

The Grange Therapeutic School grounds



Pupil handbook



This handbook belongs to

The Grange Therapeutic School

This is our 'Statement of Purpose', or 'what we do here at The Grange for you'. You can get support from lots of adults. These include teachers and teaching assistants, pastoral staff, care staff and therapists. There are other adults who help the school to run smoothly.



There is a lot for you to do at The Grange. Lessons are planned to meet your learning needs. You can join in all sorts of activities during the school day. These activities help you to learn and develop new skills.

We want to you to discover your potential, enjoy success and prepare for life.



All the adults are here to help you. They are all experienced and trained so that they know when you need help. They help with your education and with everyday life skills. There is support for helping to make and keep new friends.



You can get help with your home and family life too. Anybody who works at the school can listen to you if you need to talk.

At The Grange we want you to stay safe and keep healthy. You can take part in new activities and learn how to be independent. This will help you to achieve in life and to be able to make progress. You will have the chance to enjoy yourself.

Lots of help

If you need help, there are lots of places you can contact by phone or email. You can also look on web sites for help.



Childline: 
Telephone **0800 11 11**

Ofsted (who inspect the school):

Telephone **0300 123 1231**



Children's Commissioner:
Telephone **0800 528 0731** or email: 
advice.team@childrenscommissioner.gsi.gov.uk
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm 

Kidscape - if you are worried about bullying visit:
www.kidscape.org.uk



ChildNet: if you are worried about cyber bullying visit:
www.childnet-int.org



Stay well and keep safe

If you want help with any health issues at school, talk to your teacher, therapist or the house staff. They may be able to help or can get other adults to help you as well.

Pupils talk to adults about things including: family, diet, food, sleep, exercise and personal hy-

Mobile phones and social media

Mobile phones, MP3 players, hand-held games or any electronic devices are not used in the school day or overnight if you are a residential pupil. If you bring a mobile phone into school you will be expected to hand it in to staff for safekeeping until you go home or keep it in your pocket.



We make sure everyone is safe when using the internet. We have a system on our computers that doesn't allow you to look at inappropriate websites or social networking such as Facebook.

Emergency



Accident or injury

There are First Aid boxes in the:

- + Gym
- + The Lodge
- + School surgery
- + Residential houses
- + Pastoral office
- + Catering room
- + Science room
- + School kitchen
- + Main office

FIRE!



Get help from any adult immediately if there is an emergency.

If you hear the fire alarm please leave the building quietly and calmly by the nearest exit. Do not waste time collecting your bag, book, coat and other things.

Go to your assembly point. There is a map of each assembly point in your classroom and house. Your Teacher and Teaching Assistant will know where to go. A member of staff will take the register. Remain quiet and do not attempt to enter the building until instructed to do so.

The fire procedures for the residential houses are displayed in all of the rooms.

First day

"I had ICT for my first lesson. The Teacher and the Teaching Assistant made me feel welcome and were there to support me if I had any trouble."

"The place was very big and looked kind of old fashioned, and I felt very small."

The school day

Residential pupils have breakfast at their house before school each day. After school they go back to the house and they have tea with the other boys and care staff.

Everybody has lunch at school. Children and staff eat together.

Every child and member of staff at The Grange has been new. They all know how it feels

If you feel unhappy or worried please talk to somebody. The staff and other boys are here to help you settle in. You will soon find your way around and make new friends.

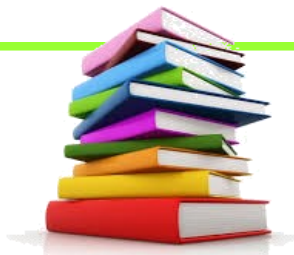


Day pupils come to school each day at 8.50am and go home at 3.00pm. They arrive at school by taxi. There is a free breakfast club before school starts.








Ready to learn







Pupils and staff get ready to learn each lesson.



Teachers will expect you:

-  To arrive to the lesson on time
-  To work where the teachers asks
-  To settle quickly to your starter activity
-  To contribute positively to the lesson
-  To not disturb the learning of others

You will expect your teacher:

-  To be in your classroom to greet you as you enter on time
-  To have a starter ready for you
-  To seat you where they think you will make the most progress
-  To prepare your lesson so that you are able to make progress
-  To award credits at the end of the lesson
-  To give consequence to those who disturb your learning

Helping charity

The Grange supports charities including:

- Macmillan Cancer Research • Spinal Research • Aid for Chad • Air Ambulance • African Children's Education Trust • Haiti Earthquake Fund • Red Nose Day • St Peter's Church Knossington

The Grange Student Council meets regularly to choose which charities to support and how to raise funds.

