in the pupil being excluded for more than five school days (or more than ten lunchtimes) in a term.
  - Exclusions which would result in the pupil missing a public examination or national curriculum test.
- For all other exclusions the Headteacher must notify the local authority and governing body once a term.

This policy is written in line with the guidance from the Department of Education's publication 'Exclusion from maintained schools, Academies and pupil referral units in England': <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion</a>

## **ANNEX 2**



### SERIOUS INCIDENT FLOW CHART

#### **Serious Incident**

- Isolate the child by removing the child or removing the other children.
- Send a reliable child to the school officer or to a senior member of staff to get help.



#### Child's Welfare

- Use a calm voice.
- Divert the child by changing the subject of conversation.
- Use strategies already in place for that child e.g. safe place; trusted adult.
- Humour can often be effective when all else fails!
- Only use physical restraint as a last resort to prevent the child from injuring themselves or another person and only by a trained members of staff.
- IF YOU ARE AT RISK, leave child isolated but watched and CALL POLICE.



#### Staff Welfare

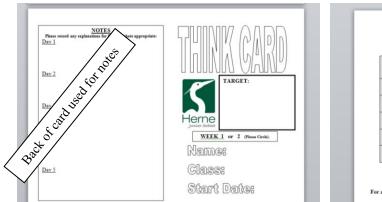
- Remove the member of staff from the scene.
- Provide a recovery period away from other children.
- Offer informal counselling with a colleague of their choice.
- Record injuries.
- Within 3 working days:
- Set up formal counselling if necessary.
- Arrange time and support for staff/pupil relationship to be reestablished.

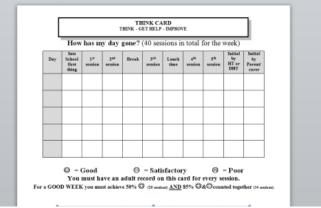


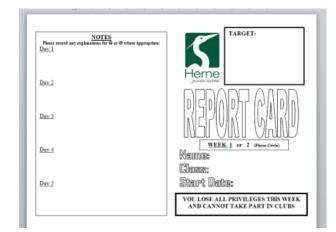
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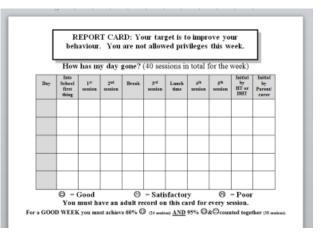
- Contact parents and inform them of the seriousness of the incident and request them to come into school to discuss the incident with a senior member of staff.
- In the light of previous history, evaluate seriousness of incident and decide whether there is need for an exclusion.
- CHILD REMAINS IN ISOLATION UNTIL PARENTS HAVE ATTENDED MEETING.
- Complete all documentation.

## ANNEX 3: Cards Used for Supporting & Monitoring Behaviour









### ANNEX 4: Risk of Lunchtime Exclusion Letter





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## **RISK OF LUNCHTIME EXCLUSION**

Date	Child's Name & Class:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Unfortunately, I am writing to let you know that your child's behaviour at lunchtime is totally unacceptable and despite sanctions being put in place to discourage bad behaviour, your son/daughter continues to misbehave.

#### Your child has been involved in the following:

- Deliberately hurting another person. 

  □
- Deliberately disobeying an adult.
- Deliberately damaging property. □
- Leaving the school grounds without permission.
- Swearing at another child or adult. 

  □
- Stealing from the school or another person. 

  □
- Bullying someone else verbally or physically.

If your child continues to misbehave we will have no choice but to exclude them at lunchtimes for a fixed period of a week. This means you will have to make arrangements to collect your child from school and take them off the school premises between 12.15 and 1.15 pm, for five days following the incident. If your child has a free school lunch, this will be in the form of a picnic bag, which can be taken away.

We hope that you will talk to your child and remind them how serious this is and hope that you and your child understand that we don't want to exclude them but if they do not improve their behaviour, there will be no alternative.

