

# THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF BAHRAIN



## School Behaviour, Rewards and Sanctions Policy

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## 1. Rationale

**1.1.** Good behaviour makes effective teaching and learning possible and poor behaviour disrupts this process. In order to fulfill their learning potential children need an environment which embraces good behaviour, politeness, helpfulness and care for others and the surroundings. This we believe, is achieved through positive relationships of mutual respect among all members of the school community.

### **1.2. The BSB:**

- 1.2.1. Is welcoming and safe
- 1.2.2. Treats students fairly, consistently and respectfully
- 1.2.3. Promotes mutual trust and respect
- 1.2.4. Supports students
- 1.2.5. Encourages self discipline and independence
- 1.2.6. Keeps parents informed
- 1.2.7. Responds to concerns

### **1.3. The student:**

- 1.3.1. Obeys rules and meets [expectations](#)
- 1.3.2. Attends school and is punctual
- 1.3.3. Brings correct equipment and completes work
- 1.3.4. Respects the rights of others
- 1.3.5. Behaves safely and respectfully

### **1.4. Parents:**

- 1.4.1. Respect the school's rules, rewards and sanctions framework
- 1.4.2. Informs the school about anything that may affect their child's learning
- 1.4.3. Responds sensitively to concerns raised by teachers
- 1.4.4. Reads, understands and accepts the [Parent Handbook](#)

## 2. Promoting Positive Behaviour

**2.1.** Positive behaviour is best encouraged by example, and by having clear, high expectations of students. Using a rewards system is proven to promote and maintain the very good standard of student behaviour for which the BSB is renowned.

**2.2.** At times, inappropriate behaviour occurs, and it should be dealt with in a suitable and consistent way. Inappropriate behaviour is divided into **four** levels, with strategies and sanctions associated with each. Strategies and sanctions are concerned with the personal and social education of every student involved, and should not be looked upon as means of redress or retribution.

**2.3.** Good behaviour is recognised through our reporting system of '**attitude to learning**', which is divided into 4 sections:

2.3.1. Outstanding - consistently goes above and beyond and demonstrates exemplary behaviour at all times

2.3.2. Good - often goes above and beyond and usually demonstrates exemplary behavior

2.3.3. Acceptable - whilst at a level that is generally acceptable, there is significant room for improvement

2.3.4. Unsatisfactory / Concern - there are a number of concerns related to attitude and behavior

### **2.4. Positive steps towards positive behaviour**

2.4.1. Pride in our school will be encouraged both explicitly and implicitly. The wearing of a school uniform will be strongly encouraged as it gives a common sense of identity.

2.4.2. A positive, pleasant classroom environment will be created where children have meaningful work related to their ability, and where enthusiasm and industry dominate.

2.4.3. Pride in our school environment will be created by well-maintained grounds, clean buildings and attractive wall displays. Children will be encouraged to respect these and help both actively and passively to maintain these.

2.4.4. Children will be encouraged to fulfill their potential both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities.

2.4.5. Respect for religious and moral standards will be stressed at suitable opportunities.

2.4.6. Children will have a clear understanding of class and school rules and why they are important, with emphasis on a feel good factor reward, praise, good attitudes and setting a good example.

2.4.7. Children will be expected to exhibit good manners at all times.

2.4.8. The use of "Please", "Thank you" and "Excuse me" will always be expected.

2.4.9. At all times active supervision will be expected from staff to ensure the school's expectations are being adhered to.

2.4.10. Praise and the expectation of high standards of behaviour are ultimately more effective than sanctions.

### **2.5. Good behaviour is encouraged**

2.5.1. By the use of a quiet voice and a calm manner

2.5.2. Through positive praise

2.5.3. Leading by example – being a positive role model

2.5.4. Offering meaningful rewards

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- 2.5.5. Recognising small achievements
- 2.5.6. By making children feel special
- 2.5.7. By recognising that everyone needs to be heard
- 2.5.8. Through effective teaching and learning
- 2.5.9. By enabling access for all to a differentiated curriculum
- 2.5.10. Through consistent classroom management across the school
- 2.5.11. By setting clear boundaries
- 2.5.12. By ensuring children know WHY good behaviour is necessary
- 2.5.13. Through eye contact and smiling
- 2.5.14. Through open, honest communication between home and school.