Children and staff take part in events to raise money for our chosen charities.



RED NOSE DAY



Drugs Policy

The school believes that the possession and use of drugs in school, or travelling to and from school is unacceptable.

The school has a clear procedure for responding to and managing drug related incidents. Sanctions for incidents are consistent with the school's behaviour policy. 'Drugs' means those that are legal (such as alcohol, tobacco and solvents, over-the-counter and prescribed drugs) and any illegal drugs (for example, cannabis).

Prescribed medicines are acceptable and are to be handed in to the staff at the Main School office or Julie O'Brien in the Care Office. Staff at school will make sure that you take these at the correct times.



No Smoking Policy

The school has a 'no smoking policy' and all cigarettes and e-cigarettes/vaping materials are not permitted in school. If you would like some advice on giving up smoking you can speak to any member of staff (education, care or therapy) who will be able to help you.

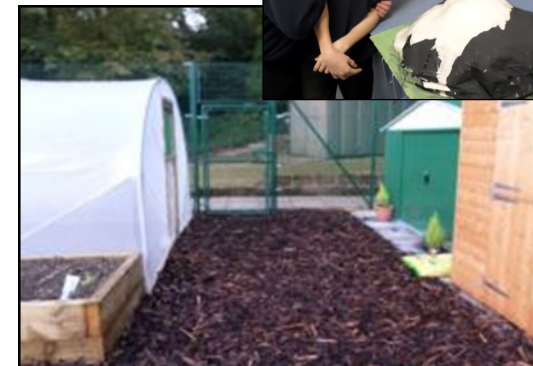
The Grange Therapeutic School is a smoke-free school.



Learning

At The Grange Therapeutic School you find the therapeutic approach in every area of life.

Learning is in small class groups. There are many different ways to learn and gain qualifications.



Credits

You can earn credits in every lesson. These are for good behaviour and achievement. You can also earn credits before school, at break and during lunch times.

If you work well or do good things during the school day you can earn additional bonus credits.

Your credits add up all week. Every Friday you can spend your credits on a choice of fun things to do.

If you do not get enough credits you can go to the work room instead.



Credits are a way of earning fun activities on Friday afternoon each week.

Residential

Some pupils at the school are residential. This means staying at school all week in one of the houses.

Our care staff run both residential houses. One of the care staff in your house will be your Key Worker. Your key worker will get to know you well and help you with advice when you need it.

The Spinney

"When I first saw Spinney House, I thought it was huge!"



"I was really excited that this was the place where I would be staying."

The Spinney house is in the village, not far from Lower School and is where the younger pupils live. The house has a large garden and is next to the school playing fields, so there is lots of space! There is a bike track at The Spinney and the children enjoy going out into the country-



Trips, visits and more

Classes, house groups and different mixes of pupils go on trips and visits outside school. Some are day trips and others are residential visits.

All the trips and visits include fun activities.

Pupils from The Grange have been even been as far away as France, Scotland and Tanzania in Africa.




School uniform

Our school uniform consists of black school trousers/leggings/skirt, a navy aertex/polo shirt, a navy sweatshirt and black shoes which you are expected to wear at all times. Sweatshirts can be purchased from the school office. Credits are earned towards your weekly rewards for wearing full uniform each day.



Is it bullying?



<p style="text-align: center;">Bullying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentional • Hurtful • Happens more than once, even when you ask them to stop or show that you're upset
<p style="text-align: center;">Mean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentional • Hurtful • One-off
<p style="text-align: center;">Rude</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unintentional • Hurtful • One-off

The Manor

"It's like a normal house only a bit bigger. It is very nice inside."



The Manor house is within the grounds of the Main School. It has seven bedrooms, a sitting room, a dining room, a games room and a large enclosed garden. The children have use of the school gym and the school grounds. There are regular trips to the swimming pool, parks, Terminal 1 Skate Park and the cinema. They learn to develop their life skills in areas such as cooking and doing their own laundry.



School Council

Every student joins a Student Voice group. Each group has a special interest such as charity work, day boy issues, the school environment or behaviour.

