



**Policy/Procedure:**

**Statement of Expectations for  
Positive Behaviour for Learning**

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Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust is a multi-academy trust (MAT) incorporated around the principles and values of the International Co-operative Movement. These are Equality, Equity, Democracy, Self-help, Self-Responsibility and Solidarity, along with the ethical values of openness, honesty, social responsibility and caring for others. These values and principles underpin all our actions.

The aim of this statement is to promote responsible and respectful behaviour reflecting the Co-operative values. All Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust Schools will develop their Positive Behaviour Policy and embed the following principles.

We will:

- Work in partnership with Parents/Carers and other stakeholders to build positive relationships providing a shared ownership that is effective and strengthens the Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust;
- Develop an inclusive culture based on trust and mutual respect where differences are acknowledged and celebrated and individuality is valued;
- Create an environment to support the development of resilient students, providing excellent learning opportunities to enable children to become positive, responsible and increasingly independent members of their Academy and the wider community;
- Secure an environment in which students develop and achieve their full potential; intellectually, emotionally, socially, physically and spiritually;
- Foster a culture of consistency where staff are skilled, confident and committed to challenge students to take ownership of their behaviour for learning, self-responsibility and the impact that their behaviour has on others;
- Work together to provide equity and ensure equality for all students irrespective of need by using the breadth of expertise across the Trust; and
- Continually develop student aspirations and their participation in society to enable them to become active citizens and achieve economic well-being.

To achieve success it is recognised and accepted by all stakeholders that our students are led by example. All adults and students will model the co-operative and ethical values and understand and take responsibility for their own behaviour and the impact it has on others and in the wider community.

### **The legal framework:**

#### **Teachers' Powers**

- This power also applies to all paid staff with responsibility for pupils, such as teaching assistants (unless the Head Teacher says otherwise)
- Teachers have statutory authority to discipline students whose behaviour is unacceptable, who break the school rules or who fail to follow a reasonable instruction (section 90 and 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006)

- Teachers can discipline students at any time the student is in school or elsewhere under the charge of a teacher, including educational visits
- Teachers have power to discipline students for misbehaviour which occurs in school and, in some circumstances, outside of school. In certain circumstances this will include students out of school uniform outside of school hours
- Teachers have the power to impose detention outside of school hours
- Teachers can confiscate pupils' property
- Teachers can discipline pupils whose conduct falls below the standard which could reasonably be expected of them. This means that if a student misbehaves, breaks a school rule or fails to follow a reasonable instruction the teacher can impose punishment on that student
- To be lawful, the punishment (including detentions) must satisfy the following three conditions:
  1. The decision to punish a student must be made by a paid member of school staff or a member of staff authorised by the Headteacher;
  2. The decision to punish the student and the punishment itself must be made on the school premises or while the student is under the charge of the member of staff; and
  3. It must not breach any other legislation (for example in respect of disability, special educational needs, race and other equalities and human rights) and it must be reasonable in all circumstances.
- All school staff members have a legal power to use reasonable force to prevent pupils committing a criminal offence, injuring themselves or others or damaging property, and to maintain good order and discipline. Section 93 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 enables school staff to use reasonable force to prevent a pupil from:
  - a. Committing a criminal offence (or, for a pupil under the age of criminal responsibility, what would be an offence for an older pupil); or
  - b. Causing personal injury or damage to property; or
  - c. Prejudicing the maintenance of good order and discipline at the school or among any pupils receiving education at the school, whether during a teaching session or otherwise.