## **2.6. Class teachers can reward behaviour with any of the following strategies:**

- 2.6.1. Smiles
- 2.6.2. Positive praise and encouragement
- 2.6.3. Celebrating good behaviour/success
- 2.6.4. House points or equivalent (stickers/tokens)
- 2.6.5. Positive comments to parents - telephone or email
- 2.6.6. Recommendation for certificates (well done, champion of the week, HoY commendation)
- 2.6.7. Sent to another member of staff to reinforce success and praise
- 2.6.8. Invites to termly rewards / trips
- 2.6.9. Appointment of students to positions of responsibility (eg. Head prefects, student council, house captains)

## **2.7. Phased approach to rewards**

- 2.7.1. Although the actions and rewards may differ slightly between the three sections of the school, rewards will follow a pattern of increasing significance.
- 2.7.2. House Point(s)\* / class token - an excellent piece of work, setting an excellent example, demonstrating a positive behavior
- 2.7.3. House points AND Email/phone call - consistently producing excellent work, demonstrating good
- 2.7.4. House Points & Well done postcard / Champion of the week - an even higher level of achievement
- 2.7.5. House Points & Head of Year Commendation - consistently high level of achievement
- 2.7.6. House Points & Headteacher Commendation - reserved for only the most outstanding of achievements

**2.8.** In following this approach, whilst behaviour is benchmarked against the same standards for all students, rewarding work should be considered on an individual basis and in relation to the level of ability of that student. In other words, we should be rewarding PROGRESS as well as ATTAINMENT.

**2.9.** Upon achieving a set number of house points or equivalent, students will be rewarded for reaching that milestone (25, 50, 75, 100, 150).

\*house points include alternative methods of reward, such as tokens or stickers.

## 3. School rules and expectations

**3.1.** Please note that this list is not exhaustive and the school enforces rules and expectations in line with the laws of Bahrain, social and cultural norms, and accepted boundaries of respect, politeness, and decency.

**3.2.** At all times, we expect students to:

- 3.2.1. Wear the correct uniform;
- 3.2.2. Show respect for all community members; and not bully, demean, or persecute others;
- 3.2.3. Be punctual and have high attendance levels;
- 3.2.4. Not chew gum, nor eat during lessons;
- 3.2.5. Not bring any illegal or unauthorised items into school;
- 3.2.6. Respect one another's property, and the property of the school;
- 3.2.7. Not put anyone else at risk.
- 3.2.8. Communicate in English, except when in appropriate lessons (languages, Islam, citizenship)

**3.3.** Additionally, in the classroom we expect students of the BSB to:

- 3.3.1. Complete all tasks set to the best of their ability;
- 3.3.2. Not talk when the teacher or another pupil is addressing the class;
- 3.3.3. Be supportive of each other and do not ridicule someone if they get an answer wrong;
- 3.3.4. Record homework tasks appropriately and always hand homework in on time.

**3.4.** Additionally, at break time we expect students of the BSB to:

- 3.4.1. Form an orderly line in the cafeteria;
- 3.4.2. Always be respectful towards the catering staff;
- 3.4.3. Take responsibility for clearing all of their own litter and plates;
- 3.4.4. Use designated area for playing games;
- 3.4.5. Play safely
- 3.4.6. To wear a hat and sunscreen when playing games outside.