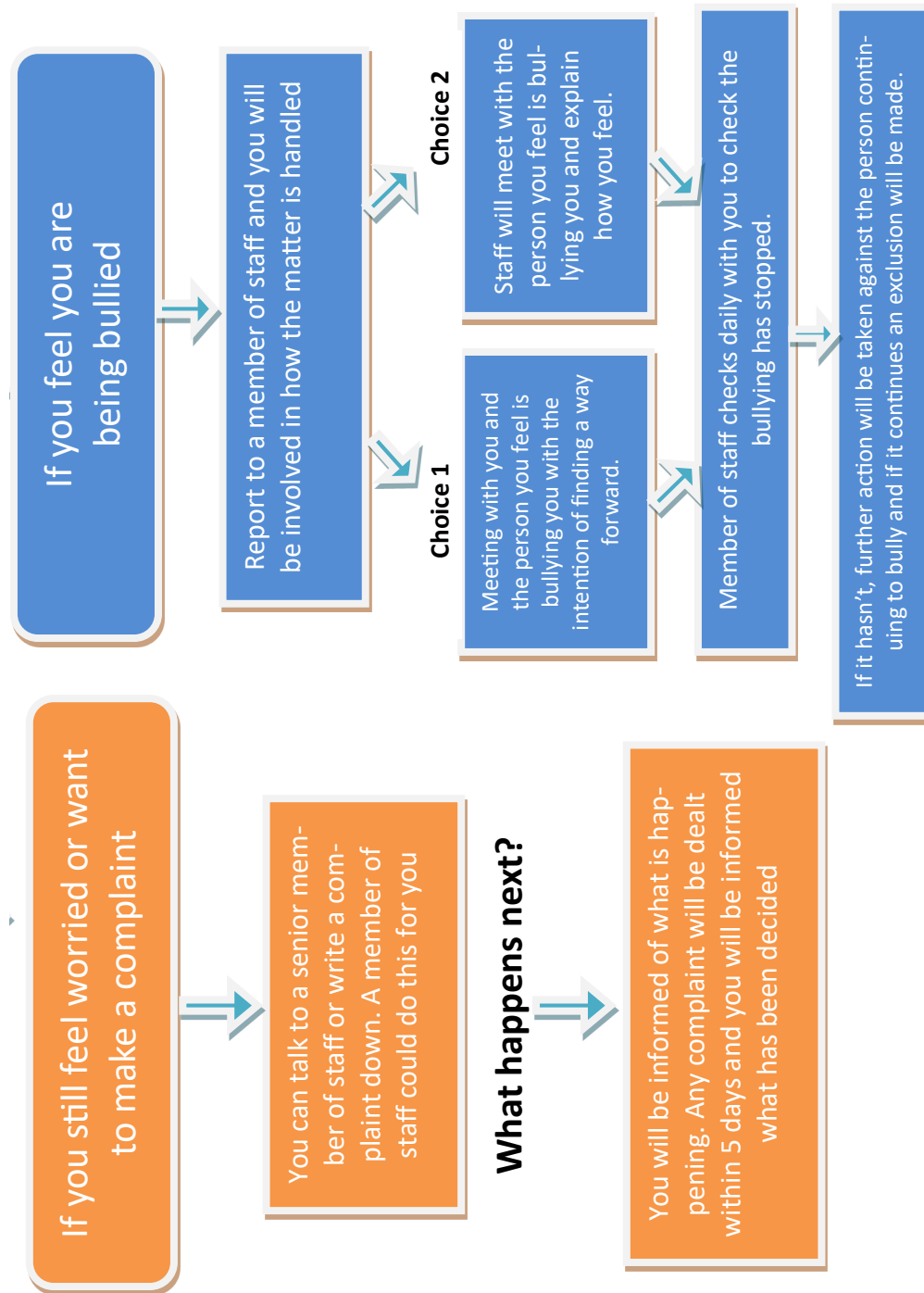


Student Voice groups and the Student Council are ways to get your opinions and ideas heard.



The Student Voice groups discuss issues and make suggestions about school. Boys from these groups join the School Council to put forward their views.

The Student Council meets every half term and decisions are made and discussed in a school assembly.



I FEEL BULLIED
I FEEL WORRIED
I WANT TO COMPLAIN
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- Tell therapy staff
- Tell pastoral staff
- Tell care staff / your KW
- Tell your tutor or TA
- Tell a friend
- Tell your parents

Or any member of staff

All staff will try to sort out a worry or a problem for you as soon as possible

Therapy

Therapy helps you cope when life gets difficult. Most boys at The Grange have therapy at some time while they are at the school.



"Therapy is good. It helps you with lots of things and I like that it is every week."

A therapist is a trained specialist who can help you to deal with difficult issues in your life.

If you are referred to therapy to help you, you will meet your therapist at a regular time and in a safe space. You might meet in The Lodge or other places in the school.

You can also have speech and language therapy. This helps you with making sense of listening and talking.

"I like having therapy and it has helped me a lot. When I first started therapy I was nervous but now I like it."



Therapy can include talking therapy or counselling. You can do movement and drama therapy. You may enjoy art therapy and making models.