If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Sayers Peter Castle Erika Marshall Headteacher Deputy Head Assistant Head

## **ANNEX 5: Letters for Report Cards**



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## RISK OF EXCLUSION - REPORT CARD

Dear (Parent/Carer) Pupil's Name:

We will have informed you previously that your son or daughter had been put onto a Think Card so that we could closely monitor their behaviour in school and hopefully see an improvement with our support. Sadly, this follow-up letter is to inform you that your son or daughter has been put onto a **Report Card** because of their persistently poor behaviour over the last few weeks despite our close monitoring. This card is a similar format to the Think Card but, as you will see from the card when it comes home, they cannot now access a range of privileges, including attending events at the school that are seen to be treats (e.g. discos) or attend after-school clubs. In addition, if they represent the school in sports, music or other aspects, they will not be allowed to do this during their time on report.

As a reminder, our expectations for good behaviour, which parents signed to agree to as part of our Home-School Agreement, are set out in our Good Behaviour Policy which can be accessed from our website by clicking on:

www.hernejunior.com then 'About Us' then 'Policies' then finally click on 'Good Behaviour.

When a pupil moves onto a Report Card, this letter about 'Risk of Exclusion' is triggered to be sent to the parents by post and you should have a copy passed on to you by your child. This is a serious matter. If a child is on a Report Card for two successive weeks, then there will be a consideration by the senior leadership team of the school for excluding them on the basis that they have been persistently disruptive over a period of a month. On a Report Card, we raise the bar for a good week so that 95% must be 'good' or 'satisfactory' (38 sessions) and 60% must be 'good' (24 sessions) ©.

The clear message is that we expect to see an improvement in a pupil's behaviour when they are being closely monitored and supported. Although we provide support, there is a huge onus on your child to make the right choices when faced with a situation which could impact on their behaviour. One of the best choices is that they seek the help or assistance of an adult and do not react or respond inappropriately to another pupil or adult.

If, over the next two weeks, things do not improve, then we will have no choice but to consider the sanction of exclusion from school which has legal ramifications for both the child and the parents. In the first instance, any exclusion from school will be entered onto a child's school record and will be logged on the system that schools use nationally. This means that any school your child attends will be able to see this history. It is not a measure that schools use lightly.

If your son or daughter is excluded, then parents must keep them at home to complete homework set for the child for that day and must not take them into public places, unless to attend a genuine health related appointment. Hampshire, Portsmouth and other police forces are at liberty to stop and query why a school-age child is not in school and if there has been a breach of the rules for exclusion, this will be referred to Children's Services for further action.

All of this paints a very gloomy picture, but any sort of exclusion is a very serious matter and it is our intention to avoid any such sanction.

If you wish to discuss this matter with your child's teacher or one of our senior leaders, then please contact the school office to make a mutually convenient time. As previously stated, your support is vital in order to secure an improvement in your son/daughter's behaviour.

Some final things about how the Report Card works:

- The child must get the card signed by an adult for every session (there is a reminder of this on the card)
- If the card is lost, we have no option but to start the card from the day it is lost which re-sets the card to the 5 day period no ifs, no buts so please emphasise to your son or daughter to look after the card
- The card must be signed at the end of the school day by one of the Leadership Team. This could be the Head, Deputy, Assistant Head or one of the Year Leaders
- Could you please sign this card at the end of each day so that we know you've seen it too.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,	
Signed:	
Name:	Role:



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Date:

## RISK OF EXCLUSION - Serious Breach of Good Behaviour Policy

Dear	(Parent/Carer)	Pupil's Name:	
Due to a serious breach of our Good Behaviour Policy, we are writing to you to inform you that your son or daughter has been put onto a <b>Report Card</b> for the following reasons:			

school that are seen to be treats (e.g. discos) or attend after-school clubs. In addition, if they represent the school in sports, music or other aspects, they will not be allowed to do this during their time on report.

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When a pupil moves onto a Report Card, this letter about 'Risk of Exclusion' is triggered to be sent to the parents by post and you should have a copy passed on to you by your child. This is a serious matter. If a child is on a Report Card for two successive weeks, then there will be a consideration by the senior leadership team of the school for excluding them on the basis that they have been persistently disruptive over a period of weeks. On a Report Card, a good week for your child is set at the high expectation so that 95% must be 'good' or 'satisfactory' (38 sessions) and 60% must be 'good' (24 sessions) ©. We set this high expectation because, when closely monitored and when a pupil realises that they are at risk of exclusion, it usually significantly changes the way they behave in school. We all want your child to succeed at school and consistently good behaviour is vital for them to enjoy their education.