**3.5.** Additionally, when moving around the school we expect students of the BSB to:

- 3.5.1. Walk calmly and quietly around the school so as not to disturb other classes;
- 3.5.2. Walk on the right hand side of the corridors and stairs and hold doors open for staff;
- 3.5.3. Form orderly and quiet lines outside the classrooms whilst waiting for the teacher or to enter the room;
- 3.5.4. Not use the lift/elevator without permission from staff members.

**3.6.** Additionally, when on external trips or representing the school we expect students of the BSB to:

- 3.6.1. Behave in the same way that the school expects them to behave at school;
- 3.6.2. Always listen carefully to all the instructions given to them by a teacher or adult;
- 3.6.3. Follow all instructions given to them first time;
- 3.6.4. (When representing the school in sports) always display excellent etiquette and sportsmanship, respecting teammates, opponents and officials.

## 3.7. When on the school buses we expect the students of the BSB to:

- 3.7.1. Always wear seatbelts and remain in their seats at all time;
- 3.7.2. Respect all members of the bus including fellow passengers, the bus monitor and the driver;
- 3.7.3. Not distract the driver;
- 3.7.4. Follow all instructions first time.

## 4. Consequences of negative behaviour

### 4.1. In the classroom

#### 4.1.1. The following sanctions are applicable in the classroom.

- 4.1.1.1. Praise Positive Behaviour- The behaviour of another child behaving well in class will be highlighted in order to encourage others to behave in a similar manner.
- 4.1.1.2. A Look of Disapproval - This will make the particular child and others aware of the school's / teacher's disapproval of unacceptable behaviour.
- 4.1.1.3. Discussion - Teacher will quietly talk with pupil to try to reach an understanding.
- 4.1.1.4. Students are expected to listen carefully to instructions in lessons. If they choose not to do so they can be asked either to move to a place nearer the teacher or to sit on their own.
- 4.1.1.5. Students are expected to try their best in all activities. If they choose not to do so, they may be asked to re-do a task.
- 4.1.1.6. If a child is disruptive in class, the teacher reprimands him or her. If a child misbehaves repeatedly, the child can be isolated from the rest of the class until she or he calms down and is able to work sensibly again with others. The safety of the children is paramount in all situations. If a child's behaviour endangers the safety of others, the class teacher stops the activity and prevents the child from taking part for the rest of the session.
- 4.1.1.7. If the inappropriate behaviour persists then a teacher may remove the child for 'time-out'. If appropriate, this may be to another classroom or to an office (HoY, for example). When the child returns to their own class they will be expected to apologise for their behaviour.
- 4.1.1.8. After an incident of inappropriate behaviour has been dealt with, the teacher should make sure they reconnect with the child, to establish a fresh start.
- 4.1.1.9. If inappropriate behaviour persists, help should be sought from the Head of Year in the first instance.
- 4.1.1.10. If a child continues to have difficulty with behaviour, the class teacher should request a meeting with parents to work collaboratively on a strategy for improvement.

