

Damage / Vandalism to the Academy Policy

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Damage / Vandalism to the Academy Policy (2024)

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1. Rationale and Aim

This policy applies to all pupils who attend Etonbury Academy and should be referred to in the event of any damage to academy property. This includes books / IT equipment / PE equipment / damage to the building. ETA expects all pupils to treat the school building and its contents / equipment with respect at all times.

2. Policy

Any pupil who causes damage, or is suspected of causing damage, to academy property will be referred to the appropriate Head of Year. The HOY will carry out an investigation and using ETA's Behaviour Policy, will impose any sanctions deemed appropriate. ETA also reserve the right to involve any external authorities (e.g. Police) where we consider it necessary or where a serious offence may have been committed.

Charging for Cost of Repair / Replacement for damage to school property

ETA will fully investigate any incident of damage to school property. Any damage incurred will be assessed and photographed as evidence. A copy of the photograph and report will be sent to parents / carers together with a request for a contribution towards the cost of repair or replacement of the object that has been damaged or vandalised.

In cases when this may cause the family financial hardship, the pupil may be asked to assist with refurbishing the damage as an alternative payment.

Damage which is deemed excessive can result in a sanction also being applied. If the damage is done by more than one pupil the full cost will be divided equally between the pupils.

Some repairs may be completed by an outside contractor and this therefore, will be reflected in the cost of the repairs.

3. Monitoring and Evaluation

The effectiveness of this policy will be regularly monitored by the Principal.

4. Implementation and Review

This policy will be circulated to all academy staff and published on the academy website for parent/carers information. The policy will be reviewed two yearly.

5. Links with other policies

- Behaviour Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Exclusion and Suspension Policy
- Home School Agreement