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The clear message is that we expect to see an improvement in a pupil's behaviour when they are being closely monitored and supported. Although we provide support, there is a huge onus on your child to make the right choices when faced with a situation which could impact on their behaviour. One of the best choices is that they seek the help or assistance of an adult and do not react or respond inappropriately to another pupil or adult.

If, over the next two weeks, things do not improve, then we will have no choice but to consider the sanction of exclusion from school which has legal ramifications for both the child and the parents. In the first instance, any exclusion from school will be entered onto a child's school record and will be logged on the system that schools use nationally. This means that any school your child attends will be able to see this history. It is not a measure that schools use lightly.

If your son or daughter is excluded, then parents must keep them at home to complete homework set for the child for that day and must not take them into public places, unless to attend a genuine health related appointment. Hampshire, Portsmouth and other police forces are at liberty to stop and query why a school-age child is not in school and if there has been a breach of the rules for exclusion, this will be referred to Children's Services for further action.

All of this paints a very gloomy picture, but any sort of exclusion is a very serious matter and it is our intention to avoid any such sanction.

If you wish to discuss this matter with your child's teacher or one of our senior leaders, then please contact the school office to make a mutually convenient time. As previously stated, your support is vital in order to secure an improvement in your son or daughter's behaviour.

Some final things about how the Report Card works:

- The child must get the card signed by an adult for every session (there is a reminder of this on the card)
- If the card is lost, we have no option but to start the card from the day it is lost which re-sets the card to the 5 day period no ifs, no buts so please emphasise to your son or daughter to look after the card
- The card must be signed at the end of the school day by one of the Leadership Team. This could be the Head, Deputy, Assistant Head or one of the Year Leaders
- Could you please sign this card at the end of each day so that we know you've seen it too.

Thank you in advance for your support.	
Yours sincerely,	
Signed:	
Name:	Role:

ANNEX 6: Common Language Approach when (positive memory) we were all so proud of you. learning today. Remember our rule about getting on with "I noticed you are having trouble with focusing on your engage (avoid audiences). Speak to the student privately and give a chance to rethem a few minutes – right choices can be praised). That's who I need to see today." (Walk away and give right choice and start your work. Remember last week your work. You now have the opportunity to make the Values -Keep referring to our Herne Independence Collaboration Enjoyment Motivation Honesty Respect about what might You need to think happen next and make the right choice. You now have the opportunity to ... you...(Listening, I need to see learn...etc) ready to I know you can make decision. the right The Magic-Weaving Business by Sir John Jones "Believe in them, Catch them winning and Act (not react)." (Name) it's not like you to.... A Common Language Herne Junior School are ready we can you....minutes to then when you calm down and talk about this. I'll give Approach. It is okay if you are feeling.... In order to keep you safe... can tell you because... are upset You now choices... have two Do you remember the (name) I need when....that is to see today. (...rather than Please walk! last week Don't run!) Behaviour strands -Keep referring to the Values. praise children who show to "over and above" and kind, being a good (eg. open doors, being polite positive examples of our Our School Ethos it for Self-Regulation Boundaries Resilience ALL STAFF Focus

## ANNEX 7: Behaviour Threshold Summary Chart

## Lower Level

In Class: Behaviour Board / Blue Books in Classroom

Lunchtime/Breaktime: Blue Books in Staffroom / Detention Board

Examples of this behaviour would include:

Rudeness
Lack of effort
Distracting others
Silliness

# Higher Level

In Class: Behaviour Board / Blue Books in Classroom / CPOMS
Lunchtime/Breaktime: Blue Books in Staffroom / Detention Board / CPOMS

Examples of this behaviour would include:

Physical Violence
Swearing
Bullying (or suspected bullying)
Fighting
Refusal to follow instructions from a member of staff
Racist/Prejudicial Language

(this would also require a 'Racial Incidence Form' that would be attached to CPOMS)

Damage to Property or Equipment