### 4.2. The following sanctions are applicable at break times and in the playground;

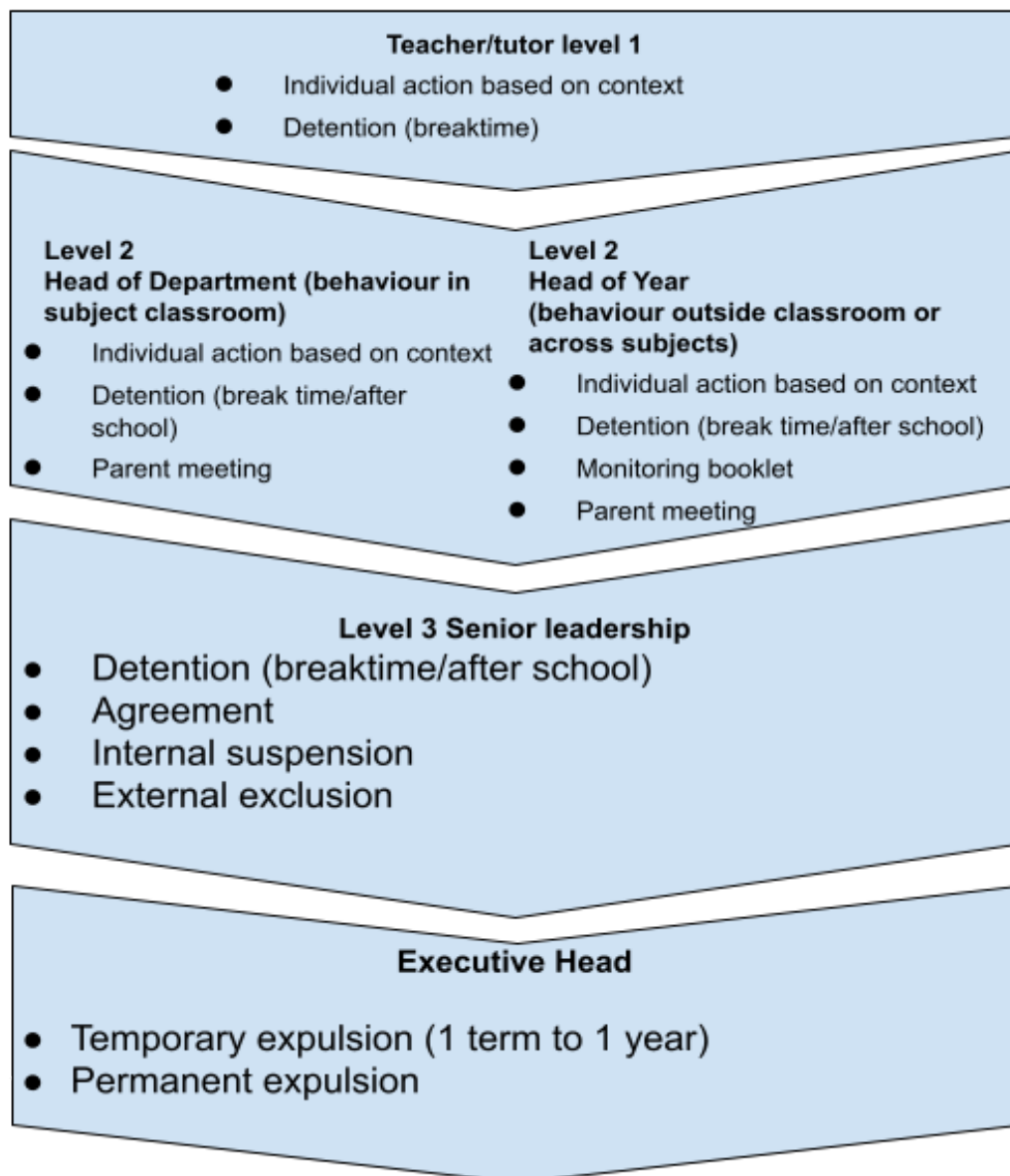
- 4.2.1. A child is verbally warned about inappropriate behaviour.
- 4.2.2. Next she or he can be asked to sit on a bench for a short period of time or to stay with the teacher.
- 4.2.3. A detention for another break time.
- 4.2.4. A senior member of staff will be asked to talk to the child - HoY/Deputy Head/Head.

- 4.2.5. Duty staff should inform class teachers and form tutors of behavioural issues that arise in the playground. All incidents that require escalation to a senior colleague are to be entered onto iSams.
- 4.2.6. If the behaviour is repeated parents will be telephoned, explaining the situation.
- 4.2.7. A meeting may then be held with the Head of Year / Head teacher/ Deputy Head teacher and the parents to agree strategies to modify the behaviour if it persists.

## 5. Stepped Response to Negative Behaviour

### 5.1. As per MOE discipline policy, article 4:

- 5.1.1. When considering negative behaviour and the appropriate consequences, the following should be taken into consideration:
  - 5.1.2. The student's age, educational level, level of development and perception.
  - 5.1.3. The nature of the violation, the size of the damage caused, and its circumstances.
  - 5.1.4. The student's academic and behavioural record.
  - 5.1.5. If the student has special educational needs.



## 5.2. Level 1

Low-level misbehaviour in class should be managed by the class/subject teacher and need not normally be referred upward, unless the behaviour persists after repeated warnings. If a student's misbehaviour is to be categorised as Level 2 because of persistence of Level 1, they should be warned, and parents informed by the class/subject teacher. Information must now be recorded on the behaviour management system.

Level 1 Misbehaviour	Level 1 Strategies & Sanctions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not on task</li> <li>● Disrupting another's learning/chatting in class</li> <li>● Distraction, interruption</li> <li>● Answering back (first time)</li> <li>● Not following instructions</li> <li>● Late or poor work submission</li> <li>● Telling lies/getting others into trouble</li> <li>● Minor verbal insults, minor bad language</li> <li>● Unsafe movement around the school</li> <li>● Unsafe behaviour</li> <li>● Careless damage</li> <li>● 1<sup>st</sup> time deliberate minor damage to property</li> <li>● Playtime incident (first occurrence)</li> <li>● Not clearing up after themselves in cafeteria</li> <li>● Repeated lateness</li> <li>● Use of mobile phone on the school site, between entry and 2:55pm</li> <li>● Uniform infringement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Disapproving look (non-verbal)</li> <li>● Repositioning of children (i.e. separate those who have misbehaved together)</li> <li>● Peer reminder (used sensitively)</li> <li>● Reminder to treat others as one would wish to be treated oneself</li> <li>● A visual reminder. E.g. moving to orange on a traffic light strategy</li> <li>● Private discussion with child</li> <li>● Use of in class behaviour/rewards system such as house points, class tokens, star of the week (named certificates, date inserted when awarded)</li> <li>● Mobile phone confiscated and given to school PA. Returned at the end of the school day</li> <li>● Detention - at break time</li> </ul>

Sanctions are at the discretion of the teacher, taking into account the specific circumstances.



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## 5.3. Level 2

Persistent misbehaviour in class is to be recorded on the behaviour management system by the class/subject teacher and brought to the attention of the Head of Year. Should the behaviour continue, the Head of Year will make further contact with parents. Persistent Level 2 behaviour, or incidents of serious misbehaviour, will then be forwarded, by Head of Year, to the relevant Deputy Head.

Level 2 Misbehaviour	Level 2 Strategies & Sanctions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Persistence of Level One</li> <li>● Incomplete tasks (deliberate)</li> <li>● Refusal to work</li> <li>● Defiance</li> <li>● Deliberate destruction of another child's piece of work</li> <li>● Minor deliberate damage to property</li> <li>● Removing someone's property/intending to remove someone's property without their permission</li> <li>● Direct verbal insults or racial insults</li> <li>● Aggressive behaviour</li> <li>● Isolated incident of physically hurting someone (minor)</li> <li>● Bullying, persistent name calling, including through social media</li> <li>● Refusal to clear up after themselves in the cafeteria</li> <li>● Repeated use of mobile phone on school site, between entry and 2:55pm</li> <li>● Repeated uniform, stationery, or punctuality infringement</li> <li>● Bringing a prohibited item onto the school site (depending on the item, may escalate to level 3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Log on iSAMS</li> <li>● "Time out" in the classroom</li> <li>● "Time out" in another (pre-arranged) classroom</li> <li>● Stay in for PART of break time in a supervised area e.g. SLT office. (Must be allowed to eat/drink)</li> <li>● Loss of privileges/choice of activity (e.g. reduced Golden Time)</li> <li>● Detention - break time (HoY) or after school</li> <li>● Community service, as stated in MOE discipline policy; article 1.</li> <li>● Academic monitoring booklet</li> <li>● Persistent unacceptable behaviour – parents informed by class teacher, informal meeting, discussion with parents. HoY/Form tutor / Assistant Head to be informed prior to arranging any meeting with parents.</li> <li>● Where incidents take place during outside play the child should remain with teacher (as a 'time out') and the class/form teacher informed when the children go back into school.</li> <li>● Where incidents take place on an educational visit the child should remain with teacher (as a 'time out') and (if applicable) the head teacher informed when the children go back to school.</li> <li>● Mobile phone confiscated and given to school PA. Parents contacted and asked to collect.</li> <li>● Uniform - student may be sent home or parents called in to correct the issue</li> </ul>

Sanctions are at the discretion of the Head of Year, taking into account the specific circumstances.

## 5.4. Level 3

Misbehaviour is defined as either persistent, deliberate Level 2 misbehaviour, or other very serious misbehaviour (details below). Parents will be contacted and the incident referred to the Headteacher.

Level 3 Misbehaviour	Level 3 Strategies & Sanctions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Persistence of Level Two</li> <li>● Continued use of mobile phone on school site, between entry and 2:55pm</li> <li>● Major disruption of class activity</li> <li>● Consistent or serious deliberate damage to property</li> <li>● Removing someone's property/intending to remove someone's property without their permission (persistent)</li> <li>● Repeated incidents of bullying</li> <li>● Persistent bad language and verbal insults/racial insults</li> <li>● Persistent incidents of physically hurting other people (minor) or a serious incident of physically hurting someone</li> <li>● Abusive or threatening behaviour towards adults or children, including via social media</li> <li>● Dangerous refusal to obey an instruction</li> <li>● Defiance of and/or direct rudeness to a member of staff</li> <li>● Leaving school premises without consent</li> <li>● Truanting school or lessons</li> <li>● Bringing a prohibited item onto the school site, which is dangerous, such as a weapon, drugs, alcohol.</li> <li>● Bringing the school into disrepute, including negative behaviour in public, whilst wearing the BSB uniform</li> <li>● Visual photography or audio recording of fellow students, members of the educational and administrative staff or school workers, or the publication of those pictures or recordings by any means, without prior written</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mobile phone - parents invited to meet deputy head, banned from bringing a mobile phone to school.</li> <li>● Assistant Head (Pastoral) and Head teacher informed immediately</li> <li>● Formal meeting with Assistant Head (Pastoral) and/or Head teacher (child)</li> <li>● After school restorative reflection with SLT</li> <li>● "Time out" with ILT supervision (prearranged)</li> <li>● Parents may be invited into school for formal discussion with Assistant Head and/or Head teacher - A written record of the meeting should be sent to parents and a copy kept in the pupil's file.</li> <li>● Action plan agreed involving school and parents - written record shared with parents</li> <li>● Behaviour contract, supervised by the Deputy Head or Headteacher - copy sent to parents</li> <li>● Level Three action should be recorded by Deputy Head or Headteacher and the class teacher informed of outcomes.</li> <li>● Parents should be informed by the Deputy Head and/or Headteacher of any formal meetings that have taken place with their child.</li> <li>● Parents may be charged for the repair or replacement of any damaged property</li> <li>● Where incidents take place during outside play the child should remain with teacher (as a 'time out') and the class teacher informed when the children go back into school</li> <li>● Where incidents take place on an educational visit the child should remain with teacher (as a 'time out') and (if applicable) the class teacher informed when the children go back to school.</li> <li>● If the incident is of a severe nature and there is a risk to the safety of staff or pupils then the teacher should take</li> </ul>

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<p>permission from the school administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Publishing or possessing pornography of any kind or form, displaying, promoting or distributing it.</li><li>● Sexual harassment, assault, or incitement to sexual intercourse.</li><li>● Any acts of a criminal nature</li></ul>	<p>action to ensure the safety of the children and themselves and immediately request help from a line manager.</p> <p><b>Exclusions - at discretion of Headteacher</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Internal isolation - student completes work under supervision - up to 3 days</li><li>● Temporary external exclusion - student remains out of school for a predetermined period, up to 5 days</li></ul> <p><b>Executive Head / Board Level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Temporary exclusion, from 1 term up to 1 academic year</li><li>● Permanent exclusion: Evidence should be collated and approved by both the Executive Head and school Board, before submission to the MOE for approval.</li></ul>
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Sanctions are at the discretion of the senior leadership team, taking into account the specific circumstances. **This stepped response is compliant with MOE discipline policy, article 5.**

## 5.5. Student Discipline Committee

5.5.1. In line with MOE article 7, this committee shall be made up of:

- 5.5.1.1. Relevant section Head teacher: chair
- 5.5.1.2. Relevant section Deputy Head teachers
- 5.5.1.3. Relevant Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year

This committee will investigate and review serious incidents, at level 3, in order to reach a reasonable and justified conclusion. In order to carry out their investigation, they may suspend a student from school for up to 3 days pending the outcome of the investigation.

They will recommend actions and outcomes, which will be available to the MOE at their request.

The MOE may at any time ask to join this committee or see evidence of it's meetings and findings.

## 6. The issuing of sanctions and the follow-up

**6.1.** The school fully supports staff members in making reasonable and appropriate decisions about sanctions. However, the school also requires that teachers understand this policy and remain in line with the guidelines provided. Inconsistently applied sanctions are unfair and may be detrimental to the wellbeing of students. Staff who do not follow this policy will be invited by a member of SLT to discuss their actions; continued ignorance of this policy may

lead to the staff member being placed on a support plan.

- 6.2. Teachers should make every effort to make students aware of the reasons for the sanctions issued. Instead, if they wish, they may discuss the issue with their Head of Year or a member of the SSLT, who will make a final determination. Students need to be honest about their conduct, and mindful of the school expectations concerning respect for teachers and the need to refrain from defiance.
- 6.3. Students will find their sanctions are an opportunity to reflect on their behaviour, and take steps to work towards more positive behaviour.
- 6.4. BSB staff should encourage this improvement, through follow-up conversations and provision of work.
- 6.5. Parents can also encourage this improvement process, by speaking with their child about their actions, and liaising with staff to determine the best way to cooperate to achieve the desired result in terms of behaviour.
- 6.6. Parents may believe that the selected sanctions are not commensurate with their child's behaviour, in which case they may privately approach the Head of Year or member of SSLT to discuss.
- 6.7. While the school welcomes parental involvement and feedback, it is respectfully requested that parents do not publicly argue against decisions made by school staff. Such actions undermine the behaviour policy of the school, and lead students to believe that rules may not apply to them. This counteracts a key aspect of the school's 'hidden curriculum'.
- 6.8. After any instance of negative behaviour, once a sanction has been determined and logged appropriately, thought will also be given to the ongoing support required by the student, and how best to reintegrate the student with the student body. In minor cases, this will be determined by the teacher; in more serious cases, Heads of Department/Year, SSLT and the School Counsellor will decide upon the best course of action, on a case by case basis.
- 6.9. **The general rule is that sanctions are only effective if they are accompanied by an explanation and a plan for preventing the same or similar behaviour from occurring again.**

## 7. Criminal offences

- 7.1. The school, as directed by the MOE, will inform them of any disciplinary matters of a criminal nature, and also inform the relevant authorities.

## 8. Grievance

**8.1.** Where a student has been suspended for a period of one academic term, one academic year or permanently, their parents have the right to submit an appeal to the Executive Head, as per the school complaints policy. If they are not satisfied with this outcome, they also have the right to submit an appeal to the Ministry of Education. This appeal should be in writing, within 7 days of being informed of the decision. The Executive Head will therefore deal with any appeals quickly, in order for the parents to activate the Ministry appeals process should they wish.